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AN ANCIENT FAMILY OF FOUNDERS

THE ELDRIDGES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE ancient foundry at Wokingham first became known during the latter half of the 14th century, and although there is no record of the owner's names at that time, we do know that Roger Landen followed about 1448. John Mitchell had the foundry from 1487 to 1493, and two years later founding ceased at Wokingham. A revival took place in 1565 when Thomas Eldridge was in business there, assisted by his son Richard. The work was followed on by Richard, aided by another Thomas, presumably his son, and many bells dated from 1592 to 1623 came from this Wokingham foundry.

Richard went further afield and set up a branch establishment at Horsham, Sussex, but it seems to have been a rather small affair which was called 'Belle House,' rented from the churchwardens from 1592 to 1623. The rent paid was but little, for it is recorded that in 1611 two-thirds of the annual rental of 6s. 8d. was covered by 'casting of a pare of Brasses for the great Bell,' which goes to show that the place was probably little more than a shed, retained for the convenience of local orders. In those days of few and rough roads the element of nearness would weigh much with church authorities when recasting or new bells were contemplated.

Richard spelt his name Eldridg on many bells and his usual inscription was 'Our hope is in the Lord,' together with his initials and the date. In rare cases he would indulge in a longer wording, and the tenor at Chobham, Surrey, bears one of these inscriptions. As no bells of his can be found of later date than 1623 it is concluded that he died in that year.

Bryan Eldridge succeeded his father, and he seems to have been casting bells both at Wokingham and Horsham, for a bell of his at Ifield, Sussex, revealed the date of 1618. The following year, 1619, he set up his furnaces at Chertsey, Surrey, and we are left guessing why such a change was made. In his first stage at Chertsey he put his full name on the bells he cast, in the same 'black letter' that his father used. During the period 1623–1629 he used ordinary Roman capitals, and his inscriptions were in Latin, but he spelt his name Eldredge. From 1631 to the year of his death, 1640, he adopted 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis,' together with his initials instead of his name.

The business passed into the hands of his eldest son, who was also named Bryan, who carried it on for 28 years. He lived in troublous times, but, like his father and grandfather, he had a large business judging by the many bells recorded in several counties. He discarded all mottoes and his bells bore only the date, together with his name. He cast a ring of five at Lingfield, Surrey, an unusual proceeding, seeing the country was engaged with the Civil War. He launched out with a new departure in 1656 by setting up a foundry in Coventry where he cast bells for Warwickshire and adjoining counties. He did not give up his Chertsey foundry as he cast bells for Wraysbury and other places in 1657. Most likely he paid occasional visits to Coventry, leaving a foreman in charge.

He died in 1661 and his brother William took over the business with which he had been connected previously, for the names of both brothers appeared on some bells. William carried on the foundry for 53 years and died at the age of 82 in the closing days of 1716. It is probable that his eldest and only surviving son William had conducted the business during the final years of the foundry, and in view of the fact that no Eldridge bells were found later than 1714 it may be concluded that owing to serious opposition from London foundries, also a trade slump, the Eldridge foundry had to close down. The house where William Eldridge lived is on the south side of Windsor Street, Chertsey, nearly opposite the Parish Church, and the name it still bears is 'Eldridges.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 3rd, 1913

PEAL RINGING EXTRAORDINARY

The year 1912 proved, indeed, a record year for peal ringing. . . . With the reports which appear in this issue we have recorded in 'The Ringing World' well over 2,200 peals rung during 1912, so that it is not unlikely that the record aggregate of 1,739 in 1911 may be beaten by no less than 500. . . . Of his year's total about 300 have been rung on handbells, showing the great advance which has been made in this direction.

Among the ringers who have made big scores, there are, in addition to Mr. A. W. Grimes, who headed the list with 114 for the year, the following who have rung over 40 peals: Messrs. B. Prewett 100, A. H. Pulling 94, E. Pye 74, F. Bennett 71, F. I. Hairs 69, W. Pye 67, I. G. Shade 58, J. E. Davis 57, K. Hart 55, J. Hunt 55, W. Shepherd 54, M. Smither 52, R. Sanders 52, F. Blondell 50, G. R. Pye 47 and G. Williams 41. Mr. E. M. Atkins has also rung close on 60 peals. Mr. Pulling again heads the list of conductors with 90, while among those who have called 20 or over are Messrs. W. Pye 51, F. Bennett 47, B. Prewett 34, G. Williams 34, K. Hart 33, W. Shepherd 33, C. F. Bailey 26, J. Motts 25, C. Glenn 24, and E. M. Atkins 20.

Another feature of the year has been the part which the ladies have played in peal ringing. . . . Miss Parker has rung no fewer than 35 (11 on handbells), of which she conducted 17, and Miss Elsie Bennett has rung 27 on handbells. The figures for the year are truly remarkable.

TEN BELL PEAL

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	THOMAS BOREHAM	5
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
IVOR GOULTER	3	LESLIE E. ASTON	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	PETER BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
JAMES FIELDING	2	*VINCENT MARTIN	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	†ALAN JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.
A silver wedding compliment to the local tower captain, Mr. V. Martin, and Mrs. Martin.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN MCDONALD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

CHESTER
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13. 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
ROGER B. MORRIS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (C.C.C. 88). Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Miss Betty Griffiths and Mr. S. Jones.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*JAMES EDGAR	*Treble*	FRED E. DUKES	5
*JOHN SAVAGE	2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	6
*JEAN STEWART (18)	3	HARRY BROWN	7
*WILLIAM PRATT	4	*WILLIAM HALL (16)	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

VICTOR EVANS	*Treble*	NORMAN CORNWALL	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	WALTER LEE	6
ANTHONY E. COX	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	FRED COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
First peal on the bells since their restoration.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	2	SAMUEL WALKLATE	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	†DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. Francis R. Lowe has now 'circled' the tower.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. Taylor, wife of a local ringer.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	COLIN WALKER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS BRATBY	5
JAMES W. METCALFE	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
*STANLEY ANDERTON	4	PETER CROOK, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First in method on an 'inside' bell.
A 70th birthday compliment to T. Fred Hilton, a ringer at this tower.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
ANTHONY AGER	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
HARRY POYNER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
First peal as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	*T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*CYRIL A. HURST	2	RONALD D. EDGE	6
†GEORGE E. CRISP	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROY COLMAN	*Treble*	‡REV. H. F. WARREN	5
†E. (BRANDY) FISHER	2	FREDERICK SANDY	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
MARJORIE LEGG	4	‡HENRY BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. F. Warren, who is leaving to become Rector of Exford, Somerset.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*EDWARD C. TURNER	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	†JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
†MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	†JOHN B. BENNETT	7
*HORACE O. OVER	4	†ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. WARRINGTON. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. LITTLE	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
*PETER L. WOOD	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
*JOHN LEEMING	3	STANLEY BONES	7
JOHN WARNER	4	GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
*SUSAN JACKSON	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
CYRIL TANSELL	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GERALD BOWEN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal of Major away from the treble.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*MRS. E. W. ELDRIDGE	*Treble*	E. W. ELDRIDGE	5
ANTHONY E. COX	2	WALTER LEE	6
†GEOFFREY H. G. LISTER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
RICHARD E. DEAN	4	KENNETH TUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
The ringer of the 4th very kindly came over from Marlow to take the place of the local Ringing Master (Mr. T. J. Fowler), who was ill.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Michael Westropp, M.A.), who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. K. SNELLING	*Treble*	†BERNARD G. MOORE	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	GEORGE JENNINGS	6
LENA S. SKEET	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
GEORGE APPS	4	JAMES H. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ANNE B. SPEED	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

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RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part — Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	*Treble*	†ERNEST J. BLOWER	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	†BRIAN W. CABLE	6
PHILIP SADLER	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
†GORDON J. BLOWER	4	*ROBERT N. BLOWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

ROBERT J. STOKES	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
PAULINE MANNING	3	PETER ANGER	7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
LLEWELLYN ALLUM	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 31). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK	*Treble*	*ALAN MEADOWS	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
IAN JONES	3	JOHN JACKSON	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	†FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor.

Rung as a centenary peal for first peal on bells, being a Minor peal in seven methods, rung on December 11th, 1852.

SIX BELL PEALS

THRYBERGH, NR. ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Single Oxford.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

*C. DONALD WHEAT	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4
†DOREEN E. SMYTHE	2	RONALD J. SANDERSON	5
†FREDERICK J. JACKSON	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the Vicar's induction and the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the new treble bell. Also a birthday compliment to E. Townend, of Crofton.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). — Tenor 12 cwt.

GORDON C. NORGROVE	*Treble*	MRS. E. CHANDLER	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
*DESMOND J. ROBERTS	3	JOHN NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Preece, 30 years hon. district secretary, and 45 years captain of Staunton-on-Arrow tower.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 120's. — Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4
†ERIC EDGINGTON	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
†LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	3	*BRYAN J. DEAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Elfreda Edgington, sister of the 2nd ringer, and Susan Roobottom, daughter of the treble ringer.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. — Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
PETER J. THOMAS	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 50th peal together.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Jephson. Also a birthday compliment to their daughter, Daphne, and Mrs. E. Charles Turner.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
*FRANCES M. HENNIN	2	*STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE	5
*RICHARD G. LATHAM	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN	6

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new organ casing by the Bishop of Liverpool.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of College Exercise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. — Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHARLES BROWN	*Treble*	JAMES SMY	4
BARBARA M. FILBY	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	5
ARTHUR A. LING	3	ALDERMAN G. LING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to 2nd and 5th ringers.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. — Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*CYRIL W. WALTON	*Treble*	†THOMAS H. EARBY	4
*ROBERT D. FLOWERS	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
*GEORGE A. JAMES	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

The first four ringers are the first Barkby men to ring a peal on these bells. The first peal on the bells since the addition of a treble.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

FRANK WRIGHT	*Treble*	LAWRENCE BEAL	4
ALFRED A. LIVINGS	2	KENNETH C. S. WOOD	5
CHARLES W. SAMS	3	BENJAMIN G. BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

First peal of Minor by all. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Dorothy Mansfield and Mr. Kenneth Wood, both members of the local band.

NORTH PERROT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD C. LESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. TURNER	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	†B. JOHN TILLEY	5
*COLIN A. PAULL	3	*NORMAN R. GREADY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GILBERT COWLIN	*Treble*	*AUBREY CLARKE	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
RONALD RUSSELL	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

CYRIL COUSINS	*Treble*	WALLACE COUSINS	4
STANLEY ELSEY	2	ERNEST MASTIN	5
JOHN E. FOX	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and first known peal in the tower.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	4
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	CYRIL WANDER	5
FRANK TAYLOR	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

PAMELA A. MARTIN	1—2	WALTER AYRE	5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	7—8

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds.



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FOR BEGINNERS—
And a Word to the Older Hands

XXVI. CALLING THE BELLS ROUND IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

While on the subject of calling touches of Grandsire Triples, it will not be out of place to give the beginner a few hints on the way to call the bells round. Perhaps, when ringing, something goes wrong; there may be a 'change course,' or it may be that some error is made in the calling of the pre-selected touch. If it is merely something rung for practice, there is no harm in the conductor going on and bringing the bells round, even if it turns out afterwards that the touch was false.

It is of no use to go on calling bobs or singles haphazard to do this, the bells might never come home, but with a little knowledge of how to proceed it can always be done within a reasonable length.

A first essential qualification for the bob caller is to be able to 'read' the coursing order of the bells. In a recent article we dwelt upon this part of the conductor's training, and we will assume that the necessary powers of observation have been acquired.

The simplest way to call the bells round in Grandsire Triples is first to get 6-7 into their proper coursing order, if they are not already there.

Get one or other into the hunt as quickly as possible, and then, if it is the 7th, call the 6th Before; if it is the 6th, make the call the lead **after** the 7th come Before. This will put them together in the right order.

If it happens that there is only one bell coursing between 6 and 7 you can bring them together, and sometimes more quickly, by simply calling the 7th Before, thus sending the intervening bell into the hunt.

The next bell to concern yourself with is the 5th. If 6 and 7 are coursing there are only four positions which the 5th can occupy; one is its right place—coursing the 7th. Another is in the hunt. If the 5th is in the hunt you put it in proper coursing order behind 6 and 7 by calling the 7th 'Before with a double'—a term which means calling the 7th Before and a bob at the next lead.

A third position in which the 5th may be found is immediately in front of the 6th; that is, 5, 6 and 7 are coursing in that order. The 5th can be placed behind the 7th by calling the 6th Before and then the 7th Before, the 5th being in the hunt between the two bobs.

The only other position is when there is one other bell coursing between 7 and 5. You get rid of the intervening bell (into the hunt) by calling the 5th Before.

When you have got 5-6-7 into position, the bells may be in the plain course. If they are not, make a call to bring 5-6-7 Home, that will be the lead after the 6th comes Before. Use either a Bob or Single as required. If this call brings the 4th out of the hunt (in other words, if the 4th went into the hunt at the previous call) use Bob or Single, whichever will bring the 2nd into the Hunt. If 3 comes out of the Hunt, 4 must be brought in; if 2 comes out, 3 must be brought in. If 2 goes in rounds are produced; if 4 goes in rounds are got by another bob Home; if 3 goes in call the 5th Before with a double.

Sometimes it is quicker to bring the bells round at the handstroke lead of the treble, particularly if 7-6-4 are coursing in that order, or even merely if 6 is after 7. You then treat the 4th as if it were the 5th, and 3-2-5 to correspond with 2-3-4 respectively. Do not, however, overlook the fact that if you bring the bells round with a Single your touch is inevitably false, for you have reversed the first lead.

In this matter of calling the bells round, a little preliminary study with pencil and paper is well worth while. Put down a few lead-ends at random and apply the rules which are set out above. It will not only enable you to see how they work, but will also probably reveal how from certain combinations there may be quicker cuts to rounds.

LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES OF WARWICKSHIRE—PACKWOOD

The 'element of surprise,' a common term used in the football world, is not confined to that game, but exists also in churches of all shapes and sizes—and probably to a greater degree. Were a visitor to happen upon the tiny church at Packwood, Warwickshire, he would probably expect to find in it little more than the usual 'hamlet' type. Not so, for among other things to be seen in this 600-year-old edifice are remains of 14th century stained glass, a mediæval wall-painting and a simple but very lovely rood screen of the 15th century.

Nevertheless, the main surprise is that this church—tiny and almost isolated—possesses a ring of six bells, only one of which is modern. It is housed in the late 15th century tower, which is a twin to the tower of Baddesley-Clinton church, a few miles up the lane. The story must be well known, how Nicholas Brome, having killed two people, was required to build two towers in expiation of his sins—the towers of Baddesley-Clinton, of which place he was Lord of the Manor, and Packwood. No doubt the same masons were employed on both towers, hence the exact likeness.

When Nicholas Brome built the tower he also gave three bells for it, and in the commissioners' report of 1551 can be seen the entry—'iij bells, a handbell.' These bells lasted until the late 17th century, when they were probably recast. For in that century a rich gentleman of Packwood, one Thomas Fetherston, gave five bells for the use of the church, amongst other things which are mentioned on his memorial stone in the transept which he built (Ecclesiam hanc situ & tenebris squalentem Lageari arcuate, Campanis, Sedilibus, Fenistris, quin and novo hoc Aedificio ornavit simul & auxit).

The inscriptions on the bells, which have never been recast, are:—

Treble.—Te Deum Laudamus, in memory of Thomas Savage, M.D. 1907.

Second.—Cantate Domino Cantrium Novum. 1686.

Third.—Henry Bagly made mee. 1686.

Fourth.—Mathew Bagly made mee. 1686.

Fifth.—Henry Bagly made mee. 1686.

Tenor.—Fear God and Honor the King. Thomas Fetherston Esq. 1686.

Thomas Savage, in whose memory the treble was cast, lost his life in a terrible earthquake in Jamaica in 1907, and was himself the donor of a bell at Knowle, of whose bells an account appeared in 'The Ringing World' of June 6th.

It is of great interest that it was in this church that Michael Johnson married Sara Ford in July, 1706. They were later to become the parents of the renowned Dr. Samuel Jothnson Were the five old bells rung on that day in honour of the couple? Perhaps they were, as indeed they must have rung out for every occasion of national rejoicings and sorrows for three centuries. Those same bells still ring out week by week to the glory of God under the supervision of the Ringing Master, 'Bob' Tallis, a descendant of a family which for centuries has resided in this neighbourhood and been called to church by the very bells which Bob now handles. A. A. A.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 13th and visitors were welcomed from Devon, Dorset and Gloucestershire. The Vicar of Swindon (Canon J. Gilbert) conducted the Association's form of service and the company was entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers.

At the business meeting there was no competition for the various offices and the previous holders were re-elected. It was proposed that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Purton and Highworth during the next three months. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. W. B. K.

RINGERS I REMEMBER

THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY

During the 90's my dad had many famous ringing clergymen call on him but the most frequent visitor was the Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, the Rev. M. Kelly, whose work for the Devon Guild will certainly live in the history of our first County Guild.

The Kelly family have been at Kelly (Devon) since the middle of the 12th century and in the church there can be found a tablet recording three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on January 21st, 1865, the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county. Mr. Kelly, at that time an undergraduate of University College, Oxford, rang the third bell.

From that time for over 60 years he was identified with all that tended to foster ringing in the West, and when we remember him as secretary of the Devon Guild we also recall his period as president from 1896 to 1924 when the jubilee meeting was held.

He enjoyed an occasional peal but he was best known as the friend and helper of struggling bands, and his frequent visits on practice nights to towers near and far, coupled with a genial personality, made him beloved by all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Kelly had a gun accident which resulted in the amputation of a foot but he carried on cheerfully as ringer, conductor or pilot to beginners.

One example of his readiness to help young bands stands out vividly in my memory. Hearing that I was teaching a new band of ringers in a Surrey tower he expressed a wish to visit them, and though nearly 80 years of age, also with a physical handicap, he not only rang with the keen young band, but gave them much good advice.

Space does not permit the recording of many happy memories in the company of this grand pioneer but when we remember that he was born in 1842, over 110 years ago, and we recall that he left us in 1929, we can be sure he rejoiced to know that ringers and ringing saw many improvements since he rang those 120's at Kelly in 1865. W. S.

RUGBY SLOW COURSE DOUBLES

Composed by Mr. E. W. Tipler (Lutterworth).

12345	32415
	23451
21435	23541
24153	32514
42513	23154
24531	21345
24351	12435
42315	12345
24135	
21453	Bob
12543	23154
12453	21345
	12435
21543	14253
25134	
52314	41523
25341	45132
25431	54312
52413	45321
25143	45231
21534	54213
12354	45123
12534	41532
	14352
21354	14532
23145	

First 120 rung at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, on July 31st, 1950.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 (540 Plain Bob and 720 Single Oxford): P. Chambers 1, F. K. Thompson 2, B. S. Payne 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. G. W. Soars 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Anne Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, Marjorie Skelton 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, H. W. Haynes 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8. Rung for the Baptism of the ringer of the treble and for the Confirmation of the ringers of the treble and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Townsend 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Miller 1, G. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Bateman 3, D. Maunder 4, H. W. Haynes 5.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints, on December 21st, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. B. Stennit 1, A. E. Thompson 2, Miss K. I. Tivey 3, G. Freebrey 4, C. W. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, G. A. Halls 7, D. R. Carlisle 8, P. H. Whitaker 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal for 5 and 7. For morning service and a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey. Also at St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clare 1, S. Walklate (cond.) 2, D. Walklate (first 'inside') 3, G. Freebrey 4, A. E. Thompson 5, H. Letts 6, C. Walklate 7, R. Scott (first quarter) 8. A 71st birthday compliment to the Ringing Master, Mr. George Freebrey.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, W. Mortimer 2, P. Hunt 3, H. A. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, C. Fruen (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Weeks (cond.) 1, P. Walker 2, J. Parsons 3, H. A. Gummer 4, W. Mortimer 5, C. Fruen 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. Gummer.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, D. Lee 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. Gare 4, R. Clark (first quarter) 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob): K. D. Perkins 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Eyden 3, I. J. Dickin 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Burbridge 1, Miss M. Tapley 2, Miss D. Turk 3, J. Manktelow 4, M. Couchman 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Minor by all except ringers of 3 and 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Akehurst (first quarter) 1, F. H. Beeney (first in method 'inside') 2, W. M. Stepney 3, B. Stepney 4, E. Gavan D. Tonkin 5, C. J. Piper (first in method as cond.) 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Gates 1, O. M. Martin 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, R. A. Martin 4, K. B. Good 5, R. E. J. Sheppard 6, L. S. Baines 7, D. E. Latchford 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Theobald 1, Miss D. A. Deverell (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, J. Hales 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Drew 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, G. Gaylard 3, P. H. Hull 4, W. H. M. Smith 5, D. V. Gare 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. W. Dyer 8. First quarter of Stedman for 5 and 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman on the bells.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Erin, 120 each Reverse Carter's, Reverse Stedman, Rugby, Stedman Slow, New, St. Simon, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. R. Pocklington 1, A. E. Barlow 2, C. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter in 11 methods by all and on the bells. Rung for Confirmation service.

SHIRLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Wilson (first quarter) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 7, T. H. Bartlett 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse Union, April Day, Kenmngton, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Old and Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3–4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in 13 for all and on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 21st, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. McKay 1, D. Martindale 2, N. Haile 3, J. Haile 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, W. Short 7. Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of J. C. Rock, A. J. Sowden, J. B. Meads, by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Draper 1, Diana Seal 2, W. Swan 3, G. L. Lovett (cond.) 4, W. W. Draper 5, T. Dexter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Walker (wife of former chairman of M.C.A.) and of H. I. Lovett.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Meers 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, Benedicta Whistler 3, Sheila Booth 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, L. Bullock 7, A. C. Winn 8. Rung on front 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung as an appreciation to Mr. J. F. Shelswell, chairman of the South Forest branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Society, for his interest and encouragement to the Guild for many years.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Amor 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Penn 3, R. Gould 4, C. Butcher 5, C. Peach 6, F. Penn 7, J. Lucas 8.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. E. Dunn 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. Ducker 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 5, W. D. Grainger 6, C. W. Ottley 7, Miss J. Scrutton (first quarter) 8. The ringer of the 4th hails from Sutton, near Hull, Yorks.

WROCKWARDINE, SALOP.—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Davies 1, Miss J. Dyas 2, Miss C. Trist (first as cond.) 3, R. Savage 4, W. Savage 5, T. Williams 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

The Editor and his staff extend to all readers their good wishes for 1953. The past year has been one of progress and we have every confidence that, given the same measure of co-operation as we have enjoyed in the past, the standard of 'The Ringing World' can be maintained and improved.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To-day the Universities Association are holding their ninth annual reunion and dinner. Ringing takes place at St. Mary's, Willesden, 11–12; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 2–3; and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30–4.30. The Rev. Meredith Davies is conducting the service in St. Leonard's Church and the dinner is at 'The Victoria.'

The Maidstone District's fixture card for the Coronation year is printed in patriotic colours.

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Members of the Oxford University Society are holding their tour this year in the Maidstone District from April 15th-22nd.

It was stated in an early issue of 1952 that 'at 81 Mr. Edwin Timbrell's composing days are over.' Happily this is not true, for he produced a new Treble Bob peal in the summer which has been called to Bristol by Mr. J. Ridyard.

Wrockwardine, Salop, bells were rehung last February, and a new band established. They have now rung their first quarter except the conductor, Miss Catharine M. Trist. On Dec. 23rd Miss Trist sailed for Canada, to the regret of her ringing colleagues. We are afraid she will miss her ringing.

The quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Derby Cathedral on Dec. 21st was a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey, Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Derby. The band desire to thank him for his untiring efforts in arranging special practices and in assisting them to further their knowledge of Surprise ringing. His main ambition is for them to master Spliced Surprise, and to this end they have commenced by splicing London, Cambridge and Bristol.

We are indebted to Mr. J Michael Stephens, of Kempston, Bedford, for 'The Ringing World' Index for 1952, which is published in this issue. The compilation of such a comprehensive record necessitates much detailed work and we are sure readers who file their copies will appreciate the services of Mr. Stephens.

Errata.—The long peal at Mottram (see page 826) was 16,800 changes and not as stated.

The Southwark Cathedral Society, which has suffered a grievous blow by the death of Mr. Seabrook, has recently been reconstituted.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. George Martin, of Maidenhead, is far from well, but is still very interested in the activities of his fellow ringers.

The inaugural meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Jan. 10th. At a recent meeting of the Midland District 15 ladies living in this area were elected members of the Guild.

Two recent compositions of Mr. E. W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, are Rugby Slow Course Doubles, first rung at St. Andrew's, Rugby, July 31st, 1950, and St. Andrew's Doubles (New Doubles with Grandsire Singles), first rung at Rugby on January 7th, 1952.

Mr. B. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, informs us that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on December 5th, was not composed by the late Mr. Arthur Knights, as published in our peal columns. Mr. Knights had no spliced peal compositions in his records.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones and their daughter Gwyneth from Llandudno has meant the loss of three ringers at one stroke to Holy Trinity Church. Llandudno's loss is a great gain for Bangor, where they are now living.

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FIFTY YEARS AS BRANCH SECRETARY

Dunster Deanery's Tribute to Mr. George Stacey

A RECORD of service probably not surpassed in the annuals of the Exercise has been achieved by Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, who is now 90 years of age. On December 13th he laid down the reins of office as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a post he had filled with distinction for 50 years. The appreciation of the Branch was expressed by the presentation to him of a gift of his own choosing, a portable typewriter, to replace the one which had so faithfully served him in connection with the Branch's correspondence.

The presentation took place after the business of the annual meeting, which was preceded by an excellent tea served by the wives of Minehead ringers and other ladies headed by Mrs. F. Herbert.

Towers represented were Minehead, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Old Cleeve, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Sampford Brett, Chipstable, Porlock, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Dulverton, East Quantoxhead, Wootton Courtenay, Dunster, Selworthy and Hawkridge, and among the clergy supporting the president, the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), who was in the chair, were the president of the Association, Preb. A. J. Hook (Holford), Canon S. E. Swann (Timberscombe), and the Revs. E. C. Mortimer, F. G. N. Horth (Minehead), Dr. R. G. L. Beazeley (Leighland) and D. Evans (Selworthy). Lord St. Audries, an honorary member of the Branch, was also present.

A SPLENDID RESPONSE

The chairman initiated the presentation ceremony by recalling that they were giving effect to a decision they had made at their previous meeting when Mr. Stacey was temporarily absent from their deliberations and they made arrangements to show their appreciation to him. In the interim he had had a splendid response, which showed how much Mr. Stacey's services had been esteemed and valued.

The getting in of the money, said Mr. Dawson, had not been the only problem for he had also to do 'a little secret service work' to try to find out what their retiring secretary wanted. Some years ago, he reminded them, they gave Mr. Stacey an armchair, and for their gift for the present occasion various suggestions were made. Eventually the decision had been left to Mr. Stacey himself.

'His decision absolutely befogged me. For instead of choosing something to amuse himself, he selected something that would enable him to carry on more work—a typewriter. Whether that means he intends to be the hon. secretary again the year after next I don't know.' Mr Stacey's old machine, Mr. Dawson said, had done good work, and he was glad to say that its successor had been paid for completely out of the members' subscriptions to the testimonial. 'We all appreciate, more than we can say, the service of our dear old friend,' and they were truly grateful for all the years so loyally and faithfully given to the Association and the Deanery Branch.

CLERICAL AND LAY TRIBUTES

'I don't know what I should have done without George Stacey,' declared Preb. Hook. They appreciated not only his unfailing kindness and efficiency, but also the 'underlying humour that always comes out directly he speaks. To be with George Stacey makes one feel a good deal younger and we are most grateful to him for all those years and years of work he has put in for the Association.'

Dr. Beazeley, as an honorary member, thanked Mr. Stacey for all the happiness that their association had brought. He would always remember, he said, the first Branch meeting he attended and the most friendly welcome he then received. Although Mr. Stacey was giving up his work as secretary, they all hoped they would still see him at their meetings and be able to enjoy his fellowship. It was typical of him that he should have chosen something to enable him to go on working, and he hoped he would have many years in which to use it and do good work with it.

First of the references from ringing colleagues came from Mr. George Maidment (Dunster), who spoke in warmly complimentary terms about the help Mr. Stacey had given them, individually and collectively, and more particularly of all that he had done for the younger ringers. Mr. Will Locke (Hawkridge), as representing the outlying parishes, spoke of their thankfulness for Mr. Stacey's many years of faithful service, and said it was among their dearest wishes that they would still see him in the company when their meetings were held in the hill-country. A long and active associate in ringing with Mr. Stacey, Mr. Jack Pugsley (Minehead), who was among the original who appointed Mr. Stacey hon. secretary, said they all looked upon him as a dear old friend, who always provided them with good company and excellent service in his official capacity.

MADE HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS

Mr. Stacey, who was obviously affected by the occasion, voiced his thanks for the generosity of his colleagues. In a reference to the typewriter it would displace, and paraphrasing the words of a well-known music hall song, Mrs. Stacey added, 'We've been tapping along together now for fifty years, and it doesn't seem a day too much.' He added that he had had an opportunity of trying out the new machine and found he had got along with it very well. But over and above what it represented, he was also very grateful for all the co-operation he had received during the last fifty years. During that spell he had had a very pleasant time, but what had pleased him most was that he had made hundreds of good friends and, he believed, no enemies.

In a final word alluding to the presentation the president, after paying a cordial tribute to thte work of Mr. A. R. Tudball (Dunster) in assisting him to organise it, and particularly with the clerical work, declared, 'We go away with happy hearts because we know that while he is able George will always be at our meetings and will be one with us. We shall still enjoy his company, but we shall be able to allow him to sit back and take things more easily than he has done.'

THE SERVICE

In the afternoon a service was held at St. Michael's Church, when the Association's special form was followed. The Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Mortimer, gave a helpful address, which he prefaced with a warm welcome to the visitors. His colleague, the Rev. J. A. Court, read the lesson, and Mr. H. H. Routledge was the organist.

The business meeting opened with the members standing in silent remembrance of two colleagues who had passed on since the previous meeting, Messrs. C. J. Henson (Crowcombe) and R. Tuckfield (Stogumber).

In his last report as hon. secretary, Mr. Stacey referred to the fact that the average attendance at the four meetings during the year was 68, as compared with 88 in the previous year, and this gave him the opportunity to urge members to be as regular as possible on these occasions. Two honorary members and six performing members had been elected and two honorary members had left the Deanery so that the membership stood at 160. Two honorary members and three performing members had died during the year.

Mr. A. R. Tudball, of Dunster, was elected the new hon. secretary.

ROVING RINGERS SCORE AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Back-enders Praised For Their Best

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter on December 6th was rung at the second attempt by members of the Society of Roving Ringers. The first, on Oct. 27th, 1951, failed after an hour's ringing owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

Although the Society's main method of transport is the bicycle, it was decided that winter called for more speedy and comfortable travelling. The London contingent of the band, therefore, travelled down by car and motor-cycle (although the comfort of the latter is a subject for debate). The start of the journey was hampered by fog, and we discovered, at lunch, that we only had just enough time to reach Exeter by 4.40 p.m., the proposed 'zero-hour.'

We therefore set off at top speed and, apart from a short stop to extinguish a fire in the car, reached the Cathedral precisely at the appointed hour. As one of the other cars had not arrived, we delayed the start for half an hour while we procured some tea.

The peal was heard by several independent witnesses, and I prefer to leave to them the judgment of its quality. I must, however, particularly praise the 'back-enders' for setting a beat early in the peal and, what is more, maintaining it right up to the end.

After the peal, the supporters had arranged supper for us at the hotel. The inevitable 'inquest' and discussion were continued until the early hours of the morning with a somewhat unusual accompaniment from an elderly gentleman sleeping in the corner.

On the Sunday morning, the band visited Tiverton, at the kind invitation of Mr. E. J. Taylor, and enjoyed a short ring on these lovely bells.

The band would like to express their grateful thanks to Messrs. Fred Wreford and Cyril Deem for the trouble they took in preparing the Cathedral bells, to Mesdames Audrey White and Hilda Kingcott for their loyal support, to Messrs. Tony Oliver and Ray Parsons (transport), and to Mr. John Chilcott. D. E. P.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

BY DAVID E. PARSONS

2314567890E	5	6	14	19
21345678E90				A
314256		—		2
412356		—		2
216354		—		
213465	—		S	2
314265		—		2
415263		—		3
514263		—		S
413256	S	—		
312456		—		2
214356		—		2
416352		—		
413265	—		S	2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2
2145638709E				B
213465				—
314265		—		2
412365		—		2
413265		S		2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2

A=1, S4, 17.
B—2, 5, 6, 13, 14, S15, 19.

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on December 1st, 1951. For 5,007 call 'A'—

1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, S15, 16.

The 5,007 first rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Exeter, on December 6th, 1952.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT IN HEREFORDSHIRE

High Praise for Eardisland Bells

The village of Eardisland has long been famed for its beauty; visitors declare it to be the prettiest in England. Now, thanks to the skill of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous bell founders, a first-class ring of bells has been installed in the Parish Church which is indeed worthy of the village.

The scattered parish of 160 houses, some of which are seven miles from the church, responded magnificently to the appeal for £1,600 to replace the old six, which had to be taken down for safety over two years ago owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle. Only £100 remains to be raised.

The two new trebles were generously given by Mr. L. E. Griffiths in memory of his wife and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hereford at the special service on Dec. 13th in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and visiting ringers from as far afield as London, Birmingham and Yorkshire.

The opening rounds were rung by the local band and, as the congregation left the church, a course of Cambridge Major by the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

A sumptuous tea was served in the nearby school which everyone enjoyed. It was regretted that owing to the inclement weather many visitors were absent, including Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. John Oldham, who, much to the disappointment of everyone, had to turn back owing to ice and fog.

In a speech after the tea, Capt. A. W. Greenhough, a local architect and engineer, spoke in glowing terms of the way Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had carried out the work to everyone's satisfaction.

The sound of the bells both inside and outside the tower is perfect, each bell being very distinct, and there is no annoyance to nearby houses, as the bells are some 12ft. lower in the tower. An eminent visiting ringer declared that, having rung in over 700 towers, he has never heard a better ring of bells with a tenor weighing less than a ton. (The present tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.) The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired: this was evident by the ease with which 87-year-old Mr. Harry Symonds, of Hereford Cathedral, rang the tenor.

Ringing, which ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise, was of a high standard and was kept up until 9 p.m. in the floodlit tower, and a very fine ring down in peal brought to an end a memorable day.

It is proposed to hold a ringing day during the summer so that visitors prevented from coming to the dedication may ring and hear this fine new octave, the tenth in the county of Herefordshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 50 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Western District held at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on December 13th. Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon, several members expressing delight at the result of the recasting and rehanging of the bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. a year ago. At 5 p.m. members sat down to an excellent tea under the supervision of the local ringers' wives.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Vicar of Rothwell, Canon F. E. Mercer, who extended a hearty welcome to all present. The following new members were elected.—Misses Amy Lord, Sheila Brown and Betty Pickles and Messrs. W. Brown, J. Close, D. S. Wright, D. E. Lodge and H. Watson. Mr. H. Lofthouse was elected to the vacant seat on the District committee.

Following the business meeting some of the more versatile members rang a few short touches on handbells, after which further ringing was resumed in the tower.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH

The following hotels are listed for guidance of members as being within easy reach of Headquarters and the Town Hall:—

*Headquarters: The Devonshire, Richmond Hill. Terms 25s. per day inclusive (plus 10 per cent. service charge).

*Belvedere, Bath Road. Terms 24s. per day inclusive.

*Glenroy Hall, West Cliff. Terms 27s. 6d. per day inclusive.

*Westminster Hall, Beacon Road, West Cliff. Terms 30s. per day inclusive.

(Although the above hotels are unlicensed, drinks can be obtained on order and prepayment.)

*Addiscombe, Cranborne Road, West Cliff. Terms 32s. 6d. per day inclusive (bookings must be for a minimum of five days).

*Brownswood Hall, South Cliff Road. Terms 25s. to 27s. 6d. per day for dinner, bed and breakfast.

Dalkeith, Old Christchurch Road. Terms 17s. 6d. bed and breakfast.

Rosstrevor, Priory Road. Terms 16s. bed and breakfast; one guinea full board.

*No bed and breakfast bookings.

Members are urged to book **without delay.** Many hotels are already fully booked for the Whitsun week-end and several other conferences are taking place at that time.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN-LE-GRAND, YORK

This church, which has stood as a roofless shell since it was burnt by fire bombs in the raid on York, April 29th, 1942, may once more be able to take its place in the life of the city.

A report issued by a committee of inquiry set up by the Archbishop of York contains plans for the restoration of the tower, the rehanging of the bells, the restoration of the south aisle as a City War Memorial Chapel, the creation of a Garden of Rest in the remaining space, and the eventual union of the parishes of St. Martin's and St. Helen's.

The scheme has the approval of the Diocesan Reorganisation Committee and, in the opinion of the War Damage Commission, it is sound and acceptable.

Of the original eight bells three are broken and, as the others have been through the fire, all will require recasting. The bells would provide an additional ring of real value, and could serve as a practice ring for the Minster ringers.

HITCHIN RINGERS' DECEMBER HALF-DAY

North Buckinghamshire was the destination of nine ringers from Hitchin and District, who set off by car on December 6th on an afternoon's quarter peal ringing tour. Though somewhat delayed by fog patches and stretches of ice-bound road, three pleasing eights were visited.

Hanslope was the first call: the glorious pinnacled tower and spire, with flying buttresses, is a landmark for miles, and must be one of the loftiest in the region. The bells are worthy of the edifice, and perhaps it was the volume of music from the heavy end that unsettled the ringing, for Cambridge was abandoned after three attempts.

Disappointed, we had to carry on to Newport Pagnell, where our spirits were revived by an immense tea, which put the band in better fettle for the pleasant eight at the fine church nearby, whose only snag is a rather long draught. Bob Major was successful here.

The next stretch saw the worst roads, but a warm welcome from that veteran, Mr. H. Douglas Harris, whose 77 years did not damp his enthusiasm, awaited us at Woburn, and he was soon joining us in the very satisfactory Double Norwich that followed on this sonorous ring, which is Bedfordshire's heaviest octave. The attempt was successful and one or two touches ended the ringing. D. P. J.

The Welsh Church Appeal

Churchfolk in every parish in Wales are sacrificing much to raise half a million pounds between Easter, 1952, and Easter, 1953. This amount is desperately needed to increase the endowment of the disestablished Church in Wales. The total has been divided amongst parishes, each having a definite target. The appeal is being conducted entirely by laymen.

The Newton-Nottage parish target of £1,552 was reached, and the local committee decided to aim for the staggering amount of £3,104. A promise made, that in the unlikely event of receiving this amount a peal would be arranged in celebration of it, was gladly kept with a peal of Doubles on December 11th.

A notice about this appeal in all local newspapers in the Principality has a drawing of bells and is headed 'Please help us to keep the Church bells ringing.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. HAROLD J. POOLE'S 1,000th PEAL

An Appreciation

Dear Sir,—Having succeeded in ringing my 1,000th peal, I would like to acknowledge publicly and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' my debt of gratitude to all those who have assisted me and to place on record my thanks and appreciation.

First of all, to the late Thomas Briggs, of Bitteswell, who taught me to handle a bell, for without his initial invitation to the belfry I could not even have started.

To the late William Miller, of St. Mary-de-Castro, for his instruction in the elementary stages of change ringing. To Harry Broughton, of Leicester Cathedral Band and former secretary, for his enthusiasm, which kindled my own and the opportunities he presented to me for making progress. To Frederick H. Dexter, former Ringing Master of the Cathedral Band, for his expert tuition, and particularly for his guidance and teaching in the art of conducting. More especially do I thank him for his strictness in my upbringing as a change ringer. The more one progresses in the art the more one realises and appreciates the value of a strict tutor and feels how justified were the harsh words and reprimands of the past. To the Leicester Cathedral ringers for their enthusiastic support, and particularly to those members who have rendered yeoman service with transport.

To the clergy for their co-operation and assistance in granting the use of the bells. To my wife for the whole-hearted support and encouragement, for her patience in the hours of waiting and for the pleasure of ringing so many peals together. To my daughter Jill for the joy of witnessing her progress in this noble art, and to Peter, my son-in-law, for the joint family association in the peals rung together.

Finally, I tender to all others my sincere thanks for any part, great or small, that they may have taken in assisting me to build up such a treasured store of happy memories. It has been my experience that the more I have put into ringing the more I have been able to gain from it. Seldom do we stop to think just how helpless we should be in this wonderful art without the co-operation and assistance of others.—Yours truly,

Leicester. HAROLD J. POOLE.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the compositions of Spliced Surprise Major which you kindly published for me in 'The Ringing World,' page 814, I regret that I show the first composition as 5,120. This should be 5,280, which can be reduced, if desired, by the omission of three consecutive bobs Middle or Wrong. I shall be glad if you will point this out.

As regards the 5,056 on same page, it may interest conductors of long peals that I have been able to extend this to contain 6,016 changes, comprising 3,936 Bristol, 1,280 London, 320 Superlative and 480 Cambridge. As far as I know this is the longest length yet obtained in the four methods with tenors together. —Yours faithfully,

Port Talbot. A. J. PITMAN.

NORFOLK IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This method was rung in Norwich on December 21st, 1946, and was published in a subsequent issue of 'The Ringing World.' It appears in the new 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' as No. 307 (in formula).

I regret having overlooked these facts when the Methods Committee was preparing the copy for the 'Collection.'—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

A LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—The problem set by Mr. R. F. B. Speed—to produce a 5,024 Lincolnshire Surprise with the 6th the extent in 6ths, the 2nd never in 6ths at the course ends and without parting the tenors—has, no doubt, proved to be very absorbing to those interested in the composition of this method.

After many attempts, during which I produced a 5,120 and a 5,152 (26 courses, 7 Befores), both of which have the 6th the extent at home and no 82s—a 5,024 with the 6th eleven courses at home (no doubt the same as the one produced by Mr. Speed)—I succeeded in solving the problem.

Am enclosing the composition with this letter. —Yours sincerely, JAMES TOPP.

Frome.

5,024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
53624		—	—	
63425		—		
32654	x			
25346	x			
34256			—	—
52643		—	—	
62345		—		
62453	x			—
25634	x			
53246	x			
24536			—	—
32546			—	
54326			—	—
35426				—
45623		—		
65324		—		
43526		—		—
52436			—	—
34625		—	—	
64523		—		
42635	x			
62534		—		
45236		—		—
23456			—	—

6th the extent in 6ths.
2nd never in 6ths at C.Es.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—May I add a little to your footnote to the report of the first peal on the bells at Long Stanton on December 12th, 1912?

William Douglass James, who rang the fourth in that peal, was at that time in his second year at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He was a grandson of the builder of Eddystone Lighthouse and lived in the Plymouth district, where he had already established a reputation as an able young ringer. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Royal Artillery, and he was killed in action in France on September 25th, 1915.

The Cambridge University Guild held its first post-war ringing week in Cambridge in September, 1919, and during that week members of the Guild, including three who rang in the first peal on the bells, rang at Long Stanton a fully muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in his memory. R. O. STREET.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. AVANN

On Dec. 20th, at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, a memorial service was held for Mr. W. Avann, who was for several years a ringer at Angmering, and of late years verger and ringer at St. Mary's, Billingshurst.

Not outstanding in method ringing, Mr. Avann was a sincere and regular Sunday service ringer until ill-health caused him to give up.

Members of Wisborough Green and the local band rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. CHARLES HARRINGTON

By the passing of Mr. Charles Harrington, in his 52nd year, very shortly after ringing for Evensong at St. Mary's, Ingatestone, Essex, the local ringers have lost a very capable and valued colleague, who gave many years of service to his church and ringing.

He set a high example to all, by his regular attendance for service and practice ringing at St. Mary's, Fryerning; he was also a member of the choir and a sidesman.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, Dec. 20th, when the bells of St. Mary's, Fryerning, were rung half-muffled by local ringers and friends from St. Thomas's, Brentwood, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Turner, of Henfield, who also arranged handbell ringing at the graveside.

MR. R. T. HOLDING

A regular member of Christ Church, Crewe, band for the past 54 years, Mr. Richard Thomas Holding, of 52, Alton Street, Crewe, died on Dec. 11th, aged 70. Mr. Holding was well known and respected in the Chester Diocesan Guild, and had rung nearly 300 peals.

He was employed in the toolshop, Crewe Works, until his retirement in 1947, and was treasurer and steward of No. 7 branch of the A.E.U. Until recently he was a director of the Crewe Permanent Benefit Building Society.

The funeral service was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Dec. 15th, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gentry. Cremation followed at Carmountside.

In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Christ Church by the following band: J. Holloway 1, Harry Holding (brother) 2, S. Layland 3, A. Crawley 4, W. Kerr 5, G. Packer 6, R. D. Langford (conductor) 7, W. F. Stenson 8.

Adderbury Bells

Adderbury spire, one of the famous three in line at North Oxfordshire and border of Northants, has been repaired at a cost of £3,000.

The bells, which had been silent for some months, are now able to ring out once again.

There still remains about £400 to be raised in order to complete the cost of the work. Banbury Branch of the Diocesan Guild, at their last meeting, voted £10 10s. to the fund. Those who know and have enjoyed ringing on Adderbury bells may like to send a small donation to the Steeple Fund, thus helping to wipe out the remaining deficit. It will be gratefully acknowledged by E. Pearson, secretary of the Banbury Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, at Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

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By R. F. B. SPEED

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32654	X			
32546	X			—
64523		—	—	—
42635	X			3
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56423		—		—
25634	X			2
25346	X			—
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45362	X			
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DEDICATION

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, on December 16th, rededicated three ancient bells which have been restored, and dedicated three new bells which, together, form a ring of six with a tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Wanlip.

The work is only part of the improvements which have been carried out at this small village church set in charming surroundings in the Soar Valley. For the past eight years there has been constant activity by the members of this church to raise funds, not only for the bells, but for the restoration of the tower and fabric and the erection of a new choir vestry.

Since 1944, when the Bells Fund was opened, nearly £1,300 has been raised, and £600 for the Restoration Fund which opened in 1951. The population of Wanlip is a little over 100 souls and the raising of such a large sum is a wonderful achievement.

The service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Pratt, was attended by a congregation consisting mainly of folk who had worked so hard for this day. The choir processed from their new vestry (since their former accommodation under the tower is now the belfry) to the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height.' Psalm 122 was sung, and the choir sang the service to Barnby in E.

During the hymn 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,' four ringing members of the choir preceded the Bishop, Rector, the Rev. P. Mold (a former curate of the parish), churchwardens and Guild president to the belfry for the dedication. The ropes were then handed to the captain and rounds were rung for one minute.

After the hymn 'Angel Voices,' the choir sang an anthem, 'Sing a Song of Joy.' If the standard of music at the west end of the church is to compare with that in the chancel, then a great deal of spade work has to be done.

The theme of the Bishop's address was that we should liken ourselves unto a bell which should, in the first instance, be properly fashioned for the purpose of glorifying God. Secondly that it should have a tongue to enable it not only to stand witness by its presence in the tower, but to speak out in support of the Faith of our Lord against all other conflictions of sound, and thirdly that it should be in tune with the note of truth.

A collection for the Bell Fund during the singing of the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' realised £13, and a memorable service closed with the hymn 'Now the day is over.'

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

1.—'FRIENDSHIP.' Francis W. Pratt, Rector, E. E. Shuttlewood, C. Hurd, Present Churchwardens: Ernest Wright, Past Churchwarden, Organist and Choirmaster. 'We walked into the House of God as Friends.'

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LATE NOTICES

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1932

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1936

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice cancelled, Tuesday, Dec. 30th, Christchurch, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 3rd, General Meeting, St. Mary, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business and nominations, 5.45, All Saints', Fulham. Ringing 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 5th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Annual General Meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921. 1853

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 3rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names, please, to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1887

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M. on Jan. 3rd. Elstow 2.30-4. St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30-4.25. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at 5, can be guaranteed only for those sending names before the day to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1874

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Whitnash (6), near Leamington Spa. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—R. J. Edden, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 1894

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—Joint quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ten bells available. 1875

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Sanderson. 1885

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual General Meeting at Ely (8), Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E.17. 1827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting on Jan. 3rd at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. G. Mills, 321, Ormskirk Road, Upholland, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1914

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—District annual general meeting, Market Harborough, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Co-operative Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1916

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 3rd, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6 o'clock. Bells available:—Cathedral (12) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1812

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Jan. 1st.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1889

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, January 3rd. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; other towers if wanted. Meeting and tea St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. 1822

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Barnsley, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later than Jan. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1923

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton, Bath. 1896

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The A.G.M. will be held at Biggleswade on Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1908

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Saturday, Jan. 10th, 2.30. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to Mr. H. Nunn, 67, Studley Road, West Hartlepool. 1926

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 8th, Mr. W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street.—C. A. Bassett. 1899

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea; there are several cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's (8), Swindon, Jan. 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1902

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1891

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Halifax Parish (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided, please bring own food, or cafes in town. Meeting immediately afterwards. Bells from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1904

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LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Inaugural meeting, St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Roma Cafe, Bigg Market (3s.), at 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mrs. McGuiness, 72, Rokeby Drive, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 1880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Method for special practice, St. Clement's. —F. Pritchard. 1915

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Ulverston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at 19, Union Place, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby. Branch Sec. 1929

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Leyland Parish Church, Saturday, January 10th. Light refreshments provided. Also combined practice Whittle-le-Woods, Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 7.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 1924

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.30; Cathedral (12) 5-6; St. Mary's (8) after tea if required. Service 4.30 at St. Mary's. Tea 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 1886

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Parish Church 2.30. Bell Foundry, evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Fearon Hall. Names, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry House.—C. W. Hall. 1895

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 5th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1905

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Washingborough Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1930

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 10th. St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea. Meeting, Chelsea, 6 p.m. Evening ringing to be announced.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1931

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at Repton Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to Mr. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. 1883

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Longton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent. 1903

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, for all who send names or numbers not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th. No names, no tea. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec., 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Bloxham (8), Jan. 10th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 1892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting at Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 1888

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual, Burton Latimer Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—C. Watson, 9, Cranford Road, Burton Latimer. 1909

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Thrapston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1917

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 10th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.15. Meat tea 3s. 6d., for those who notify, by 6th, Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 1910

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Washington, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Jan. 7th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1921

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Jan. 6th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 1920

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Rowley Regis (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. (17th unsuitable for Rector). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Social evening to follow.—Bernard C. Ashford, Secretary, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1912

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Newburn, St. Michael's, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names, by Jan. 14th, to Mr. G. McGuigan, 83, Sutton Dwellings, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 1906

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Mansfield Woodhouse (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, before Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. 1922

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to me by Jan. 12th.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec., 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth. 1780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Hawkhurst on Jan. 17th, at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst. 1863

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please, with names) to me not later than Monday, Jan. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1901

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1897

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, before Jan. 10th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1913

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Jan. 17th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1900

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5.15. Names for tea (5.30) essential by Jan. 14th.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell.—P. N. White. 1878

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meet in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (3s. per head) 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral Schools. Names, by Jan. 15th, to J. E. Kirby, 116, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1911

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch party will take place at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea and social evening in school. Tickets: 6s. each inclusive, 2s. 6d. evening only, from Arthur Cryer, 1, Lime Street, Todmorden. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — January 24th. St. Giles' bells (10) 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. All Saints'. Bells (8) in evening. Meat tea 4.45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Price: Branch members up to 18 years 2s.; over 18 years 2s. 6d.; others 4s. Names, **with remittance**, must reach me by **Thursday, Jan. 15th**, this is definite.—Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1898

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Tea, prepared and served by local lady ringers, was held in the schoolroom. A business meeting followed, with the vice-president, Miss M. Ridyard, as chairman. The new Ladies' Guild badges were sold very quickly, and in the heat of salesmanship the district secretary must have sold her own! Various Major methods were rung during the course of the afternoon including Plain and Treble Bob Major rung by all ladies, but that is quite a usual occurrence on Sundays at Norbury.

Members attended from Buxton, Bowdon, Hazel Grove, Hyde, Poynton, Rostherne, Sandbach, Southport and Stockport.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

THE Twelfth Day of Christmas has passed and many of us are looking pensively at our cards—those tokens of friendship and goodwill that adorn mantelpiece and office desk. What a story they tell! but they have all one thing in common, the sincerity of their greeting. Cards that reach the Editor frequently have behind them a personal touch of the individual. With the Coronation looming ahead next June the thoughts of the nation are centred in the Abbey. From one who hopes to be privileged to ring on that solemn and joyous occasion we received a beautiful card of the Abbey as viewed from the river in 1840.

Churches and cathedrals are a natural choice. With memories of the last Central Council still fresh, a view of Lincoln Cathedral from the Sincil Dyke is a happy choice. Another vision of loveliness of the same theme is that of Canterbury Cathedral with an oast house in the foreground. Christ Church, Oxford, which to many ringers constitutes an annual pilgrimage, also decorates the mantelpiece. A lamentable lapse some years back in the identity of a cathedral has made the Editor hesitate to distinguish two cathedral cards from members of his Editorial Committee! One is a charming interior study with the pulpit in the foreground and the organ pipes immediately behind with lancet lights forming a background. In the other, a reproduction of a river painting of 100 years ago, the cathedral tower makes a wonderful spiritual background.

A personal touch has accompanied some of the cards depicting churches. Two churches where rededications of bells have recently taken place—at Newport, Salop, passed by many members of the Central Council on their journey by road to the Chester Council meeting, and Stradbroke, Suffolk—have been received. From Cornwall comes a water colour of Lelant Church with all the radiance of a midsummer sun giving a warmth of greeting. From distant Ireland there is a drawing of the ruined cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, the one time seat of the Kings of Munster.

Bells, invariably of the type drawn to be perpetually silent, are a favourite theme of Christmas card designers, and there were specimens of these from two noted personalities. A splendid interior photograph of a bell and another renowned the world over for its massive proportion were received. With the latter came the quotation from Whittier:—

> In the bells of the Holy City
> The chimes of Eternal Peace.

Newspaper controversy has been prominent over the comment of one purchaser of Christmas cards: 'Fancy bringing religion into Christmas.' As a ringer it is not necessary for us to digress on that point. One card which holds a treasured place in the collection is a symbolic drawing of the Nativity with the accompanying uplifting message: 'The true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.'

Snow at Christmas and perhaps a distant church with a mantle of whiteness is in a sense the expected counterpart of the English countryside. One such pictorial greeting—and there were a number—was accompanied by lines of Sir Walter Scott:—

> Heap on more wood. the wind is chill;
> But let it whistle as it will,
> We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

The scene changes to distant New Zealand, and from the Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society the season's greetings are conveyed by a typical country scene in these islands with blue mountains in the distance.

One well versed in the Rules and Decisions of the Council sent greetings to friends in the form of the 18th century Cornish rhyme, 'Rules for Bell-Ringers.' The wording, although familiar to many of our readers, justifies repetition:—

> Aloud let Silence first Proclaimed be,
> And by consent let's make it our Decree
> And fix such Laws in our Society,
> As being observ'd, will keep Sobriety.
> Who curse or damns or in an angry mood
> Quaril or strike although he draws no blood,
> Who wears a Hat or Spur, o'erturns a Bell,
> Or by unskeelful ringing mars a peal,
> Let him pay Sixpence for each single crime,
> To make him cautious at another time.
> A Blessing let us crave on Church and King,
> And now let's peaceably begin to ring.

The accompanying illustration, alas, was by no ringer or even one who had been in a belfry and watched ringers at work. Frock-coated ringers of Georgian days with hands wide apart on sallies could only have produced 'unskeelful' ringing, and had the rules for bell-ringers been observed it would have been costly ringing. But did ringers in those days observe rules any better than those of the present day? This is not a time to write of quarrels, but of goodwill and friendship, for, as Dickens reminded us: 'Christmas would not be Christmas but for the happy interchange of wishes.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*COLIN GOLDING	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
†BESSIE A. CARTER	3	†CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
†A. EDWARD REEVES	4	†WILLIAM A. FARMER	10
†F. HECTOR BENNETT	5	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD	11
†JOHN W. BEST	6	†JOHN N. LINDON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
Rung to mark the centenary of the death of Samuel Lee, scholar, ringer and friend of Samuel Lawrence.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
*MAURICE G. TURNER	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	§W. GEORGE PAGE	9
†HARRY GRIFFITHS	4	EDGAR T. SMITH	10
J. NORMAN HADLEY	5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	11
‡CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	SAMUEL BIRCH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 200th peal. † First peal of Cinques on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques and completes Doubles to Cinques in the method. § First peal of Cinques 'inside.'
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Christopher Wallater.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*PETER E. PARRY	6
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
†ROGER B. MORRIS	4	*PERCY SWINDLEY	9
*GEORGE F. SPERRING	5	†R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. 42 Major).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
BESSIE A. CARTER	2	JOHN N. LINDON	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	E. DENNIS POOLE	9
JOHN F. BUTLER	5	B. LESLIE JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	*BERT GOGLE	8
HENRY TOOKE	4	*NORMAN V. HARDING	9
*ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

*HARRY BLACKBURN	*Treble*	‡VICTOR WOODS	6
†JULIA M. PRESTON	2	‡ERNEST GOWER	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	THOMAS HESKETH	8
‡JOHN ROBERTS	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
‡ERIC EDMONDSON	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
*DOUGLAS COLLINS	2	*JOHN F. TILLETT	7
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal.
Composition is an arrangement containing the 6th 60 courses home and 20 courses each of the 67089s and 67908s.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
*DONOVAN R. WHITE	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
*HERBERT LOWMAN	3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	8
JOHN WALDEN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

REGINALD POSTON	*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
*MOLLIE TILBURY	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
REGINALD T. JONES	4	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB TRIPLES
Six-part No. 13. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

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

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Annual peal for the Association.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
†MARGARET A. BAILEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
DOUGLAS W. KIRKPATRICK	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*KENNETH EDWARDS ..	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	2	*DOUGLAS MITCHELL ..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM EVERSFIELD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Canon B. P. W. Stather Hunt on the 25th anniversary of his induction as Rector of Pakefield.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	*PETER J. THOMAS	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. FLOYD	*Treble*	†G. UGLOW	5
*F. MATRAVERS	2	H. MOCKRIDGE	6
W. WARREN	3	W. G. GIGG	7
A. H. REED	4	*P. PENGELLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells.
Rung after the wedding of the Vicar's son, Mr. A. Hirst, to Miss M. Lee.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*DOROTHY M. HEAP (13)	*Treble*	‡RICHARD B. BENSON ..	5
*MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN	2	STANLEY S. LIVESEY ..	6
JOAN CARTER	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
†JOHN R. HEAP	4	*ALLAN L. TOWNEND ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Canon E. Tyson, Vicar of Mottram, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(All Saints' Society, Allesley.)
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS ..	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	5
DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ..	3	*JOHN W. TAYLOR	7
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Superlative by a local band.
A compliment to Miss Jill Moyle, of Allesley Rectory, and Mr. Ben Davis, on their recent marriage.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. LACEY	5
JEANETTE M. SIMPSON ..	2	GORDON H. ARGUILE ..	6
*RONALD G. W. COPSON ..	3	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH ..	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal. First peal to be rung at this church, by the local Sunday service band.
Rung for the Festival of the Nativity of Christ.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ..	6
ALBERT MILLS	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

REV. J. KINGDON	*Treble*	H. STEWART BAILEY ..	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	PETER E. PARRY	6
*BETTY GRIFFITHS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
†SHIRLEY GOLDING	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. O. Baker.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*MARY L. HANNAM	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ..	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
†HAROLD L. PARFREY ..	3	‡PHILIP W. WEEKS ..	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	4	†ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	PERCY DUDLEY	5
C. W. M. BOND	2	EDWIN WILLIAMS	6
JACK BAILEY	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	WALTER STEEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 150th peal, wedding anniversary and wife's birthday.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
*NANCIE E. SWANN	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
*GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

CYRIL J. BARBER	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
WILLIAM J. FLATT	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	*DONALD G. CLIFT	5
*FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	*GEORGE DAVIS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
*JACK R. WORRALL	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and for the Association.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	*PETER BERESFORD	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	5
*ROSEMARY SEABROOKE	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	PATRICK PRESTON	6
RODNEY HARRISON	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
ALBERT THOMPSON	4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal of Spliced in these methods by all the band; also on the bells and by the Guild

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
*BETTY SYRETT	2	HARRY MOSS	6
†JAMES MORLEY	3	FREDERICK C. ROPER	7
*LEWIS BATLEY	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon R. E. T. Allen, Vicar of Edgbaston, he having completed 25 years in the Ministry.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RENEE MARWOOD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	†ALAN H. STURGESS	6
*JEAN H. STURGESS	3	HAROLD A. NOBES	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major, and first peal 'inside.'
Rung as a centenary peal for the Fareham Church of England School.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK POPPLEWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	5
CLIFFORD AARON	2	SYDNEY H. BARRON	6
ARTHUR ROGERS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
FRANK LINFOOT	4	ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 30 years.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
HARRY J. GAYLARD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* 50th peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
GEORGE W. MILLS	3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.

SIX BELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten Callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JEAN STEWART (17)	*Treble*	WILMA HOEY (16)	4
*HARRY CHASTY (18)	2	RONNIE KING	5
FRANK KING	3	ANN MERCER (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK KING.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

OXTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
MARY FULLER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DAVID J. F. JAMES (13)	*Treble*	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	4
BRYNLEY J. PARRY	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	5
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones.



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury; 120 each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, and 600 each of Norfolk, April Day, Old and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3-4
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
ROBERT G. LAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal. Fastest peal on the bells. Conductor becomes first to 'circle' the tower.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. (C.C.C. Nos. 102; 150; 151, 150; 37, 34, 52.)
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Shenton, for 50 years a ringer and 15 years a verger at this church.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

BERT W. MAY	*Treble*	STANLEY M. EVANS	4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of his ordination as priest of the Vicar, the Rev. V. F. Hall, M.A.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*HENRY WILLOWS	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
*GWEN RUSBY	2	HARRY HALL	5
FRANK BLOOMFIELD	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

WEST KEAL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve six-scores of Grandsire and ten 360's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

AUDREY SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE PARKER	4
G. ANGUS DIXON	2	RUSSELL BARRATT	5
*RICHARD BAILEY	3	†ARTHUR A. CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. —. Arnold, who was inducted on December 18th.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 32 methods, being one 720 each of:—(i) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster. (ii) Lightfool, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Netherseale. (iii) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre. (iv) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle. (v) London, Wells, Cunecastre. (vi) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham. (vii) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne. With 112 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 32 methods on the bells, by all the band, in the county, and by the Association.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, who was inducted on December 3rd. The band wish to associate Mr. E. J. Upton with this peal, for he had been in the previous attempts, but had to work on this occasion.

KENN, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

*EDWARD W. BIFFIN	*Treble*	*FREDERICK WREFORD	4
*†JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
‡ELIZABETH BROWN	3	†BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle in honour of the ordination to Holy Orders of Capt. the Rev. J. M. Scott, R.N., Ret. (deacon) and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, B.A. (priest), father and son, who was ordained at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday, December 21st.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
*BETTY GRIFFITHS	2	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First extent of Kent 'inside.' First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Cornall and Sylvia Golding, who were married on December 20th, a peal on that date being unsuccessful.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4
*AMY RODWELL	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
†NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER C. WRIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
FRANK P. WRIGHT	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten extents, differently called, three times repeated, and a 240.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOAN M. RANDALL	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
†BERNARD COLLINS	2	HARRY C. JONES	5
*DONALD G. WHEELER	3	*ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being an extent each of Beverley, Annable's, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 25th peal.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, and Plain Bob
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*GEORGE A. INGLEBY	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	4
*WILLIAM H. DALE	2	GEORGE W. CREASEY	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven methods.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*DOROTHY ROWBOTHAM	*Treble*	†MRS. W. PENNY	4
†MRS. E. V. PARKER	2	ALBERT BANCROFT	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	STEPHEN W. J. PENNY	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN W. J. PENNY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and in the method.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

RONALD HOUGH	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
MRS. SIDNEY HOUGH	2	NORMAN HOUGH	5
*MRS. RONALD HOUGH	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough, sen., on October 22nd, 1952. Rung by father, three sons and two daughters-in-law.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*GEOFFREY E. PUGH (14)	*Treble*	†BRYAN E. CARSON	4
††ANN BARR	2	§CLIVE M. SMITH	5
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3	*F. T. WARRINGTON (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANN BARR.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. § 50th peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the bells.
Rung for the Nativity, and to mark the first year of Rev. Henry H. Follis as Vicar of the parish. Also as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A correspondent asked us the other week if we would publish a list of ringing families We regret that our space would not permit such an extensive catalogue. It is with pleasure, however, that we record the family peal rung at Knutsford on December 27th by a father, three sons and two daughters-in-law in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough.

Mr. George E. Symonds took part in two peals on December 27th. He is 78 years young!

Miss Patricia M. Clarke celebrated her 16th birthday with a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods.

St. Nicolas' Society of Ringers by playing carols on handbells in and around Guildford collected the sum of £7 for their Belfry Fund.

Stories of lucky peals are legion. Here is one from Lightcliffe, Yorkshire. As the bells were being lowered in peal the rope of the third broke.

After the peal at Bobbing, Kent, rung on the 21st anniversary of his ordination as priest, the Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Hall, kindly entertained the band to tea. The ringers would like to say 'Thank you' to the Vicar and Mrs. Hall.

As is our custom, we hope to publish in an early issue the list of ringers who rang 40 or more peals during 1952. Particulars required are: Name, town, tower peals, number conducted, handbell peals, number conducted.

First quarters by new bands always make tonic reading. Wordsley, Staffordshire, recently recruited a band of nine ladies and three brothers for a tower that had been silent for many years. Mr. H. V. Cooper, the tutor of the band, has now passed his first milestone with the band ringing their first quarter. And now for the peal.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods at Apsley End on December 22nd was rung at the fifth attempt. On two occasions the peal was lost through light failure through someone interfering with the switch. At the last attempt the band was in the middle of the sixth 720 when someone fused some of the lights in the church by pulling out the tower fuse. No chances were taken in the fifth attempt as a number of night-lights were lit and distributed around the tower.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Mottram was Mr. J. R. Heap and not as printed.

A pleasant surprise awaited the ringers after the peal at Barkston, Lincs, in that Mr. Dale had prepared an excellent tea for the ringers, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

The members of the band who rang the peal at Oxted on November 29th were extremely grateful to Mr. W. G. Paternoster, who stood in the peal at ten minutes' notice and so saved disappointment, as one of the ringers was unable to attend owing to ill-health.

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Major at Clare, Suffolk, on December 27th, specially congratulated 16-year-old Miss Rosemary Seabrooke, who rang faultlessly throughout. It was her first peal of Cambridge, for which chances of practice are very limited at Clare. Great credit is due to Mr. Sam Twitchett, her instructor.

Christmas Day was a happy occasion for the band at Paul, near Penzance. The bells here were installed three years ago and the band received their first instruction in method ringing about twelve months ago from Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, who made the journey of some 16 miles every week to instruct them. To Mr. Miles they express their thanks.

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MR. HAROLD J. POOLE JOINS THE 1,000 PEALERS

A FORTNIGHT ago we announced that Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, had rung his 1,000th peal with a peal, which ranks as a first achievement, of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods.

The shortage of ringers during the First World War, when Mr. Poole was a choirboy at Bitteswell, Leicestershire, a six-bell tower, introduced him to ringing. Here, in 1916, he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. Tom Briggs, the verger.

In 1917 his family moved to Leicester and Harold, with his father and brother Ernest, became members of the St. Mary-de-Castro tower. Under the guidance of the steeplekeeper, William Millar, he learned to ring Grandsire Doubles. For the next 18 months he rang practically nothing else but by attending the weekly practice and Sunday service ringing regularly he gained a solid foundation in the simple method upon which his ringing career was to be built. Very often he would stand on the roof of St. Mary's and listen with amazement to the wonderful striking of the ring of ten at St. Martin's (afterwards Leicester Cathedral) little thinking what the future held in store for him at that tower.

THE CHOICE

A decision which influenced Mr. Poole's after life was made in July 1919, when the bells of St. Mary-de-Castro's were condemned as unsafe to ring. He was then a member of the choir and it was a choice between ringing and singing. Mr. Poole's choice was ringing and he became a member of St. Martin's band. Here he came under the very critical ear and eye of Frederick H. Dexter, the conductor. Mr. Dexter very quickly realised this youngster's aptitude for learning the more difficult methods and for conducting. Enthusiasm was soon whipped up by the tireless efforts of Harry Broughton, then the secretary of the St. Martin's band, and it became a question for decision—Rugby football or ringing on a Saturday afternoon? Ringing was the first choice and that decision has never been regretted.

Mr. Poole rang his first peal (Stedman Triples) at Stoney Stanton on July 3rd, 1920, and by May, 1923, had completed his first century. By this time he had developed his ability as a conductor and before he was 21 years old conducted the long length of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton. His second century was completed in 1925 and in November of that year he joined the Leicester City Police Force. This completely retarded his progress in peal ringing and his average number of peals for the next 16 years was eight peals a year.

WITH THE PYE BROTHERS

Whilst at New Scotland Yard on a special detective course in 1930, Mr. Poole rang his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. It was in the four standard methods and conducted by the late William Pye. Mention of the latter recalls one of the most thrilling week-ends of his ringing career when he staved with the late Mr. Charles T. Coles and Mrs. Coles. He took part in his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the Saturday, conducted a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (G. R. Pye's 900th peal) on the Sunday afternoon and after tea rang courses of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal on handbells. This was said to be the first time Cambridge Surprise Royal had been rung on handbells. Those taking part were the brothers Pye and the brothers Gofton, of Whitley Bay. It was, indeed, a great privilege for the young ringer to be in such company and is a treasured memory.

In 1937, when the new ring of 13 bells was put in at Leicester Cathedral, he was elected Ringing Master there in place of his tutor, Frederick H. Dexter. The Cathedral band



under his leadership have made continuous progress and it is really remarkable when one considers present day achievements there to think they have only had twelve bells since 1937 and that period included the war time years when there was no ringing.

Mr. Poole has many achievements to his credit and amongst them may be mentioned that he was the first person to conduct Cambridge Surprise Minor to Maximus on tower bells and also on handbells, and has since conducted Minor to Maximus in this method in one day. He has conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques by a police band and the first of Stedman Cinques by a band of married couples. He has taken part in and conducted many of the first peals in the various Surprise methods, Major, Royal and Maximus, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

PRESIDENT OF TWO GUILDS

In spite of his prolific peal ringing activities he has found time for much work on behalf of his territorial Association. As a young man he was at one time the Leicester District secretary of the Midland Counties Association and later represented that Association on the Central Council.

He was the principal founder of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and was elected first president in 1946, which office he has held to date. Special mention may be made of his encouragement to young ringers and his particular thought for the welfare and comfort of visitors. Indeed, the traditional Leicester social events are in no small measure due to his unlimited enthusiasm.

In 1941 Mr. Poole was installed as a lay-canon of Leicester Cathedral and in this capacity has taken full advantage of the opportunity to bring the work of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers to the notice of the officials and clergy of the Diocese. Few Guilds can boast of closer contact in this respect and the Lord Bishop himself regularly attends ringing functions and the annual meeting of the Guild.

Mr. Poole was a founder of the Police Guild of Ringers. He was elected the first honorary secretary in 1931 and held that office for 16 years. He was then made president and has occupied that office for the past five years.

He represents the Leicester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council and has not missed a meeting since his appointment as a delegate. He is a member of the Standing Committee and was elected to 'The Ringing World' Committee two years ago.

CONDUCTED 704 PEALS

Many persons have realised various ambitions under his able conducting. In this connection his records show that progress by different people has been maintained throughout. In the 704 peals he has conducted there are no less than 932 'firsts' of various kinds, including his own.

He has taken part in peals for 29 different Associations and his tower bell peals have been rung in 108 different towers. He has rung each bell to a peal at Anstey, Claybrooke, Enderby, Gilmorton, Leicester Cathedral, Stoney Stanton and the Loughborough Bell Foundry. At the last-mentioned campanile he is well known, having rung 191 peals there. Including those on the old ring of ten at Leicester Cathedral he has rung 128 there.

Only on two occasions has he been on ringing tours. In 1930 he went with the late William Willson's party to Ostend and in one day rang two handbell peals, one in Belgium and one in France. An attempt for a third on the same day in Holland unfortunately came to grief.

The Irish tour he arranged in 1949 will still be in the memory of many, particularly the Leicester ringers and those who went with them.

HIS 1,000 PEALS

ON TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Grandsire and Plain Bob, rung 1; Cambridge Surprise, rung 6 (conducted 3); York Surprise 1 (1); London Surprise 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 2 (1); Stedman 71 (50).

Major.—Plain Bob (inc. 13,440) 2; Little Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 3; Double Norwich Court Bob 5 (1); Duffield 1. Surprise: Lincolnshire 8 (8); Bognor 1 (1); York 1 (1); New Cambridge 4 (1); Cambridge (inc. 12,896) 105 (57); Superlative 58 (35); London 72 (56); Bristol 74 (61); Real Double Superlative 1; Yorkshire 38 (31); Wigston 2 (1); Pudsey 2 (2); Stanton 1 (1); Rochester 2 (2); Bedford 2 (2); Dublin 2 (2); Belgrave 3 (2); Aldenham 4 (4); Leicestershire 1 (1); Rutland 6 (5); Premier 2 (2); Watford 1 (1); Whitwick 1 (1); Lyme 2 (2); Spliced, 4 methods 6 (3); Spliced, 6 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3); Stedman 39 (19).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 59 (38); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Lindsey 2 (2); Goldsborough 1; Leicester 2 (1); Pudsey 2 (2); York 3 (3); Melton 1 (1); Yorkshire 19 (11); Rochester 2 (2); Bedford 1 (1); New Cambridge 3 (2); Belgrave 2 (2); Albanian 2 (2); Aldenham 3 (2); Leicestershire 1 (1); Rutland 1 (1); Wye 1 (1); Metropolitan 2 (2); Spliced, 2 methods, 2 (2).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 26 (15).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Cambridge 30 (18); New Cambridge 3 (3); Yorkshire 23 (14); York 1 (1); Buckinghamshire 1 (1); Superlative 4 (4); Buckingham 1 (1); Pudsey 2 (1); Rochester 1 (1); Bedford 1 (1); Lindsey 1 (1); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Belgrave 1 (1); Albanian 2 (2); Wigston 1 (1); Leicestershire 1 (1); Aldenham 2 (1); Bristol 2 (2); Rutland (Belvoir) 1 (1). Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 1 (1); 3 methods 1 (1); 4 methods 2 (1); 6 methods 1 (1); 7 methods 1 (1); 8 methods 2 (1); 10 methods 1 (1).

Total on tower bells.—766, conducted 517.

ON HANDBELLS

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (1); Stedman 23 (20).

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3); Stedman 60 (47).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1); Stedman 49 (43).

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (10); Kent Treble Bob 13 (12); Double Norwich Court Bob 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 13 (10); Superlative 1 (1); Yorkshire 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (11); Double Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 10 (8). Surprise: Cambridge 8 (6); Yorkshire 2 (2).

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WINTER REUNION

DR. HATCHER AND THE SECRETARYSHIP — PROGRESS AT MANCHESTER & ST. ANDREW'S — EIGHT MARRIAGES AMONG MEMBERS — 250 ACTIVE RINGERS

THE announcement of the impending retirement of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, as hon. secretary of the Universities Association, was made at the annual dinner in London on January 2nd. A company of fifty attended the function, and there was ringing earlier in the day at St. Mary's, Willesden, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

The Rev. Meredith Davies conducted the service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and gave the address. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) read the lesson.

At the dinner the president presided and, after an excellent repast, proposed the loyal toast. Mr. Paul L. Taylor gave the toast of 'Church and State' and contrasted conditions in the relationship of these two bodies 80 years ago, as told him by his uncle, and the present happy position in which both bodies worked together. It was important that the young people present should see that that relationship was maintained.

A witty reply came from the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, who in the process endeavoured to sell copies of his new parish magazine to the gullible among the company, and offered his magazine to the Editor in exchange for a free copy of 'The Ringing World' for the next twelve months.

The new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. F. E. Collins, proposed the health of 'The Universities Association.' He said, according to the register of the Central Council, the Ancient Society of College Youths would be considered the grandfather of all ringing Associations in the Council, and according to the same register the Universities Association was the youngest. During the ten years of their existence they had grown into a very hefty infant. They had watched their progress in 'The Ringing World,' and from their peals they had seen the announcements of their engagements, weddings and recently they had noted that some of them had become family men and women.

Following the art of change ringing was like a farmer with a piece of land. They could not get anything out of land without putting something into it to make the land sweet and good seed. It was exactly the same with ringing: the more one put into it the greater the enjoyment. The best would never be got out of ringing without putting in a great deal of hard work, but it was well worth while in the end. He wished the Universities Association every success in 1953, and coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Hatcher.

In reply, Dr. Hatcher said, as they all knew, their formal activities were the ringing week and the annual dinner. At Nottingham they had a very fine week, and in that respect he would apologise for the delay in the publication of the report of that week in 'The Ringing World.' It was not the fault of the Editor. On the other hand, he was reassured by one member that the report improved with keeping, and it was well worth while as it revived happy memories. As to the dinner, they had ten universities and two university colleges represented that evening.

TEN PEALS

The Universities Association did not often appear in the peal columns, and only about ten peals had been rung that year. Nevertheless the peals rung had been quite interesting. There was a handbell peal at Birmingham by four members and a tower peal at Leicester by four U.A. members at the University College at Leicester. The two peals at Manchester were mostly by Manchester University members. There were three peals rung during their week out of eight attempts, and one was a special peal at Trowell, where their president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) learnt to ring many years ago Another University peal was in Devonshire, mainly through the initiative of Mr. Atkins, and lately they had had two handbell peals rung at Oxford.

They extended their special congratulations to their members at Manchester University, who now had their own Society and had rung the first peal of Owen's College Bob. A big step forward was the formation of the St. Andrew's Society. At this University it was necessary to have 20 members before a University Society could be recognised. Conditions at St. Andrew's were not so easy, but it was evident that the members there were 'doing their stuff.' At Southampton a keen U.A. member was enlisting support from fellow students and had three men and six girls who had wished to join. He hoped that some of the older members of the Association living in that area would give this new group what help they could.

A CHALLENGE TO BIRMINGHAM

Last year they expressed the hope that a Society would be started at Birmingham. Members there had rung one peal. Birmingham was a very great ringing centre and had a large undergraduate population. It should be possible to get a University Society started there.

As the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths reminded them, they were approaching their 10th birthday, and some of them could be quite proud that they were founder members. He believed there were eight couples who had married as the result of finding themselves together through being ringers, and there were some more well on the way. Since the formation of the Society, over 400 members had joined and they now had about 250 active members.

The toast of 'The Exercise' was proposed by Mr. Rodney Meadows, who said that a young man came up to their belfry and said he wanted to learn to ring. They told him there was a lot of blood and sweat in the initial stages, but in the end one would find it was well worth while. If ever he went away from home and heard the sound of bells and went to the ringing chamber he would find himself among friends. That was a thing to be grateful for, as he had come back to London after two years in the wilds of the Western Region of British Railways. First he went to Stratford-on-Avon, then Birmingham, Oxford, South Wales, Shrewsbury and Bristol. Everywhere he had been he had rung and found himself among friends.

In his own tower he made a suggestion on practice night that they should follow the example of the choir and practise the methods they could perform on the following Sunday. The captain of the tower did not think the idea was very practical.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World,' in his reply, thought that from the evidence before him the Exercise was in a healthy state and making progress. In the last two days he had received quarter peals from three local bands rung in towers that had been silent for many years. That denoted far more progress than many of the peals that were being rung.

THE COMPANY

Those present were: Birmingham University, Rev. M. C. C. Melville, R. L. Savory; Bristol, Ivor H. Trueman, Miss Heather Tesson, G. Beynon, E. S. John Hatcher; Cambridge, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, A. S. Watt, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. Anne Speed, E. H. Lewis, E. J. Lindley, Dr. F. S. Poole.

London, A. Blair, Miss M. Fuller, R. L. Sills, Miss Janet M. Besant, G. F. Carter, D. K. Adkin; Loughborough College, D. S. Harris; Leicester U.C., John Hill; Manchester, D. V. Moreton, W. L. Robinson.

Oxford, R. J. Cook, Rev. C. G. Woodhead, Miss Frances Edgar, D. L. Mozley, Miss R. M. K. How, P. C. Wright, Miss Shirley Rymer, R. B. Meadows; Queensland, Australia, T. E. Richards; Reading, Miss Marie R. Cross; Sheffield, P. L. Taylor, C. McGuiness, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; Wales, J. D. Rock; Durham, Rev. K. S. Davis.

Guests.—The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. F. E. Collins), Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. G. H. Cross). Mr. A. A. Hughes and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Wives and friends: Mrs. P. L. Taylor, Mrs. C. McGuiness, W. T. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The President, who presided, said that Dr. Hatcher had intimated that he would like to give up the position of secretary next year when the normal triennial election took place. This was due to pressure of work. The committee considered the matter and felt it would be a good thing to appoint a secretary-designate.

Miss M. Cross proposed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded the election of Mr. Brian Threlfall as secretary-designate. This was carried unanimously.

Apologies were received from the Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of Shoreditch), Miss D. Colgate (secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. York-Bramble, Instr.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, Major Freeborn, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Rev. J. Ll. Edwards, Mr. J. Dyke and Mr. J. H. C. Hooton.

The hon. treasurer's financial statement showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £9 13s. 4d. and finished with a balance of £12 9s. 10d.

New members elected were: Birmingham, Miss Rena Dunkeld: Bristol, D. Marshall, M. Sprackling, T. Edwards, J. Lindeman; Cambridge, Miss Jean Abercrombie, J. H. Fielding, R. J. W. Housden, R. B. Morris, D. J. Woodhams; London, Miss B. Smith, Miss B. M. Boyle, Miss Ruth Paton, Miss E. Emmerson, Miss M. Pride, Miss P. Rand, D. K. Adkins, R. W. Morant, C. H. Barlow, J. D. Cobbett, D. G. Filmer, T. Kille: Manchester, T. W. Mason, D. V. Moreton: Oxford, R. G. Turner, Rev. G. H. B. Andrews: St. Andrew's, Miss B. Marshall, A. H. Batten; Durham, W. Smith.

The hon. secretary reported that the Society had something like 250 active members. For the 1953 Oxford Week accommodation had been booked at Springfield and the cost would be about the same as the Nottingham Week. The dates would be from Friday, August 14th, to Saturday, August 22nd.

The annual dinner was fixed for January 1st, 1954, the venue to be the same as 1953.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Meredith Davies for taking the service and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the towers visited for their services.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DICK WHITTINGTON'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have no doubt that many television owners viewing the excerpts from 'Dick Whittington' on December 29th heard the bells in the finale. Could anyone say which bells they were and whether there exists a record of them?—Yours truly,

E. G. TALBOT.

Croydon.

A SILENT NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if any of your readers could tell me why the custom of ringing in the New Year is dying out in London. On New Year's Night between midnight and 12.30 a.m., I drove from St. Paul's along the Embankment to Chelsea; not a bell could be heard in all that way.—I remain, Sir, Your obedient servant.

TOM INGRAM.

Hampstead, N.W.13.

5,040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Unless a composition is out of the ordinary rut it is most likely to have been done before and its publication will be followed by a request for withdrawal. In my attempt to find a composition not likely to be claimed by some other composer I have found that plain leads are not essential in a peal of Spliced Triples. Call a bob every lead for 360 leads including a H.B.S. at the 350th and 360th leads. When the second is in the hunt ring Court, third Oxford Bob, fourth Hereward, fifth St. Clement's, sixth Double Grandsire, seventh Double Court. There is an alternative method for hunt bells 3, 4 and 7. I think composers will be interested in a B block of 350 leads.

J. SEGAR.

Retford.

ALBOURNE FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ernest Morris' reference to Robert Wells founding handbells at Albourne, Wilts, from 1764 to 1799 interested me because about 50 years ago I purchased a ring of ten from a ringer of Great Yarmouth. These are not 'turned up' inside, two are stamped with R. W. and two with W. R. Is this latter inscription an error by placing the letters in the mould R. W., which would naturally appear the reverse way?

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

FIRST LADY TO CONDUCT A PEAL IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The writer of the letter signed 'A Correspondent' is quite correct in stating that Mrs. Fletcher was the first lady to conduct a peal in Ireland. The footnote to the peal recently published was intended to be 'First resident lady ringer to call a peal in Ireland.' I would not have replied to the writer's letter as I believe that letters where the writer won't sign his name should be ignored, but for the fact that I would not like our good friend, Mrs. Fletcher, to think that we had forgotten her achievement. I can assure her this is not so.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY,
Northern District Secretary.
Irish Association.

Dear Sir,—My letter in your issue of December 26th re the peal at Hillsborough was not quite correct. The concluding phrase in the penultimate sentence should read 'conducted by (as she then was) Miss E. K. Parker.'

My sincere apologies to that talented lady.

A CORRESPONDENT.

FLINTSHIRE AND ITS BELLS

Dear Sir,—In your leading article on 'Flintshire and its Bells' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I was surprised that no mention was made of the best ring of eight in the county, namely, the eight at St. Matthew's, Buckley (tenor 14½ cwt.), by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., installed in 1902, being the gift of Mary Drew, wife of Canon Drew, Vicar of St. Matthew's at that time.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

Note.—We regret that no mention was made of Buckley bells in our review which was written largely from an antiquarian point of view. An interesting point about Buckley bells is that in addition to the inscriptions all the bells bear the impression of two faces of a coin.—Ed.

YORK MINSTER BELLS—60 YEARS AGO

The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

PEAL No. 659

At York Cathedral on Wednesday, November 9th, 1892, the York Minster Branch of the Society rang a peal of 5,129 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 35 minutes Weight of tenor 54 cwt. J. W. Cundal treble; Jas. Thompson 2; T. F. Earnshaw 3; Geo. Worth 4; W. Morrell 5; Abm. Haigh 6; Thomas Haigh 7; Thos. Hodgson 8; Geo. Breed 9; W. H. Howard, R. Thompson and Thos. Neill tenor. Composed by Henry Hubbard and conducted by Thomas Haigh.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, the ringer of the third, and present writer, is the only survivor of the band.

The occasion was the birthday anniversary of the Prince of Wales (later to be King Edward VII.), also the Lord Mayor's Day. It was the custom for the Minster bells to be rung for this double event each year. This is the last peal rung on the Minster bells and may be so for many years to come. This gives it an historic value. The reason for this is that just below the bell tower—in fact not a hundred yards away—a nursing home has been erected in memory of Dr. Purey-Cust, who was Dean of York from 1880 to 1916. This puts the veto on the bells being rung for any length of time. W. H. Howard was 71 when he took part in the above peal. He was also one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association and was elected vice-president, an office he held until his death in 1907.

George Breed was born on December 9th, 1849, at Braintree, Essex. He commenced to handle a bell when he was 15 years of age, but it was not until two years later that he rang his first peal of 720 Bob Minor at St. Michael and All Angels', Braintree. In April, 1873, Mr. Breed came to London and was introduced by Mr. J. M. Hayes to the Ancient Society of College Youths and soon after he was elected a member of the St. James' Society. During his two years' residence in London he took part in many peals and almost invariably was put in charge of one of the heaviest bells. He left for York in 1875 where he resided until his death about 1917. He rang numerous peals at cathedrals and churches in Yorkshire and elsewhere. These included the last peal on St. Martin's, Coney Street, York, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1888, which he conducted. (This church and bells were almost completely destroyed in the blitz on York in 1942.) Mr. Breed was also an excellent cricketer and in 1897 was captain of the City of York Cricket Club.

THOS. F. EARNSHAW.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing two peals on December 27th, Superlative at Henley and Little Bob Royal at Ipswich, Mr. George E. Symonds celebrated his 66th anniversary of becoming a ringer.

Errata.—The peal rung at Shrivenham on December 20th (see page 4) was Wye Surprise Major and not Yorkshire. The error is regretted.

At the funeral service for Mr. W. H. Seers, the ringer of 5-6 of the handbells over the grave was Mr. Edmund King (Bath) and not Mr. W. Baverstock, as printed on page 826.

Ringers of Foot's Cray, Kent, claim to have completed the first quarter in 1953. The bells went into changes at 12.06 a.m., and the final rounds came up at 12.41 a.m.

It is with regret we report the death on January 1st of Mr. Harry Parsons, of Calne, Wilts, and previously of Cirencester, Glos, and Market Lavington, Wilts.

Two policewomen have been elected members of the National Guild of Police Ringers. We hope to publish a report of the Guild's annual meeting at Liverpool in our next issue.

Before the Confirmation service held recently at All Saints', Huntingdon, the bells were rung by a team of four young ringers, who were afterwards confirmed.

Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Hobart, Tasmania, has been poorly of late with diabetes and trouble to his eyes. He has been much missed at Holy Trinity Church, where only six members can be mustered for service ringing.

Knebworth, Herts, bells, which have been silent since last June, were rung on December 21st, the architect having declared the tower safe for ringing to be resumed, although the restoration work, costing £2,500, has still to be completed.

Mr. Geoff Hemming is now out of hospital and would like to thank all ringing friends for their letters of good wishes. He was able to enjoy some handbell ringing while in hospital, as Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas visited him on Boxing Day, and some changes and tunes were greatly appreciated by both patients and staff.

Good wishes to Mr. J. W. Jones, of All Saints', Newport, for better health during the coming year are extended by the ringers, who rang a peal at Llanfrechfa, Mon., in honour of his 87th birthday. The peal rung on December 12th was a second attempt: the first was on December 6th, the eve of his birthday, and came to grief after 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Mr. Walter Steen, of the St. Peter's, Derby, band, started to ring at the age of 45 and having rung 18 peals, ten of which were in his home tower, has completed the circle there in a variety of methods—Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Little Bob Major, St Clement's Bob Major, Bob Minor and Bob Major.

By the local Sunday service band ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Anstey, on Boxing Day, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington has realised a life-long ambition. This is the first time that a peal has been rung at this church by an entirely local band, six of whom were under 21 years of age. The band offer their congratulations to Ronald Copson whose first peal it was, and to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson, who rang her first peal only three weeks ago.

MR. H. J. POOLE'S 1,000 PEALS—continued

Maximus.—Plain Bob 4 (3); Kent Treble Bob 3 (2); Cambridge Surprise 1 (1); Spliced Plain, 4 methods, 1 (1): Kent Treble Bob Fourteen 'In' 1 (1).

Total on handbells.—234, conducted 187.

Grand total.—1,000, conducted 704.

This total does not include 17 peals rung but afterwards found to be false.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Taylor 2, J. Nichols 3, R. Thompson (first quarter) 4, J. W. Haw 5, N. Whitney (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringer of the 4th to Miss J. Challands, of Billingborough.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Blond 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, R. H. Corderoy 8.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles, comprising April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire: F. Foster 1, H. J. Hill 2, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 3, G. E. Hill 4, H. K. Hill 5, F. J. Foster 6. In memoriam Mr. E. R. Shew, Bosbury.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Olive Tayler (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Burgess 2, W. J. Johnson 3, A. Atkins 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, J. Harmsworth 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, R. Middle 2, L. Pullen 3, J. Furze 4, R. Dudden 5, C. Cornelius 6, J. Bartlett (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Ford 8. Rung by local band for Christmas.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral Campanile, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, P. R. Blackman 2, J. T. Finey 3, W. G. Challen 4, Miss E. W. Keys 5, H. W. Stoveld 6, N. J. Smith (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, F. H. Dunford 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gray 1, G. C. Weeks 2, Miss J. Tanner (first quarter) 3, J. Tiley 4, A. E. Sheppard 5, F. Sweet 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, W. Knight 8. First of Triples for 4 and 8. First quarter of Triples by the local band.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hales (first quarter) 1, D. L. Hooper 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, L. L. Willis 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, H. Walker (first quarter) 6.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Butler 1, Miss B. A. Carter 2, P. J. Evans 3, F. G. Beddow 4, J. Butler 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6, E. Willcox (first 'inside') 7, F. Mason 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Professor Samuel Lee, born at Longnor, this being the nearest octave.

CREECH, SOMERSET.—At St Michael's, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 420 Grandsire): Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Matravers 2, H. Floyd 3, G. Uglow 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, G. Sage 6. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on her engagement to Alan Partridge, also a ringer at Bozeat, Northants.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, R. Mackerill 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Paice 5, J. Phillips 6, W. J. Scutham 7, T. J. Southam 8, P. Chalk (cond.) 9, R. Linsell (first quarter) 10.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec 28th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

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HERNE, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): H. Jones 1, C. E. Hadlow 2, W. J. Ruck 3, F. Fyle 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, G. Hadlow 6.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Moore 1, A. Jones 2, W. A. Lewis 3, E. R. Gladman 4, P. Bettridge 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. Winter 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Charman 1, J. Martin 2, E. R. Warner 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, A. Boylett 5, W. Saunders 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. E. Davies 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, F. Bishop 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, D. Charnley 9, A. Tomblin 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds on the birth of their daughter (Frances).

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Wright 1, E. C. Harlow 2, Miss R. Avery 3, Miss C. Jones 4, Miss Q. Cooper 5, R. F. Jones 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. First quarter of Triples by all except 2 and 7. First quarter of Triples on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,286 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. I. Dando (first quarter) 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 4, F. N. Lane 5, G. Allen 6, A. D. Tremeer 7, F. W. Mansbridge 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Thain 1, W. Staite 2, G. Goulding 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Price 5, R. Hazell 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, R. Thain 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Frank Cole, aged 88 years, a member of the band wsho rang in the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques on February 14th, 1920.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, J. Waters 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth Ford 4, R. Curtis (first as cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. First quarter by the local service ringers.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Acott 1, W. Manser (cond.) 2, A. Wenban 3, S. S. King 4, R. Pankhurst 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Acott 1, S. S. King 2, A. Wenban 3, W. Manser 4, R. Pankhurst 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. King.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rita Stratford 1, Dorothy Stratford 2, A. Chapman 3, M. Abbott 4, M. E. Brown (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. First in method for all except the conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Bamber (first quarter) 1, Mary A. Downes (first 'inside') 2, Edna J. Young (first 'inside') 3, E. Gardner 4, E. J. Wells (cond.) 5, P. Cole (first quarter) 6. Rung at the request of the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever).

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, W. Ransom 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gibson 1, Miss E. Softley 2, W. Robson 3, Miss M. A. Softley 4, Miss K. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea 6, C. N. Lea (cond.) 7, Miss J. B. Softley 8. Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lea.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, G. W. Townsend 2, W. Sidwell 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, F. G. Wilton 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, A. J. Tickner 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Leask (first quarter) 1, John Thorley 2, J. Thorley 3, C. Leask 4, T. Leask 5, E. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, D. Thorley 8.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Carless 1, Miss N. Evans 2, Miss S. Banks 3, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 4, G. W. Shepherd (first 'inside') 5, D. A. Shepherd 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Shepherd (first away from tenor) 1, Miss S. Banks 2, C. J. Shepherd (first quarter) 3, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 4, D. H. Watson (first in method) 5, G. W. Shepherd 6. A compliment to C. J. Shepherd on his 21st birthday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss K. M. Cowley 1, G. E. Green 2, A. H. Hinton 3, W. J. Chester 4, F. C. Case 5, R. H. Howson 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. Yates (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major as conductor. A compliment to A. H. Hinton and Miss K. Mary Cowley on their engagement.

CHRISTMAS MORNING AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, SMITHFIELD

In response to an urgent appeal, five London ringers (for whom morning service ringing at their own towers had come at a fortunately earlier hour) met at Smithfield on Christmas morning to ring for Matins on the recently-restored five of St. Bartholomew-the-Great. Rarely, surely, can a ringing rescue party have undertaken a more grateful mission nor felt themselves so proudly privileged in the event. The little 'widdershins' pre-Reformation five, with their strange and attractive cry, took up the age-old tune of Grandsire Doubles quite quickly after their long silence; and it seemed happily appropriate, in Rahere's church, that three of the band that morning should be hospital workers, including a nursing sister (in uniform, between duty spells) from Bart's.

The service afterwards, in the grand Norman church, with the fine singing of the choir and the Vicar's kindly-expressed thanks to the ringers, set the seal on an act of Christmas ringing and worship which those who took part will not readily forget. Although it may well be centuries since these bells were rung in peal on Christmas morning, the Vicar was perhaps not quite right when he said that they had not been rung, but only chimed, for 400 years. We have it on good authority that some patient zealots rang a peal of Stedman Doubles on them some time between the wars. Now that the Whitechapel Foundry has made them sound and 'go' again in a manner worthy of their historic and splendid setting, it is good to know that a band is being trained to ring them regularly to call worshippers to London's oldest parish church.

St. Bartholomew-the-Great's Church possesses the only pre-Reformation ring by one founder in the country. The bells were cast by Thomas Bulleston, of Aldgate. There is a pre-Reformation ring at Ipswich but it is not by one founder.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 10th, 1913

A RING OF TEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEDICATION OF HINGHAM BELLS

On Monday, November 25th, 1912, was dedicated a new ring of ten bells raised in a detached campanile by popular subscription, both being a memorial to the immigrant settlers and founders of Hingham, many of whom are known to have sprung from the best families of Hingham, Norfolk. Their descendants have always maintained an affection for the 'old home' . . . and when it came to a choice of bells the happy proposal to reproduce with original inscriptions the ring of St. Andrew's (augmented by two trebles) met with hearty approval. . . . To the casual observer, the brick tower . . . . might appear too fragile to withstand the thrust of swinging bells, but American engineers have evolved a novel process of solid concrete construction reinforced by steel rods, which ensures stability of structure with economy of cost—a discovery which should be more generally recognised. . . .

Mr. Gibbons (the bell hanger) was present at the dedication, and other ringers who attended were Mr. Frank Burgar, formerly of Sheffield, who has taken part in 27 peals: Mr. Henry Aston, who long ago rang in a peal at Coventry: Mr. William Shipp, junr. from Oxfordshire: Mr. Samuel Hogdon, of Bradford: Dr. A. H. Nichols (of Boston, Mass.) and (seven) connected now or formerly with the ringers of Groton School. It is noteworthy that this is the first ring of ten bells installed in the United States. . . . The tenor is in E flat, weighing 19 cwt. 2 qr. . . . .

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXVII.

TREBLE BOB IS NOT REALLY DIFFICULT

It is not really a very difficult step from Plain to Treble Bob, but, when mastered, it opens up a much wider scope for the ringer's talent.

When plain hunting, the ringer takes his bell regularly from place to place, a step at a time. After leading he moves into 2nds, then into 3rds, next to 4ths, and so on, until he gets behind all the rest of the bells. He turns about by having a whole pull behind and then comes down step by step, just as he went up, until he reaches the lead, where he has a whole pull, which really is only the means of turning round to hunt in the opposite direction, just as was his whole pull behind.

If the ringer has gone any step beyond ringing the treble in a plain hunt, he will know what dodging is. It is one step back in some place, which breaks up the regularity of the forward march.

Treble Bob consists of a series of backward steps throughout the lead. It is, in fact, a dodging hunt. It is based on a dodge in every dodging position; that is 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., and the treble keeps to this dodging path. The other bells cannot keep strictly to it, or no progress could be made in the production of changes, but in the simplest Treble Bob methods they keep fairly close to it.

The work of the treble in Treble Bob consists of three steps forward and one back, allowing, of course, for the turning round in front and behind. The treble starts by making one blow in 2nds place and stepping back at the next blow to lead a half-pull, at backstroke. Then it hunts forward three places, bringing it into 4ths and steps back one into 3rds (at backstroke). Then forward again three places and back one into 5ths (at backstroke). If you are ringing Minor the whole pull behind comes next, and then, corresponding with the blow in 2nds on the front, one blow in 5ths and a step back into 6ths (at backstroke); forward three places to 3rds, and a step back into 4ths (at backstroke), forward three places to lead, and a step back into 2nds (at backstroke) and then the whole pull at lead.

You will have noticed that the step back is always at backstroke. It may help you. If you are not quite sure of your position, you know for certain that the next pull, if it is a handstroke, cannot be a backward step.

For a young band who are all just tackling Treble Bob for the first time it is not bad preliminary practice for all the bells to carry out a dodging hunt on these lines. There will be repetition of changes, but it will help the ringers to get used to a continuous dodging hunt and also to pick out the dodging places.

Kent Treble Bob is probably the easiest of all Treble Bob methods to ring. In each lead one bell remains in front, alternately leading and making 2nds place (a whole pull in each) except when dodging with the treble. This is called the 'Slow' work and results in there being no dodging in 1-2, except with the treble; while, when the treble is in 1-2, place-making is substituted for dodging in 3-4, the bells going up making 3rds (a whole pull) and 4ths (a whole pull) and those coming down 4ths and 3rds. These places begin at backstroke.

There are some simple rules to guide you to this place-making. When you leave the Slow work, by dodging in 1-2 with the treble, make 3rds and 4ths places going out: make similar places the next lead, immediately after passing the treble in 2-3.

When you pass the treble in 4-5 make 4ths and 3rds places on the way down; make similar places the next lead, after you have dodged in 5-6 with the treble.

When the places are completed and you go down to lead, you will find yourself with the treble on the front. Dodge with the treble and begin the Slow work, which, as mentioned above, consists of a whole pull at lead and a whole pull in 2nds alternately, until the treble comes back again.

There is no other dodging on the front, but with the exceptions in 3-4, while the treble is in 1-2, every bell dodges in every dodging place, whatever the number of bells employed, be it 6, 8, 10 or 12.

We suggest that beginners should endeavour to construct a lead or two of the method.

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5

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2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2 6 1 5 3
4 2 1 6 3 5
2 4 6 1 5 3

These figures show you how to start. You repeat the work of the second section until the treble has completed its dodge in 4-3 on the way down, and then put in a section corresponding to the first. That completed, make 6ths place when the treble leads and it should give you 142635 at the new 'lead head'; that is the row in the second lead corresponding to rounds in the first. Just try it!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Eight members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers—Messrs. W. D. Ashdown, E. M. Atkins, A. L. Bennett, M. J. Bray, J. E. Lilley, F. Turner, Capt. A. R. Poyntz and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott—spent a very enjoyable afternoon on Boxing Day under ideal weather conditions.

Leaving Newton Abbot soon after two o'clock the famous Cockington Church was first visited. The bells were in excellent order and some good ringing was done. The party then moved on to All Saints', Babbacombe, where the bells go well, but where some difficulty was experienced at first with one of the bells. The matter having been adjusted, a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples sufficed owing to shortage of time. Kingskerswell's bells were found to be in first-class order and, as at Cockington, good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

The party were then ready for the sumptuous tea that awaited them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lilley. The evening was spent in handbell ringing and listening to gramophone records of the various bells, not forgetting, too, that the youngest member of the party, 'Bray,' showed how he could play his new harmonica. Thus ended another memorable Boxing Day, which consisted of beautiful weather, good striking, good fellowship and with many happy memories of the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lilley and Mrs. Lilley senior. A. L. B.

Beverley and District Society

The Society held its December meeting at Sutton-in-Holderness. The bells were raised and rung to standard methods in the afternoon, a well-struck touch of Cambridge Minor being the service touch.

The Rev. L. Reynolds, Vicar of Sutton, conducted the service and gave a short address on the duties of ringers besides change ringing. Ringers' wives and mothers served a tea of home-made cooking to 35 members and friends.

The business meeting followed the tea, where thanks were expressed to the Vicar and the local ringers and their ladies for the excellent arrangements for the meeting. The report of the Dinner Sub-Committee was read to the members for their approval.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m, in various methods, some of the touches being very well struck.

OBITUARY

MR. H. PARSONS.

AN APPRECIATION.

The passing of Harry Parsons on January 1st will leave a big breach in the ringing circles of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild. He was one of the old school, having secured most of his training at the hands of past masters of the art, such as the late Jim Hinton, Fred May, W. Cave, etc., of Bristol.

I met him first at Ottery St. Mary, when we rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Whitsun, 1929. Since then we had always been friends. I am sure his Cirencester friends will remember him for his genial good company, also many visiting ringers to Calne for the ready hospitality of Mrs. Parsons and family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Now we, as ringers of the Calne Branch, say 'Good-bye, Harry, till we meet again in the happier sphere above.'

May he rest in peace.

L. A. WILSON.

WILLIAM HONOR.

The oldest member of the St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers, Mr. William Honor, passed away on December 20th, at the age of 85. He had belonged to the Guild for 68 years.

Up to about 18 months ago he was one of the most regular and active members, and it was only the fear of slight sudden attacks of giddiness that prevented him from ringing in recent months. A member of the Middlesex Association since its foundation, he was among those who were made honorary life members after 50 years of service.

No record of his peals is known, but they included efforts in many of the standard methods. At ringing the tenor behind to eight or ten bells he was an artist, and the late William Pye had often spoken of his prowess in this direction.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled on the day of his death, and on Christmas Eve, when he was buried at Hillingdon Cemetery, a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, was rung over his grave by the following: W. H. Coles 1-2, F. C. Price 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, A. R. G. Twinn 7-8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler, and in the unavoidable absence of the organist, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. F. C. Price officiated.

AN APPRECIATION

On Christmas Eve when Bill Honor was laid to rest the parish of Hillingdon said good-bye to a man who was surely one of the most lovable characters the district has ever known.

He was, before he retired, a gardener by profession and he seemed, by his genial and modest personality, to lend truth to the poem which says, 'One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.'

A ringer and sidesman, he served his church with a loyalty which was a shining example, and even when he was no longer able to climb the steps to the tower his heart was there and his interest keen. It was very appropriate that his end should be peaceful and also that in the midst of a rather bleak winter the sun should shine when, for the last time, he was taken to the church he loved and served so well.

Any sorrow that we must feel at his passing from us is tempered with true thankfulness for his life and work and the honour of being known as his friend. W. H. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch Annual Meeting

THE Exeter Branch annual meeting was held on December 13th at Exeter, about 40 members and visitors being present.

The afternoon's programme commenced with an hour's ringing on the new eight at St. Mark's, the first time the Branch had had the pleasure, so full advantage was taken of the kind co-operation of this new addition to the Guild and Branch.

The company then proceeded to St. Petrock's, where the usual service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Goundry, who gave the Branch a hearty welcome and an interesting address during which was intimated the possibility of the 'six' of St. Petrock's being restored in the near future. The Branch was honoured by having the Rev. J. L. Dams at the organ, who obliged at literally a moment's notice.

Then on to St. David's Institute, where the tea awaited and the meeting was opened by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, chairman, welcoming the visitors, special mention being made of the presence of the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who has now almost completely recovered from a series of operations. All were delighted at seeing him looking so well and hoped for his complete recovery in the very near future.

Apologies were received from Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary, and the Rev. C. J. Poulton, Vicar of St. Mark's.

The annual report was presented by the hon. secretary, the main points being the entry of St. Mark's into the Guild, the progress at Thorverton, Heavitree, Newton St. Cyres and St. Thomas' and the disappointment at the 'dropping off' at Tedburn and Upton Pyne. Meetings during the year still needed more support from Branch members, the same also applied to the Branch practices. The report was adopted.

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed an increase in the balance of £1 0s. 10½d. to £12 16s. 10½d.

The Branch officers for 1952 were elected en bloc for 1953; the thanks and appreciation of the meeting were extended to them. Exminster on Saturday, February 14th, was chosen for the next meeting subject to the necessary permission being forthcoming.

Noel Thomas, of Brampford, was elected a performing member, and the following who took part in the excellent peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral on December 6th were elected non-resident life members: Miss G. Brittain, Miss A. M. Bailey, Messrs. D. F. Parsons, J. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, J. Hill, N. J. Diserens, T. J. Southam and K. W. Mackintosh.

Branch practices were discussed at some length and a decision was reached that Newton St. Cyres should be applied for in January, and the practice to be held on a Saturday not to coincide with the Cathedral practice, and the whole to be again reviewed at the next Branch meeting.

The chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation to all assisting in the arrangements, especially to the Rev. J. A. Goundry and the Rev. J. L. Dams.

The afternoon continued with ringing at St. Thomas' and Heavitree and the 'goodbyes' were said in the usual places in the inevitable way in which most ringers think fit and proper!

F. W.

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DEATHS

EDWARDS. — On Jan. 2nd, 1953, at 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Charles, in his 84th year, beloved father of Mabel (Elkins) and William, and grandfather of Mary (Lewis). Some time of Farnham, Surrey, and for many years Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. 1951

HONOR. — On Dec. 20th, 1952, William Honor, of Hillingdon, a founder member of the Middlesex County Association, aged 85 years. 1959

PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton, Bath. 1896

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath Abbey on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Sion Hill, Bath. 1942

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1932

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Newton St. Cyres (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea available. All ringers (potential or advanced) welcomed.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1940

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street.—C. A. Bassett. 1899

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea; there are several cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1919

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at St. Albans. Bells: St. Peter's (10) from 2.45 p.m.; Cathedral (12) from 6.30 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Institute 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1962

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1891

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Halifax Parish (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided, please bring own food, or cafes in town. Meeting immediately afterwards. Bells from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Meeting, West Malling (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1918

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Inaugural meeting, St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Roma Cafe, Bigg Market (3s.), at 4.30. 1880

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.30; Cathedral (12) 5-6; St. Mary's (8) after tea if required. Service 4.30 at St. Mary's. Tea 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. 1886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 5 p.m. —W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1905

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Washingborough, Jan. 10th. 1930

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 10th. St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea. Meeting, Chelsea, 6 p.m. St. Mary's, Battersea, 7 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1931

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at Repton Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 1883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. 1876

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Rowley Regis (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. (17th unsuitable for Rector). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Social evening to follow.—Bernard C. Ashford, Secretary, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1912

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Winford, Jan. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1968

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. H. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade.—Dennis Knox. 1963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Jan. 14th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1971

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick, Jan. 17th. St. Mary's bells (10) available at 3. Tea at 5 at the Ilex Cafe, 24, Smith Street, for all who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Business meeting will follow tea at the cafe. Bells available again during the evening.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 1965

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting, St. John's, Darlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 15th to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington.—D. R. Airey. 1973

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — District annual, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: R.C. (8) 2–3 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1966

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Jan. 17th. St. Mary's (8) bells from 3 p.m., All Saints' (6) from 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at All Saints' Hall, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1960

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to me by Jan. 12th.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec., 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth. 1780

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting, Halstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss H. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 1938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cartwright, c/o Waldock's Bakery, High Street, Tring, by Jan. 15th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Hawkhurst on Jan. 17th, at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst. 1863

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please, with names) to me not later than Monday, Jan. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Bolton Parish Church, Sat., Jan. 17th. Bells available, St. George's, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Parish from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Business meeting follows tea. Names for tea to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton, before Jan. 15th. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1952

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Jan. 17th at St. Thomas', St. Helens. Note changed date.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome. Bus from King Street West or Victoria Bridge.—R. Benson. 1972

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. This is the annual branch meeting, so turn up, please. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 1957

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30–4.30 and 6.15–8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Colles Hall, 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—J. H. Cook. 1954

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1936

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (Markhouse Road), 3–4.30, Leyton (Church Road) 6–7.30. Tea, Roma Cafe, corner Markhouse Road, 4.45. Business meeting, Leyton, 5.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 1975

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD. — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow, when officers will be elected. Names are necessary to ensure tea. No. 653 trolley bus route.—T. J. Lock. 1956

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Acton, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 in vestry. Tea available locally. District committee, Heston Vicarage, Jan. 15th, 7 p.m. 1953 subscriptions should be paid now. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Henley, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. Branch annual, St. Laurence's, Reading, Feb. 14th. 1969

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who advise me not later than Jan. 12th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 1961

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Jan. 17th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1900

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Peter's, Dorchester. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Jan. 13th to Mr. J. W. Smith, 147, Damers Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 1944

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Annual meeting at Poole on Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rector of Poole. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify by Jan. 14th I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 1948

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. 2.30-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5.15. Names for tea (5.30) essential by Jan. 14th.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District — Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell.—P. N. White. 1878

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton, Jan. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 14th to P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1949

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meet in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (3s. per head) 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral Schools. Names, by Jan. 15th, to J. E. Kirby, 116, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1911

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1943

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (8) (not Shorne as announced) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th. 1976

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the Talbot Cafe. Names for tea before Jan. 19th to P.C. R. Woods, 15, Cowes Road, Grantham. 1953

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — January 24th. St. Giles' bells (10) 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. All Saints'. Bells (8) in evening. Meat tea 4.45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Price: Branch members up to 18 years 2s.; over 18 years 2s. 6d.; others 4s. Names, **with remittance**, must reach me by **Thursday, Jan. 15th**, this is definite.—Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1898

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea early to E. Brooks, 37, Church Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 1955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 24th, Salisbury. Service, St. Edmund's, 4, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: St. Martin's 2.30–3.30, 6.30–8.30; St. Paul's 2.30–3.30, 8.15–9; St. Thomas' 6.15–8. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1950

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Wadsworth's Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1945

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting, Reigate, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate. 1941

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner in Market Cross Hotel, Beverley, on Jan. 31st, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Price 9s. per head. Will all who desire to attend please send their names, with remittance, before Jan. 17th to Mr. G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1933

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, 6.30 to 11 p.m., will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tickets, priced 6s. 9d., obtainable from D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby. Peals arranged by request in the morning. Open ringing at Derby towers in the afternoon. 1935

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25 YEARS AFTER

THE West Country—a beautiful white and frosty moonlit night—the Old Year was going out and the New Year coming in, and I, just able to ring a bell in rounds, had got permission from Father and Mother to go along and join in 'Ringing the Old Year out' at our Parish Church!

I had to plead very hard; permission did not come easily and I had never stayed up until midnight before! and—the ringers had a reputation of celebrating these important occasions in an enthusiastic manner, but suitable only for adults. But I had won, for here I was, walking through 'The Firs,' as we called the woods, through which was the path to the church; the dear old moon shone through the trees, so I didn't need the lantern to-night; this, I thought, was life as it should be! As I approached the tower I could see old Jimmy, the captain, standing by the belfry door, which looked out over the churchyard on the ground floor. 'You be about then?' said Jimmy. 'Yes,' I said, '*and* I can stop to the finish.' 'Ah!' says Jimmy, 'I told 'un (meaning Father) down "Flying Hoss" t'other night to let thee come up, but mind, you bain't tapping ee too often' ('ee' was a nine gallon barrel of cider, perched on a rest in the corner of the belfry!). One by one the rest of the band came along and the heavy old ring of five was raised in peal in good style; it was then about 7.30 p.m. and ringing the Old Year out had started.

After the raising, the barrel was tapped ceremoniously. Old Jimmy filled the cider mug and handed it to George, saying, 'Drink and ask I to,' and they all sampled and passed favourable opinions that it was as good as last year—that the dear old farmer who lived nearby and always provided the barrel was a good sort — and that they wouldn't mind betting that the cider was made with a good lot of 'Kingston Blacks,' an apple with a reputation among cider drinkers. Then more ringing—stopping to chat over old times; the well-worn stories were new to me and so, of course, I was a good listener and my questions were as welcome as flowers in May!

More ringing, interspersed with toasts with the cider, and then supper in a ringer's house nearby: pork and pickles, cheese and cider. How good it was! Then the cards came out. 'Nap' was the favourite of all the games. What a riot when Harry kept the right card and Jimmy's 'Nap' went down!

Then at 11.30 back to the tower—all a little the worse for wear, but very serious that the job in hand must be done with the usual precision, and when after midnight had passed they lowered in peal, or perhaps not quite in peal, then much hand-shaking and exhortation to me to stick to ringing because it was the finest art ever practised.

. . . . . .

Just 25 years after, 150 miles away, I was cycling home, having just joined once more in ringing for a similar occasion; this time it did not start until 11 p.m., but I had been invited to join a band of girls and boys who comprised the village ringers. I found the same pleasure as ever; they were such a keen and jovial lot and we rang and then talked as ringers will.

About twenty minutes to twelve, one of the girls noticed some people coming into church. The belfry here was a gallery overlooking it. She grasped the situation at once: hearing the bells, they thought there might be a service, and on going down to speak to them this was confirmed.

On returning to the belfry, this young lady suggested that we should stop ringing and invite them to join us in singing a couple of hymns as they had come along to church. Everyone agreed, so naturally it seemed, and our 'congregation' were quite pleased and entered the pews, the hymns were announced from the gallery and we all sang lustily.

It was then time to ring out the old—and in more ways than one how well the old was being rung out. After, there were the same warm handshakes, Happy New Year wishes, the same warm invitation to me to come over again soon—and, would I come one day and talk to their Youth Club about ringing? As I cycled along I began counting up, yes it was exactly 25 years ago. What a change! I contrasted in my mind the two occasions—so different and yet in a fundamental way exactly the same. 'Ever the same, yet ever new—changed and yet true.'

Jimmy would have thought that the place to sing hymns was at church service—he always went on Sunday mornings, and I know he and his merry men would have been most indignant if anyone had suggested that their customs were irreverent.

At the Youth Club I told them this story and tried to explain how the ringing associations had through the years put ringing on a higher level—and despite the changes in customs how the delight was the same ever, the fellowship as warm and satisfying, and how the sense of duty and service combined with immeasurable joy and pleasure, unimpaired with the passing years. W. H. C.

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A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
PHILIP WALKER	2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	6
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	HARRY GARDNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Dale, churchwarden at the above church, and Frank Beckett, a member of the above Society for forty years.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

STEWART J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3	DENNIS ROE	7
CLEMENT W. JOSE	4	JAMES C. NORTHEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
Rung on the 97th birthday of Mr. Sam Quintrell, ringer in this tower for over seventy years and captain for over sixty years.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	F. ERIC ROBERTS	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4	REGINALD BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Ivor Rawlings, a member of the local band.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*ERNEST J. LADD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Rutland.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
*PETER J. MORTON	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
†JOHN McDONALD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	ALLAN MORGAN	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor calling his first peal of Triples, also Holt's Original.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	*DAVID L. GULLICK	5
†DEREK P. JONES	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
†PETER W. CROFT	3	WALTER AYRE	7
†GEORGE CHERRY	4	†FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
JOHN SCOTT	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
DOROTHY E. OSBORNE	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*GORDON A. HALLS	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Edwards, granddaughter of the ringer of the tenor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	*GORDON A. HALLS	5
HENRY PARKER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
DOROTHY E. OSBORNE	3	JOHN SCOTT	7
JOHN ASHCROFT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in the method. 75th peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of St. Stephen.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS HARRIS	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	*STANLEY ATWELL	6
FREDERICK SYMONDS	3	HARRY SMITH	7
PERCY H. HULL	4	*EDWIN LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal on eight bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HURRELL	*Treble*	ISAAC EMERY	5
FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON	2	*PETER G. PARROTT	6
PERCY J. SPICE	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	4	JIM HURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's first peal for 20 years (January 10th, 1933).
Rung by request of the Vicar for Holy Innocents' Eve.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,176 Cambridge and 2,880 Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	*REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON	5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
WILLIAM THOMPSETT	3	*GEORGE DAVIS	7
*JOHN D. ROCK	4	†WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 150th peal for the Guild. The first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild and in the county.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*OLIVER MILLS	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHINGS	5
LESLIE BARRY	2	VICTOR WILLS	6
STANLEY POOLE	3	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	7
FREDERICK OAKHILL	4	*JOSEPH UNDERHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EILEEN S. WYLES	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
PETER F. BORER	3	STANLEY M. EVANS	7
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Springate and William J. Walker.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as an 88th and 84th birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, Sussex, parents of the conductor. Also to Mrs. Vaughan, wife of the treble ringer.

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BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
HARRY N. VAUGHAN	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	*C. JOHN PIPER	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.
Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. Sir Henry Denny, who retired at the end of the year.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 37. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb.

*DAVID WEST	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
FRED W. ORRISS	3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	7
GEORGE WATERMAN	4	RONALD G. BUGG	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal.
An engagement peal for F. Orriss and Miss J. Southgate.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*ROLAND BENISTON	7
*C. WILLIAM HALL	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DAPHNE LUKE	*Treble*	HERBERT J. ELDRED	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	THOMAS E. DAVIES	7
BERYL R. COWLIN	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
Rung to wish Godspeed to the Rev. J. C. Neil-Smith, M.A., on his preferment to the living of St. Matthew's, Ponders End, and as a thanksgiving for his work in Ealing.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS	*Treble*	*R. JAMES COOK	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
PETER C. WRIGHT	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
WILLIAM P. GARNER	3	HILDRED S. WICKENS	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First touch of Cambridge Major.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	JOHN W. GLEW	5
MISS A. M. HOBBS	2	JACK BAILEY	6
CHARLES WALKLATE	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
PERCY DUDLEY	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

FRANK WILLS	*Treble*	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	5
FREDERICK WREFORD	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
ELIZABETH BROWN	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
CHARLES P. YATES	4	WILLIAM H. HOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
Rung for the Feast of Circumcision, also for the recent ordination of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and his father.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. PIPE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 75th peal together.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. WHITE	*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING	5
AUDREY WHITE	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	4	COLIN A. HOPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung with bells half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HITCHIN, HERTSFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

JOHN CHURCH	*Treble*	*PHILIP MEHEW	5
*PETER W. CROFT	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
*DAVID L. GULLICK	3	*FRANK W. CROFT	7
*GEORGE CHERRY	4	*WILLIAM F. TODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled as a farewell to the Old Year.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD BULLOCK	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
ROBERT STICKLEY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
*ROSEMARY JARRET	3	SYDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on a working bell.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN F. WOOD	*Treble*	*ALAN PENDLEBURY	4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First in three methods.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooper, chief ringer at this tower.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being in seven methods of one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN WEST	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	PETER J. EVES	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	*JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

A birthday compliment to P. C. Sayer, captain of the local ringers.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Norwich, Cambridge, Netherseale and Westminster. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	MOSES BILLINGS	5
JOHN E. COOK	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising: Stedman, Ravensingham, Chase, Union, New Grandsire, All Saints, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. John, St. Luke, Walsingham, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, Norwich, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Paul, Mileham, St. Simon, Eynsham, Cassington, St. Alban, Shropham, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, St. Blaise, Thurlby, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Costessy, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Kennington, Besthorpe and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN HARROLD	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
ALAN C. COZENS	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
		ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

First peal of Doubles in 42 methods, for all the band and for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

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ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C. 58-59), Oxford Treble Bob (147-150), three extents of Kent Treble Bob (146-144-150).
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER ..	*Treble*	*FRANK W. LACK	4
FRANK WARRINGTON ..	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	5
R. FRANK BAKER	3	LESLIE W. FISHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled clappers in deep respect R. A. Savory, Esq., late churchwarden. R.I.P.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Oxford Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROLAND E. LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM HINKSMAN ..	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ..	5
C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALDERMAN G. LING ..	*Treble*	JAMES SMY	4
FRANK SHAW	2	ARTHUR SMITH	5
*EDWARD SMY	3	ERNEST STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

* First peal of Minor.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smy on the 40th anniversary of their marriage.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

EILEEN S. WYLES	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ..	4
*PETER F. BORER	2	†GEORGE KENWARD ..	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT ..	3	†ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal together.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. G. Jacyues. The Rev. G. Jacyues was recently instituted and inducted as Vicar of the above Church. Also a birthday peal for Eileen S. Wyles and Eric Naylor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Double Court. Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ..	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

The 5th ringer has now 'circled the tower' for the second time.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six methods, viz.: Seven extents each of All Saints (4 callings), Reverse St. Bartholomew (3 callings), Reverse Canterbury (4 callings), April Day (3 callings), Plain Bob (4 callings) and Grandsire (7 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*F. TREVOR WARRINGTON ..	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY ..	4
BRYAN E. CARSON	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
DAVID W. BARR	3	J. NEIL F. FAIREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Doubles in six methods by all except the conductor. First peal of Doubles in six methods as conductor. First peal of Doubles in six methods on the bells.

Rung in thankfulness for the Christmas Festival.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford, Plain Bob, and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE M. HENSHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM CARNWELL ..	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	*MICHAEL O. SLANEY ..	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* 40th peal this year.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

MAURICE BAKER	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	4
HARRY TURNER	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	5
ERIC M. BAKER	3	HERMON J. OLIVER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung with the very good wishes of the Company to the Rev. F. E. C. Vaughan-Jones, M.A., son of the Rector, and Miss Jean M. Claydon, one of the local ringers, whose wedding was solemnised immediately prior to the peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ..	4
JAMES BENNETT	2	*CECIL W. PIPE	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 300th peal. Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which Frederick J. Crapnell took part.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
MARY F. FENSOME	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	3	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD.

First 'touch' as conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents with 10 different callings.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*†WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	*Treble*	*PETER J. THOMAS	4
*†BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	3	*FREDERICK WATSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † Have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROBERT E. TALLIS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	4
*JOHN McDONALD	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON ..	5
MURIEL REAY	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARGARET AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN ..	*Treble*	*PERCY G. BAILEY	4
DAVID MANN	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
CYRIL A. HURST	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal. Rung fully muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At 26, St. Margaret's Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*Kathleen Higgins .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
*R. James Cook .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First peal of Minor on handbells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At 10, Stockmore Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Kathleen Higgins .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
R. James Cook .. .. 5—6
Conducted by R. James Cook.
First peal as conductor.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.
Patrick I. Chapman .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
John King .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the Old Ashmolean Building,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Kathleen Higgins .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
R. James Cook .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 17, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
At 10, Stockmore Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob and Double Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.
*†Kathleen Higgins .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
*R. James Cook .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First handbell peal in more than one method. † 50th peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.
Malcolm King .. .. 1—2 | Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 5—6
Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4 | John King .. .. .. 7—8
Arranged and Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.
Robin G. Turner .. .. 1—2 | Malcolm King .. .. 5—6
John King .. .. .. 3—4 | Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 7—8
Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 22 in C.
Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 1—2 | John King .. .. .. 3—4
Robin G. Turner .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Captains of towers in the Maidstone District rang a peal on January 3rd. They are anxious to know when the last District captains' peal was. There have been plenty of Guild and District officers' peals but few captains' peals.

The Itchingfield (Sussex) ringers raised £60 towards the renovation of their bells by ringing carols on handbells.

After the peal at Rodmersham on December 28th the band was kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. G. Jacyues, which was very much appreciated by the ringers.

York Surprise Royal and Maximus were introduced over Christmas to a number of Leicester ringers with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mr. E. W. Rawson.

Fifty years ago Mr. John Thomas called for the first time Holt's original. The anniversary was appropriately celebrated by his calling the same peal at Claines on December 23rd.

At St. Mellon's, Cardiff, two young ringers who received their first instruction last August rang their first quarters this Christmas. The band included Mr. George Monk, whose 78th birthday was honoured by one of the quarters.

The account of the Christmas ringing on the bells of St. Bartholomew-the-Great reminds a correspondent that a peal of Doubles was rung on these bells conducted by the late Mr. C. T. Coles.

With regard to the peal of 5,016 Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob Major rung 'in hand' at St. Margaret's Schools, Leicester, on January 1st, the band make no claim to fame on account of it, as the conductor, Mr. Brian G. Warwick, considers it to be only Plain Bob simplified.

The 'Scarborough Evening News' devoted its Thursday portrait subject on New Year's Day to 'the "Voice" of Scarborough,' an article dealing with the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church. The article states: 'Bellringing is picturesque. It requires a high degree of skill, patience and honour. The last qualification is important because no peal is recorded unless it has been properly made, and that depends on the honour of the ringers, for only they can tell.'

It will be noted with satisfaction that Stedman Caters is being rung by a local band on the new twelve at Halifax.

By ringing a peal at Wigmore Mr. Robert Stickley has rung peals in both hemispheres. His first peal was in South Africa.

Will those ringers who rang 40 or more peals during 1952 kindly send their record without delay.

The price of tickets for the Derbyshire Association's dinner and social at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on February 21st, is 9s. 6d., and not as inadvertently printed in our last issue.

Three new lady members of Ashbrittle (Somerset) band rang their first quarter at Christmas. There are six ladies now attached to this tower and they hope to ring an all-ladies' quarter for the Coronation. Miss F. Norman, on January 3rd, conducted the touches for new members' certificates of the Devon Guild, at a meeting held at Tiverton, in a very able manner.

We regret to record the passing of Charles Edwards at Altrincham, Cheshire, on January 2nd, at the age of 83 years. From 1923 to 1939 he was Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. We hope to publish in our next issue an obituary notice and an appreciation of his services to ringing.

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TUNE RINGING ON HANDBELLS IN SCHOOLS

A Yorkshire Experiment

THE frequent appearance of handbell ringing in B.B.C. sound and television programmes and numerous appeals in the Press for sets of handbells indicate a revival of interest in tune ringing on handbells.

Change ringers taking part in this activity will find opportunities of creating in the minds of their audiences an interest in and a sympathetic attitude towards church bells generally. For instance, a talk on campanology with demonstrations on handbells, combined with a programme of tune ringing, is generally well received by the audience, who also appreciate a few musical changes and chords as introductions to various tunes.

As tune ringing is practised at a number of schools up and down the country, many readers may be interested in the activities of Wickersley Modern School Handbell Ringers, whose 1951 Christmas T/V programme was mentioned in the last Central Council Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report.

The Handbell Ringing Club at this school started in December, 1950, at the instigation of the headmaster, who purchased for their use a second-hand set of 12 handbells. Their first public performance was at the annual school concert about six weeks later, when 'Grandfather's Clock' and 'Bells of St. Mary's' were enthusiastically received by the audience.

It was found that the preparation of suitable music would involve much time and work, as music specially arranged for handbells is no longer published since W. G. Gordon's excellent arrangements ceased to be printed.

GOOD EAR ESSENTIAL

It has been found best to use selected piano music, broken up into parts to suit the number of bells and ringers, and re-written in normal musical notation, on cards, normally two ringers to a card. Occasionally a little extra harmony is added. The bells are rung 2, 3 and 4 'in hand' according to size, and as each ringer has only four different notes at the most, little knowledge of reading music is required, though a good ear and sense of rhythm and time is essential.

Although the team now have 50 bells covering three chromatic octaves available, very pleasing results can be obtained on 12 to 21 bells if suitable tunes are selected. A great variety of popular old-fashioned melodies can be used.

During the past 18 months the team have taken part in a large number of charity concerts, and entertained in hospitals, at garden parties, functions for old age pensioners and at talks on church bells and bell-ringing. At school they have given combined items with piano and choir. A typical group of tunes takes eight or nine ringers and 30–33 bells.

The audience always seem to really enjoy items on handbells, and a large number of requests for the ringers' services comes to the school from church organisations and local charitable organisations.

Although much effort is needed to maintain the standard reached so far, due to constant loss on leaving school, a few leavers maintain contact by attending the weekly evening practice, and two have been introduced to change ringing and become Sunday service ringers.

Of course, regular practice and team work are essential for successful results, but many ringers, with time and handbells available, could find much pleasure in this pastime once popular amongst ringers. N. C.



The Wickersley handbell ringers with B.B.C. engineers after being televised. Names from left to right: Michael Jackson, Haydon Cooke, Vernon Kelk, Mr. Norman Chaddock, Sound Engineer, Cameraman, Pauline Roberts, Mr. R. Rawlinson (headmaster), Christine Storey and Margaret Mills.
[Picture by permission of 'The South Yorkshire and Rotherham Advertiser.'

HOW SCARBOROUGH'S BELLS WERE REPAIRED IN 1902

In an article on the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough, the following appeared in the 'Scarborough Evening News' of January 1st.

On a Monday afternoon—it was July 28th, 1902—there occurred what was described in the 'Evening News' of that date as an 'extraordinary accident.'

'It appears that along with a choir trip from Norton, Sheffield, were a group of church bell-ringers. These resorted to the Parish Church for a practice and, whilst this was in progress, one of the number was pulled up by his rope, falling back again head foremost to the floor. The unfortunate man alighted on his head and shoulders. He was at once picked up and conveyed to the General Hospital, where he was received at a few minutes to 5 o'clock. Although conscious the man was badly injured about the head and shoulders and he has been detained at the hospital.'

The incident was meat for the following week's issue of the 'Bell News,' which criticised St. Mary's in the following terms:—

'The circumstances afford another instance of the culpable—we had almost written criminal—neglect into which the most costly ornaments of the church are allowed to fall. This particular incident seems to denote a case of extraordinary disregard . . . one bell without a rope; another with a stay off; a third dangerous; together with a general ruin and decay all round, is the position of affairs. Yet with church bells in this state the authorities most unwisely give permission to a visiting company to ring. True it is that they had taken care to fix a notice to "beware of the treble," but this merely increases the irony of the situation. . . . It is hoped that the Vicar and wardens of the Parish Church of Scarborough will have a complete restoration of their bells.'

Under such fire the authorities were forced to take action, and some £70 was spent on improvements and repairs to the bells.

MEETING OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

A meeting arranged by the Methods Committee to discuss the vexed question of Method Extension was held at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on January 3rd. It may be remembered that the Committee's recommendations were not accepted at Lincoln and it was hoped that an exchange of views between the committee and those who disagreed with them on various points would assist in reducing further controversy on the subject at Bournemouth.

Unfortunately, apart from the five members of the committee (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. Cashmore, Golden, Kippin and Lewis), only Messrs. J. S. Carter and K. A. Roe, together with Mr. E. A. Barnett, a former member, attended. A memorandum was however, submitted by Mr. A. York-Bramble. A lively but entirely amicable discussion took place which lasted over three hours and could well have gone on for another three were the train services to some parts of England more suitable. One felt at the end that some progress had been made in reconciling opposing points of view and a number of misunderstandings had been cleared up, all of which would be of assistance to the Committee in framing their further recommendations.

The thanks of all present were expressed to Mr. A. A. Hughes for his kindness in providing accommodation and refreshment for the gathering. E. A. B.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Page 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, H. Ellis 4, P. Chalk 5, M. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips 7, R. Deal (first quarter peal of Major as cond.) 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Pittaway (first quarter) 1, W. C. Lampard (cond.) 2, T. Parrott 3, R. Paine 4, P. Bullen 5, H. Cook 6, J. A. C. King 7, R. M. Currie 8, G. Noice 9, C. Haines 10. Bells half-muffled except tenor. Rung for old year.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Annual Meeting at Liverpool

THE National Guild of Police Ringers visited Liverpool for their annual meeting on Saturday, December 6th. Members and friends began to arrive shortly after 10.30 a.m. and were met by Inspector T. R. Butler and ex-Sergeant Birkett, of Liverpool City Force, at St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church, Shaw Street, where the good ring of eight bells was rung to various methods during the morning. The bells of Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, were also placed at the visitors' disposal during the day.

Owing to bad road conditions and patches of fog the Leicester party were late arriving and took advantage of the arrangements made to visit the Cathedral tower and belfry from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Awaiting at the Cathedral to greet the visitors was Mr. George R. Newton, Ringing Master of the Cathedral, and his company of guides ready to assist. The tower and ringing chamber, though not yet completely finished, are things to be remembered. Still higher, visitors were met with disappointment; on reaching the bell chamber the foggy weather curtailed the view from these dizzy heights and focused our attention on the massive concrete structure carrying the bells. To many with recollections of the 1949 meeting of the Guild at Loughborough, memories of the Bourdon Bell seemed fantastic, dwarfed as it now appears in its spacious surroundings. Back on ground level the reunion of friends from Manchester, Salford, London and Leicester made the journey to the Stork Hotel all too short.

BISHOP'S WELCOME AT LUNCH

The company, now numbering about 70, enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Stork Hotel, where the president, Inspector H. J. Poole, in extending a hearty welcome to the guests, spoke of the Guild's previous visit to Liverpool in 1937, that, incidentally, being Coronation Year of our late King George VI., this meeting preceding the Coronation of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Clifford Martin, himself a bellringer, welcomed the Guild to Liverpool to ring on their bells and hoped that in future the Guild would not select Coronation years to visit that city.

The Chief Constable of Liverpool, Mr. C. C. Martin, C.B.E., who spoke of the friendliness he had always felt from the people of Liverpool, admitted he knew very little about bellringing and jovially remarked he did know something about 'ringing the changes.'

Inspector T. R. Butler, welcoming the visitors, said throughout his police service he had always found a unique spirit of friendliness in the police forces, unequalled anywhere else except amongst bellringers.

The Chief Constable of Bootle Borough Police, Mr. W. E. Pitts, recalled his previous 'good time' at the meeting of the Guild 15 years ago.

An excellent course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells before the president spoke of his great pleasure in having with them that day the president of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, whom he had known for many years.

The Rev. A. D. St. John Smith paid tribute to the Police Guild in getting around the country as they do and thereby making many friends. He thought that where many Guilds and Associations were somewhat lacking in their enthusiasm to teach it was his message to teach and keep on teaching the art of ringing.

The Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. R. Nelson, M.A., was unfortunately unable to be present for lunch owing to members of his family being taken ill at the same time.

Luncheon over, members made their way to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Pierhead, where, during the afternoon, this splendid ring of bells was rung to touches of Stedman and Cambridge; good ringing was enjoyed by all. The bells of Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, were also available during the afternoon.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

Back at the Stork Hotel the company, numbering over 80, sat down to a good tea. The business meeting followed.

The secretary reported that membership had gone up to 103, an increase of five over the previous year. One member had rejoined the Guild and ex-P.C. W. Clayden had passed away.

During the year the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung for the Guild by members from the Metropolis, Birmingham, Warwickshire and Leicester and conducted by the president.

The year ended with a balance of £19 18s. 11½d.; from this amount some expenses had to be met in connection with the Coming-of-Age Celebration Dinner, which was held on January 26th, 1952.

Inspector T. R. Butler gave his report of the Central Council meeting and referred to the many years of valuable service rendered to the Council by the retiring secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and said that Mr. E. A. Barrett had taken over the duties of secretary-treasurer of the Central Council.

Members of the Committee were re-elected en bloc with the exception of P.C. R. Benson, of Manchester. P.C. Crawshaw was elected to take his place. Four new serving members and two police women were elected members of the Guild.

Ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams, of Manchester, proposed the next annual meeting be held at Grantham in September, 1953; this was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late ex-Superintendent A. Wiggins, who passed away during 1952. This concluded the business.

THE SOCIAL EVENING

An excellent social evening had been arranged by Inspector T. R. Butler with Miss Megan Hughes Sgt. F. Lowe, P.C. Roberts, members of the City Police and Mr. Jack Brown and company. Handbell ringing was provided between the items.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Inspector T. R. Butler and ex-Sgt. Birkett for the arrangements made for such a successful meeting in spite of the many difficulties encountered by the postponement of the meeting from September.

Thanks are also due and are tendered to the various incumbents of the churches where ringing took place and to all who assisted in making the day so successful. C. H. F. R.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 17th, 1913

A DICKENS COINCIDENCE

Sir,—I wonder whether many of your readers happened to notice in your issue of January 3rd a curious reminder of 'David Copperfield.' On page 3 the name of the tenor man in the peal rung at Bristol was URIAH Braven, while the treble ringer in the next recorded peal was Harry HEAP. Each of the two names in small capitals being rather an uncommon one, the coincidence of their occurring in close proximity is remarkable.—Yours truly,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

REDEDICATIONS

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE

On Sunday evening, December 14th, the villagers of Handley, Cheshire, heard their church bells again after a silence of three years and despite a blinding snowstorm a large congregation was present in the ancient church to witness the rededication by the Archdeacon of Chester. As the procession moved from the west to the chancel rounds were rung by the local company and during the sermon which followed, the Archdeacon gave details of the inscriptions on the bells as well as something of their history.

The tower is dated 1512 and was furnished with two bells, one of which is still in use as the fourth in the ring of six. The other was recast by Clibury, of Wellington, in 1615. Two trebles were added in 1682 by the same foundry and were among the last to be cast there as it ceased to operate shortly afterwards. The second has survived but the treble was recast by Rudhall in 1709. Towards the end of the last century the four were rehung in a new frame by Barwell, and in 1907 Taylor, of Loughborough, installed two tenors.

INSCRIPTIONS

1.—Tho: Edge Charles Tonna Ch: Wardens 1709

2.—I ham the sekond bell of Handle 1682

3.— + Cantate Domino Canticum Novim 1615

4.— + Virgo parens gentem serva precor Handelienre

The tenors bear no inscription other than the name of the founders and date.

Three years ago bad cracks had developed in the east and west walls of the tower and after a critical inspection by Mr. E. H. Lewis a scheme was evolved by which the structure was bound together by three reinforced floors dovetailed into the walls. To relieve the weaker walls the bells have been hung in a metal frame so designed that all swing in an east-west direction. The project has been completely successful and the old tower is now stronger than ever. In the ringing which took place after the dedication service the 'go' of the bells proved to be all that could be desired and the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are to be congratulated on an excellent piece of work, which gives the Chester Guild another fine ring of six with a 14 cwt. tenor.

J. W. C.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK

For many years the six bells of St. Mary Magdalen, Wiggenhall, have been in a derelict condition, three of them cracked, and have been chimed for services by the disreputable method known as 'clocking.' They were a complete six cast in 1767 by Lester and Pack, tthe third being recast by Thomas Mears in 1841.

In recent months they have been entirely recast and rehung in a new iron frame with provision for the addition of two trebles when funds permit. The tower has received attention from the builders, and the bells previously rung from an upper chamber are now rung from ground level.

The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co. and is a very satisfactory job indeed.

On Saturday, December 13th, at a well-attended service the work was dedicated by Dr. Gordon Walsh (Assistant Bishop of Ely). The opening rounds were rung by a newly-formed local band.

A meeting of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association had been arranged to coincide with the reopening, and after a tea, kindly supplied by the church workers, the bells were kept fully occupied for the rest of the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING IN SYDNEY

Mr. Stafford Green's First Impressions

Dear Sir,—In case they may be of interest to ringers at home I am sending you some **very early impressions** of ringing in and about Sydney. It is very much alive and in the capable hands of a keen, hard-working and much-liked secretary in the person of Mr. Rowe. To any youngster who may be thinking of coming to this country of the future I would say, with confidence, get in touch with Mr. Rowe and he will do the rest and best for you as he has done for me.

Miss Joan Hills, from W. Rogers' Rotherfield band, is here, too, until the end of March and quite one of the regulars at Christ Church, St. Lawrence (6), and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral (8). I met her at the former tower where the 'go' and the long draught combined baffles me completely at present and I found Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob pain and grief after living so long in the West Country. I do not think, however, that the gudgeons can be quite circular.

So far I have not tackled the 100 odd steps up to the belfry at St. Mary's but have paid two visits to the pleasant eight at St. Jude's, Randwick, three or four miles out of Sydney, and hope to go there often. These bells go well and despite the fact that they are of the variety described by my friend Frederick White, as 'Mr. Mence Smith's best,' like St. Clement's, Hastings, are not too 'rusty' sounding to be pleasant and there is a keen band of youngsters there. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob and Court Bob Triples are on their menu and Stedman is in practice. Sunday evening and Friday practices are regular; above all they are blessed with a keen and sympathetic Rector.

So far I have not been either to the beautiful six at Turramurra or to Parramatta another six, both some miles out of Sydney, but hope to visit both.

Melbourne is 800 miles away but combined meetings are occasionally arranged which says much for the fortitude and keenness of the Exercise, I think. I hope perhaps to visit Melbourne on the way back.

I have written these preliminary notes to give some idea of my first impressions of the obvious strength of our craft 'down under' and I believe the future is bright. Girls, as well as boys, are taking to it with keenness and industry and I wish them all the success they deserve.

There is plenty of opportunity here for youngsters **with a craft** and willing to work and be patient, and if they are ringers they will be doubly welcome—that, at least, is my belief; but they must be prepared to adapt themselves to new conditions and to stick it out until they get the 'feel of the ropes.' They will then find a warm welcome and a future. Boss watchers and grumblers are no use whatever.

Australia is a vast continent and the land of the future for the young and industrious, but there is no easy money to be had. Wages on paper are very high but so are prices—nearly double those at home, including exchange.—Yours sincerely, STAFFORD H. GREEN.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—After reading 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of January 2nd, of a recent composition of Mr. W. E. Tipler, of Lutterworth, of St. Andrew's Doubles (New Doubles with Grandsire Singles), first rung at Rugby on January 7th, 1952, I should like to inform you that this composition was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Keresley, Coventry, on January 25th, 1940, and composed by me, and named St Christopher's Doubles, by the following band of ringers:—Brian W. Ellender 1, Harold Folwell 2, Albert E. Bristow 3, Margaret D. Reeves 4, William A. Stote (conductor) 5.—Yours faithfully, ALBERT E. BRISTOW.

Whitley, Coventry.

CORONATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—'We think it would give great pleasure to ringers of Coronation peals if the Royal cipher "E. II. R." could be designated on the peal boards and cards recording them.'

This idea, emanating from members of the Boxley company of ringers was discussed at the recent quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District held at West Malling. The general feeling was one of approval, but no one was exactly sure of the exact procedure for obtaining the Royal assent for this, though there are appropriate regulations, and we anticipate no difficulties.

We did think, however, that the widest publicity should be given to the suggestion, and hence recourse to the most effective of all methods, a letter to you. Obviously it should be possible to obtain a common consent applicable to all such peals and probably this has been, or is being sought on our behalf through the Central Council.

But in this matter of the Royal cipher, Atticus, the well-known columnist of the 'Sunday Times,' had this to say:—

'. . . . I learned with some amusement of the difficulties of the Home Office in coping with the requests for permission to use the Royal and other approved emblems on Coronation souvenirs. Permission is given in the case of articles which are genuinely intended as souvenirs and are of a durable nature. More ephemeral objects are discouraged.

'The most startling request was from a firm which wished to place the Royal cipher on rain drainage pipes. There was nothing ephemeral about their products. they solemnly pointed out; they were intended to be permanent.'

In this connection we imagine that the bell-founders will be using the Royal cipher on bells cast to commemorate this historic occasion.

You, sir, and others of your readers, can probably enlighten us still further.—Yours sincerely, E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Maidstone Dis. Sec., K.C.A.C.R.

ST. ANDREW'S DOUBLES KNOWN IN 1702

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I be allowed to state that St. Andrew's Doubles appeared in the Campanologia of 1702 as Westminster Doubles! Rugby Slow Course Doubles is, of course, Stedman Slow Course with 2nds place at the lead head instead of no place and it is almost certain to have been rung before. The field for Doubles methods is so limited that investigators should be very wary before thinking they have produced anything new. We are in process of putting together a small book of such methods which we hope will be of use to the Exercise.

Whilst writing, I would like to mention the meeting on January 3rd. We were very disappointed at the response, but we hope and believe that the few attending were satisfied with the discussion and that the air was cleared for the next Council meeting. For our part we were pleased that we were able to clear up misunderstandings and to have pointed out to us possible wrong interpretations of our reports which we propose to rectify next time. We are grateful to those who came and to one who sent comments although unavoidably absent, for their help.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—The spliced peal rung at Helmingham on December 5th is false. My authoriser as to the arranging of the methods has now confirmed this. Both he and I offer our sincere apologies to all concerned, especially Miss Patricia Clarke for the excellent way she rang throughout, being only 15 years of age.—Yours faithfully, L. G. BRETT.

THE 1951 ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—The analysis of peals rung on tower bells during 1951 has now been published and it excludes 32 peals which did not comply with the decisions of the Council. I would like to ask which of the Council's decisions the Peals Analysis Committee had in mind when compiling the tables.

Most of these 32 peals were excluded because they contained so-called irregular methods, and if the Analysis professes only to contain regular methods then the committee was correct in its action, and indeed, it will be remembered that the committee expressly sought the direction of the Council at Lincoln in regard to these methods and was instructed to delete them because they did not comply with the decisions of the Council.

So far so good, but later on in the day at Lincoln the Oxford Guild's motion came up for debate and was eventually carried. This, then, is the latest legislation on the subject, and so that we may see what effect it had on the instructions issued earlier in the day to the Peals Analysis Committee I quote it in full.

'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the enforcement of the Central Council rule requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present-day knowledge and practice.'

The motion having been carried the status quo is preserved and this means that the conditions which existed in regard to these methods in 1950 continued to exist in 1951 and still exist to-day. The Analysis of tower bell peals in 1950 did not delete irregular methods and therefore, in my view, the 1951 Analysis should not delete them either, and neither can the 1952 Analysis delete them because the question of Plain Bob lead ends has yet to be re-examined.

The conclusion I reach is that the 1951 Analysis is incomplete and should be treated with caution by those Associations which make use of it for official purposes.—Yours sincerely,

A. L. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

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ENGLAND'S OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER

Mr. Samuel Quintrell's 97th Birthday

CAN Mr. Samuel Quintrell, of St. Columb, Cornwall, lay claim to being the oldest active ringer? He was 97 on December 13th, and the occasion was fittingly celebrated in his own tower, where he has been ringing for over 70 years, and has been captain for over 60.

St. Columb has, in the past, been a stronghold of prize ringing, and the local band has frequently participated in contests, but there is now no antagonism to method ringing, in fact it is much admired when done properly. Mr. S. J. Robinson, treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, is a member of the local band, and also churchwarden, and it was fitting that he should take part in the peal rung on Sam's birthday.

When the peal band assembled Sam was waiting in the church porch and, joined by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Cooke), all were photographed for the local Press. Evidence of Sam's good state of health was seen by the fact that he was the only one without a coat.

Then came the peal of Grandsire Triples, which went off without a hitch, and to which Sam listened all through with the keenest interest as he has done to the two other peals rung at St. Columb since the bells were restored two years ago. But this was not all for the day.

An hour after the peal was over Sam climbed the tower with members of his local band and had a ring himself. Taking the treble, he led the bells up, rang a 'peal' of rounds, and then fell the bells. This band was: S. Quintrell (97) 1, F. Mineer 2, F. Tucker 3, H. Webber 4, W. Crapp 5, H. Caddy 6, G. Key 7, J. Knight 8. Let us hope that Sam will ring for many years yet!



BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

On Boxing Day two cars left Bedfordshire on an outing that turned out to be somewhat different from our customary cycling outings. Seven of us, Bedfordshire Young Ringers, with one guest, set off feeling rather guiltily conscious of the internal combustion engines. Our attempts to reach Royston on time for a quarter peal of Stedman were thwarted by several things, including a first-class puncture. Such a simple job as changing a wheel was beyond the powers of us ill-equipped amateurs, so the ladies, after first subsiding into helpless giggles, proved their usefulness by finding a house with a telephone. Due to the general apathy of garage owners, it was a full hour before we could proceed to Royston for a brief pull on the ring of eight.

After that we advanced towards the Cambridgeshire border and reached the heights of Great Chishill, from where it is said one can see parts of five counties. The astonished head ringer there watched us try to ring the bells up in peal with the tenor leading. This curious state of affairs caused us some puzzled looks. The expression on one ringer's face, as he heard the bell he thought he had just set go on ringing, was quite interesting! This exhibition was followed by one of trying to ring rounds for five minutes, and then at last by some Carter's Doubles.

Still behind time, our lunch break had to be curtailed for time to visit the glorious architecture of Saffron Walden church. Then after losing our way in the Essex lanes, following the vague signposts to Thaxted, we found a very patient tower captain waiting for us to arrive. Our achievement here was a quarter peal of Cambridge, and the Vicar, the Rev. J. Putterill, joined us in a touch of Grandsire Triples.

Next on the list was Radwinter, also in Essex, where the ropes make such a clatter that the bells are almost unheard. So by guesswork we started on a quarter, but had to give up hope of a good one and rang short touches instead. The fall became a sudden tumble when the treble ringer remembered he had not put his car's parking lights on. The Vicar then showed us round his beautiful, ornate church.

After tea and nearly an hour behindhand we tackled the next stage to Ickleton, Cambridgeshire. We had kept the head ringer waiting a long time, but we hope that our 504 of Stedman recompensed him for his wait; and together we rang a touch of Oxford Bob Triples, bringing to an end a memorable day spent with the rings and ringers of three counties.

R. W. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-Western District

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Harlow Town on January 3rd. There was a good attendance, especially from towers in the District. The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Bevan (Vicar), and the address was given by the Rev. H. Derby.

After tea at the Queen's Head, the business meeting followed, the Vicar kindly taking the chair. The secretary reported steady progress in 1952 with increases in both honorary and ringing membership. Mr. B. G. Burton and Mr. G. Blake were re-elected Master and secretary respectively. Mr. W. Aley and Mr. R. Hayden were elected to serve as committee members. Ringing then continued for a further period to finish off a very enjoyable meeting.

South-West Division

The annual general meeting of the South-West Division was held on January 3rd at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Excellent arrangements had been made by the local band and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

The secretary reported an excellent year's work with some very fine peal achievements, including peals of Spliced Surprise in six and eight methods, Ealing and Lincolnshire—all 'firsts' for the Association. Sunday ringing had been good. Honorary membership had increased and ringing membership had been maintained; altogether it had been a very satisfactory year.

The officers of the Division were all re-elected.

THE NEW YEAR USHERED IN

Beverley Minster Ceremony

The last few minutes of 1952 saw a small band of men and women with old-fashioned lanterns in their hands climb the worn steps of the bell tower at Beverley Minster to take part in one of the oldest ceremonies to mark the birth of the New Year.

Centre of the party was the Mayor of Beverley (Ald. H. R. Godbold) and they reached the ringing chamber as ten Beverley ringers were concluding a half-muffled peal. The muffles were removed and in the last minute of the Old Year the Mayor read Tennyson's 'In Memoriam':—

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring in the valiant man and free
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

As the Mayor's last words fell Big John, the biggest bell of all, was chimed the last hour. Immediately the bells were rung open in rounds followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters. Mr. F. Osgerby is captain of the Minster band and the oldest member is Mr. C. Constable, who is now near his 80th birthday.

The reading of Tennyson's poem is a custom that has been handed on from vicar to vicar since the beginning of the century, though the ringers' New Year greeting has been sent out across the dark countryside from the Minster belfry for probably hundreds of years.

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QUARTER PEALS

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 360 Bourne, 240 Norwich): W. Green (first quarter) 1, M. Billings 2, A. Ingall 3, J. E. Cook (cond.) 4, B. Bee 5, L. Willders 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lyadiard 1, A. Purdom 2, T. Brett-Smith 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. Mellons', on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. David (first quarter) 1, G. Monk 2, Miss D. Hulbert 3, G. Chouls 4, L. Hulbert 5, J. Worrall (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire DoMubles: L. Pretty (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, G. Chouls 3, G. Monk 4, J. Worrall (cond.) 5, L. Hulbert. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. George Monk.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hall 1, M. Ball 2, Miss G. Speed 3, P. Gallop 4, C. York 5, T. Dando 6, A. Hazzard (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. First quarter 2, 5 and 8.

CHIRK, DENBIGHS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. L. Todd (first quarter) 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, J. W. Griffiths 6.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, W. D. Prockson 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jones 1, A. Lloyd 2, A. S. Bayley 3, A. V. Edwards 4, R. Evans 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, B. L. Jones 7, P. Barber 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Miriam A. Webb, Sunday school teacher, and Mr. R. Norris, one-time ringer at this church.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eleanor May (first quarter) 1, Dulcie J. Fleetwood 2, L. Woods (first in method) 3, Renee L. Hopkins 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, A. C. Chaplin 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, N. Fleetwood 8.

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Smith 1, V. A. Perry 2, M. Tomalin (16) 3, Miss J. Hill (13) 4, B. D. Hill (16, first as cond.) 5.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Rablah 1, G. Ashdown 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Warner 5, E. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, N. Sherman 8. For carol service.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Conduct 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, R. Stoddard 3, J. W. Conduct 4, C. Smalley 5, W. T. Shelton 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Wells (first quarter) 1, Rosemary A. Heath 2, R. Hale 3, J. Read 4, J. Beadle 5, J. Heath 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. Rung for the midnight service.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, Miss J. M. Downton 2, Miss S. A. Lamprell 3, K. M. Shepperd 4, B. P. Hargrove 5. First quarter peal by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, Miss J. M. Downton 2, Miss S. A. Lamprell 3, K. M. Shepperd 4, B. P. Hargrove 5.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): June Court 1, J. Penfold 2, Janet Wells (cond.) 3, T. Wickens 4, F. Lawrence 5, Mrs. C. Court (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell for Miss Court.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,29? Stedman Caters: J. F. Bryant 1, C. Sweeney 2, W. G. Turner 3, J. Pearson 4, J. H. Fielden 5, R. Beaumont 6, V. Bottomley (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 7, G. F. Bryant 8, S. Longbottom 9, R. Mann 10. First of Stedman Caters by all except conductor. First in method by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. A compliment to ringer of 2nd on his recent engagement.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. Webb 1, A. Jones 2, J. B. Sansom 3, E. R. Gladman 4, B. A. Rose 5, W. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, J. Hales 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. Newman 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Gfalnger 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, C. E. Ottley 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. Wilmington 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: R. F. Smith 1, J. Freeman 2, J. L. Milborne 3, S. A. Chambers 4, H. Lowman 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, D. R. White 7, J. A. Freeman 8, J. Walden 9, G. M. Mayer 10, H. L. Pask 11, C. E. Brown 12.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, D. Riley 2, S. Booth 3, C. Scase 4, L. W. Bullock 5, R. Francis (first quarter) 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. Rann 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. White.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, Miss P. Moon (first quarter) 2, A. W. Palmer 3, R. Williams 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lee 1, S. Clark (first of Triples) 2, J. Coleman 3, F. B. Comer (cond.) 4, I. J. Burroughs 5, R. H. Creber 6, H. W. Criddle 7, G. A. Wall 8. Rung on the 80th birthday of H. W. Criddle.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On New Year's Eve, a Date touch, 1,952 Bob Major (A. F. Lewry): Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, H. G. Keeley 3, G. S. Morris 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, G. Whitemore 6, C. W. Powell 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. This completed 100 quarter peals in this tower during 1952.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Coast 1, L. Mannering 2, F. Hogan 3, T. Grice 4, J. Wallace 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. Rowles, assistant organist at All Saints' for many years.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silney 1, H. Buckingham (84) 2, M. Spracklen 3, Miss J. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, I. P. Davis 2, V. Stock 3, E. Hendy 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, H. Baverstock 6, W. Young 7, R. True 8, A. Rose 9, E. Roper 10. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hendy 1, I. P. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, J. Chilcott (cond.) 4, W. Houlton 5, R. True 6, G. Evenden 7, E. Roper 8. In celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Davis and following a presentation from the local ringers.

PRESCOT, LANC.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia M. Preston (cond.) 1, Joan Whitaker 2, G. Finney 3, R. Preston 4, Wm. Finney, sen., 5, E. Thomas 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Dando 1, Miss S. Rogers 2, K. Cobb 3, F. Light 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. Power 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Irvin D. Batten, fellow-ringer, choirman and churchwarden, who died on Dec. 27th, 1952, in his 52nd year.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and April Day, 300 Grandsire): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, G. F. Gray 2, M. J. Martin 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, I. E. Chittenden 6. First in five methods for all and on the bells.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, A. R. Ling 2, W. Williams 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, W. R. Winterton 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, R. F. Deal 7, P. N. Bond 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 21st, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: H. M. Page 1, J. Chilcott 2, Janet Bailey 3, R. G. Lay 4, H. Belcher 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, W. J. Southam 7, J. B. Sansom 8, R. F. Deal 9, C. G. Watts 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, G. W. Debenham 12. First of Cinques for 3, 4 and 7.

STRATFORD, LONDON.—At St. Mary-at-Bow, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. R. Smith 5, E. D. Smith 6, J. Bullock 7, C. A. Hughes 8. First quarter peal on the new bells.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Double and Single Grandsire, Somerville, Eynsham, Hudibras, April Day, Cassington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Union, Kennington, Plain, Reverse Canterbury, Old and Norfolk): A. Cooke 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Rita Thompson 6. First in 16 for all and on the bells. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,320 Spliced St. Simon's and St. Martin's Doubles: A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First of Spliced for 1 and 2.

TRING, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,472 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Padgett 1, E. H. Lewis (cond.) 2, Audrey Bailey 3, Pamela Martin 4, J. Schofield (first quarter in method) 5, R. G. Bell 6, E. Smith 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hawkes (aged 14, first quarter) 1, F. Lawrence 2, F. Hawkes 3, Miss M. Willett 4, H. Willett 5, E. F. Cubberley 6, C. J. Camm (cond.) 7, L. Dovey 8.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pelton 1, Miss E. Willard 2, E. Pascoe 3, B. J. Luff, jun., 4, F. F. Brooks (first as cond.) 5, E. Luff, sen., 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

BOXING DAY IN SOMERSET

At about 10 a.m. on Boxing Day nearly a dozen ringers representing the counties of Bucks, Devon, Dorset and Somerset assembled at Brushford in N.W. Somerset for the start of another enjoyable outing arranged by Mr. Wilf Panter, and were greeted by a member of the local band.

After about half-an-hour's ringing (including an additional rise, touch and fall for two late-comers) on this handy six (tenor 9½ cwt.) a move was made to Morebath, the only tower in Devon visited that day. This church with its rather strange barn-like exterior has a handy though tricky ring of six (tenor 8¾ cwt.) and some quite good ringing was enjoyed despite the light setting of the treble and third causing a little dismay to one or two ringers.

A cross-country route brought the party to Huish Champflower (6, 11 cwt.), where the bells go quite well but the ropes are bad. Then, with fine glimpses of the Welsh coast, to the last tower before lunch, Crowcombe, where the church was found to be most artistically decorated for Christmas. The bells are a backward ring of six, the tenor being given as 16 cwt. in 'The Book' but 19¾ cwt. on the peal boards, and the latter seemed more correct. After a short ring, which, unfortunately, did no justice to the band, a move was made to the 'local,' where hot sausage rolls, a gift of a Wellington ringer, were much enjoyed.

Permission had been given to ring at Lydeard St. Lawrence but the intended visit had been evidently forgotten, for although a search was made for nearly an hour in which many keys were discovered, the belfry door remained locked. So much time was wasted here that only a quarter of an hour's ringing was possible at Ash Priors (6, 12 cwt.), a great disappointment to all as the bells go like tops. Bishop's Lydeard (8, 23¼ cwt.) was soon reached and the band were glad to have two locals join them. The tower, as well as the none-too-good but fine-toned bells, proved too much for most of the band and here, unfortunately, was the worst ringing of the day.

Norton Fitzwarren (6, 16 cwt.) was the last call and on these good bells some amends were made for previous bad striking. Thanks are due to Mr. Panter for all the organisation, to the Incumbents for kind permission, and to those locals who met the band. E. T. P. F.

THE NEW YEAR AT DORKING

On New Year's Eve the St. Martin's Ringers, Dorking, held their annual supper. The team consists of seventeen members; five experienced ringers and twelve learners, recruited in 1951 when the band was re-formed under the supervision of Mr. A. Harman.

During the evening supper was prepared by the ladies in the Church Hall, while touches of Grandsire were rung from 8 till 9 p.m. Owing mainly to illness only 23 sat down to supper instead of the 33 expected, and this number included two guests from Leatherhead. The menu described the meal as a 'Plain Course,' but 'Four Courses of Superlative' would have been more accurate!

This was followed by a short business meeting under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. K. D. Evans. Touches on the handbells accompanied the 'washing up' and at 11.45 all adjourned to the belfry to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New. Back in the Hall the health, happiness and success of the band in 1953 were pledged before the party broke up.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. P. Sherwood 1, D. Watkins (first 'inside') 2, C. Smith 3, Miss M. Hart 4, L. Fogg (cond.) 5, D. Drayton (first quarter) 6. On the occasion of the 21st birthday of Mr. L. Fogg, tower foreman. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Fogg 1, D. Watkins 2, Miss M. Hart 3, C. Smith 4, C. Pocock (cond.) 5, D. Drayton 6. On the occasion of the Christmas festival.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

A good attendance of 40 odd attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District on January 3rd at Winchester.

The Cathedral bells were available for an hour before the meeting, which was held in St. Maurice's Hall. The chair was taken by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, District chairman, who opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors, some of the latter coming from the Salisbury and Guildford Guilds.

A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary of the Guild, thanking and congratulating the District on its recent effort in raising £3 6s. 9d. towards the George Williams Memorial Scheme.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the monthly meetings had been well maintained—the attendance rarely being below 30. The dinner was very well supported although an all-day coach outing was below the usual number.

Messrs. R. Brewer, F. C. Mouland and R. M Currie were elected assistant secretary, treasurer and Central Committee representative respectively in place of Miss E. Edmonds, Mr. H. D. Buckingham and Mr. L. A. Tremeer, who had resigned. The other officers were re-elected with thanks for their past services. Eight new ringing members were also elected; they were Messrs. D. Hole, H. Ladhams, F. Ladhams, J. Nichols and Miss D. Hole (Bishop's Sutton), Mr. G. Humber (Ropley), Mr. M. Osmond and Mr. D. Paul (Nether Wallop).

The meeting decided to hold the next annual meeting on February 6th, 1954, quarterly meeting at New Alresford, Barton Stacey and Hursley and two practice meetings at Bishop's Sutton and Micheldever. This year's outing will be held in September and another dinner will be held in November. A Standing Committee was appointed consisting of the chairman, secretaries, treasurer and Ringing Master to organise the dinner and outing.

The chairman concluded the meeting by saying the Benediction after which the meeting retired to another part of the hall for tea.

Later in the evening members attended evensong at the Cathedral at which Canon C. P. Cowley, Vice-Dean, gave the address in which he stressed the importance of hope in the Christian life.

After the service the bells of the Cathedral were again available followed by ringing at St. Maurice's, Winchester, and Twyford.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

The St. John's Guild of Bell-ringers, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has been re-formed and the inaugural meeting was held on December 11th, when twelve members were elected. Practices have been taking place since June and the bells are now being rung for all the principal services.

From the time when the ban on ringing was removed during the last war until recently, the Newcastle Cathedral ringers have been rendering good service to St. John's by ringing for evensong, and the Vicar, the Rev. C. I. Pettitt, expressed his deep appreciation for their excellent work.

A small team of handbell ringers has been formed for carol ringing, and several visits were made to parishioners' homes during Christmastide, when the sum of £7 13s. 1½d. was collected in aid of belfry maintenance.

Most of the learners are ladies, who have all become members of the Ladies' Guild. A district branch of this Guild is being formed by Mrs. McGuiness.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MISS-IN, BELIEVED CAUGHT-IN, Jack R. Worrall. Is he starting another hair-raising experience or do bell(e)s a(p)peal differently these days? — Well wishers from the West Country. 2004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Attention is drawn to the peal fee of sixpence per person for each Guild peal rung as and from Jan. 1st, 1953. Conductors should collect the fees and, within four weeks, remit with the usual peal details, to Mr. S. Burton, Hon. Peal Sec., 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester. 1984

WEDNESDAY PRACTICES at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, have now been resumed as the 7th bell has now been rehung on new bearings. The cost of this work was substantial and donations to meet this cost would be gratefully received by Mrs. Wilkings, 43, Casimir Road, E.5. 1987

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1912

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick, Jan. 17th. St. Mary's bells (10) available at 3. Tea at 5 at the Ilex Cafe, 24, Smith Street, for all who notify me. Business meeting will follow tea at the cafe. Bells available again during the evening.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 1965

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — District annual, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: R.C. (8) 2–3 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1966

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Jan. 17th. St. Mary's (8) bells from 3 p.m., All Saints' (6) from 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at All Saints' Hall, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1960

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec., 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth. 1780

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Halstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss H. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 1938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Hawkhurst on Jan. 17th, at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst. 1863

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. –N. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (Markhouse Road), 3–4.30, Leyton (Church Road) 6–7.30. Tea, Roma Cafe, corner Markhouse Road, 4.45. Business meeting, Leyton, 5.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 1975

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD. — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow, when officers will be elected. Names are necessary to ensure tea. No. 653 trolley bus route.—T. J. Lock. 1956

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Acton, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 in vestry. Tea available locally. 1953 subscriptions should be paid now.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Henley, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. 1969

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 1961

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Peter's, Dorchester. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec. 1944

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual meeting, Jan. 17th. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5.15.—K. Matthews Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1907

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton, Jan. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1949

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meet in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1927

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Annual meeting, Wedmore, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, George Hotel.—E. C. Wickham, Act. Hon. Sec. 1967

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditcheat, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Plain tea 5. Names for tea by 20th, please.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet. 1980

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Etwall (6) on Jan. 24th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 1994

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual meeting at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 21st, to R. J. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 2001

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Quedgeley, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea, Plough Inn, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 20th, certain, to Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote. 1986

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Painswick Jan. 24th. Bells (12) open 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Names by Jan. 20th to S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 1993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8) Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Notify for tea to Mary Drew Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1943

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Andrew's Hereford. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 1997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (8) (not Shorne as announced) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th. 1976

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Inaugural meeting, Chepstow Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to Miss J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow Mon 1978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch party will be held at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, January 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Whist, dancing and supper to follow. Tickets 6s. each inclusive, 2s. 6d. evening only, from Arthur Cryer 1 Lime Street, Todmorden, and Fred Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 1982

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Please notify, by Jan. 20th, Mrs. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road. Annual dinner at Burbage Feb. 14th. 2003

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the Talbot Cafe. Names for tea before Jan. 19th to P.C. R. Woods, 15, Cowes Road, Grantham. 1953

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. (one from each tower). Bells available 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1991

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea early to E. Brooks, 37, Church Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 1955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 24th, Salisbury. Service, St. Edmund's, 4, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: St. Martin's 2.30–3.30, 6.30–8.30; St. Paul's 2.30–3.30, 8.15–9; St. Thomas' 6.15–8. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1950

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Wadsworth's Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1945

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting, Reigate, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate. 1941

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Tea for those who notify not later than 20th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 1981

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at St. Paul's (8 bells), Stalybridge, Cheshire, 3 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—E. Walker Sec. 1977

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea, certain, Tuesday, Jan. 27th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1985

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing Day and dinner Jan. 31st. Keynsham 10-10.45; Brislington 11-11.45; St. Stephen's 2-3; St. Mary Redcliffe 3.15-4.15; St. Michael's 5. Service 6 p.m. Dinner 7.15 for 7.30 at University Refectory. Tickets 7s. 6d. from Miss H. Tesson, 129, Sylvia Avenue, Knowle, Bristol 3. 1990

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—St. Paul's, Honiton, Jan. 31st. Service 4.15. St. Michael's bells for the afternoon. St. Paul's after tea. Names for tea, not later than Jan. 27th, to Mr. O. Griffin, New Street, Honiton.—J. Arberry, Hon. Sec. 1934

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' towers available 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea at Prince of Wales. Names by 28th inst. to R. Kenward (Hon. Sec.), 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 2005

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Meeting at Beckenham Sat. Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea Oliver's Cafe, High Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday 26th to A. Hill 24 Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1998

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St Mary's, Peterborough, Saturday Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements; plenty of cafes. Business meeting 6 p.m. St. John's vestry. Evening ringing at both churches if desired 2000

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Annual meeting at Towcester, Jan. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. Greens-Norton bells available in evening.—W. A. Yates. 1979

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 31st. St. Mary's (10) 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.35 p.m. Tea St. Chad's Parish Room 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's, but names must be sent to me by Jan. 28th.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. Tel. 3846. 1999

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting will be held on Jan. 31st at Croydon. St. John's bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall, Silverdale Road. Names for tea, by Jan. 28th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon. Nominations for general officers 1953.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1988

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. All Saints' and St. Michael's bells available from 2.30. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in All Saints' Hall. Names, by Jan. 27th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1996

CORRECTION

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, 6.30 to 11 p.m., will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tickets priced 9s. 6d., obtainable from D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby. Peals arranged by request in the morning. Open ringing at Derby towers in the afternoon. 1935

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47685231	51738264
74862513	15372846
74685231	15738264

First rung at Whitwick December 3rd, 1952. Conducted by Harold Poole.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Collins (first quarter) 1, G. Ingham 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3, R. Ley 4, P. Lawrence 5, R. Woodcock 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Chittenden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, S. Mowl 3, W. Bidnell 4, J. R. Cooper 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. Rung in honour of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Swan.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At St. Columb's Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Shields 1, Aubrey D. Fielding (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. J. Fielding (cond.) 3, D. L. Dunseith 4, W. H. Young 5, Lily Hughes 6, J. Campbell 7. First quarter Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

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JOHN BRIANT, BELLFOUNDER AND CLOCKMAKER

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

WE often forget that our old founders practised a trade of art and skill under many difficulties in times when circumstances were very hard, and problems were not easily solved; therefore they were worthy of greater attention at the time and their skill publicly recorded.

John Briant was born in 1749 and his father sent him to school at Newmarket, the intention being that he should go to a University, take Orders and enter the Church. Young John had different ideas and his taste led him to become a clockmaker and bell founder. Before 1781 he had settled in Hertford and in Parliament Row he set up his foundry and workshop, a place which became famous for bells and clocks. His clocks included King's College, Cambridge, and Shire Hall, Hereford, and among his customers were the Dukes of Marlborough and Rutland.

His fame for bells covered a very wide area and over 400 bells are known to have been made by him during the 40 odd years he had the Hertford foundry. His bells have been found in 17 English counties, north into Lincolnshire and west into Devon. He even cast some for Ireland (Tuam Cathedral, Edenderry, and Lisburn). Hertfordshire, with 94 bells in 36 churches, heads the list.

As a craftsman he frequently experimented in order to improve his craft, for he aimed at the best possible workmanship, but he was rather indulgent with his customers and his modesty and generosity must have lost him many pounds of income. If his clients could not pay for the work he had done he took a philosophical view and accepted what could be afforded, never pressing for payment of his accounts.

When an admirer of his genius and industry expressed regret that Briant had not acquired a carriage for himself, he replied, 'I don't want a carriage; I'm satisfied with the station of life that God has placed me in. I've enjoyed more real pleasure in my favourite pursuits than the wealth of India could afford.'

Throughout his working life he never let his banking account grow with his reputation, and it is not to be wondered at when he fell into extreme pecuniary difficulties, which resulted in his acceptance of a home in the Marlborough Almshouses, St. Albans, a gift from Earl Spencer. The last bell he cast was in 1824, and he sold the business to Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, in 1825.

John Briant enjoyed the confidence of church authorities in many parts of England, and even after his retirement the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral consulted him regarding the recasting of 'Great Tom.' He strongly opposed a suggestion that a piece should be cut out of the bell as far as the crack extended, but the experiment was tried and proved a failure. The authorities failed to heed good advice from a fine old bell founder then nearly 80 years of age, but five years after his death (February 27th, 1829) the bell was recast.

Among those associated with John Briant in bell founding was Robert Taylor, and although not strictly an assistant of Briant, both names were placed on a bell cast for Riseley in 1816.

John Briant's memorial tablet is at All Saints', Hertford.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*ALAN WARD	7
*JEAN C. BROWN	2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN	8
BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	9
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT	4	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	10
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	5	DEREK OGDEN	11
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Treble Twelve by all. Rung for the celebration of Christmastide. Average age of the band is 19¼ years.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
MURIEL REAY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	11
BASIL JONES	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5084 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*AUDREY EWINS	*Treble*	†BRIAN T. LISTER	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	*§MICHAEL HATCHETT	7
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	8
FREDERICK SCOTT	4	‡BRIAN TAYLOR	9
JOHN M. ELLWOOD	5	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Caters 'inside.' § First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	JOHN M. STALLARD	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	ALAN A. HILLIER	7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
MRS. MARY P. MAYELL	4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. ABSOLOM	*Treble*	FRANK WHITE	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
FREDERICK C. WHITE	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
RICHARD WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
EDWIN G. MOORE	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEO. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung on the occasion of a visit home from Eire of Mr. F. C. White.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	JOHN M. STALLARD	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
*GEORGE BRIGGS	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	8
†RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	5	ALAN A. HILLIER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ERNEST STITCH	7
*SAMUEL BIRCH	3	†HARRY GRIFFITHS	8
*DEREK J. TRANTER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
*JOHN R. COTTERILL	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wallater.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ANDREW R. KER	*Treble*	RONALD D. EDGE	6
ARTHUR F. BALLAM	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	7
JAMES STANNARD	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	8
WILLIAM STANNARD	4	JOHN BANKS	9
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

RUSSELL G. PARKER	*Treble*	LLEWELLYN ALLUM	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST., PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	*ARTHUR MASON	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	6
*FRANK BENNETT	3	JOHN O. WELLER	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Little Bob Major.
Rung by request for the baptism of Michel Puech, of Puycalvel, France.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	*JOHN W. PICKETT	5
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	*ROBERT H. BROOKER	6
MARION GRAIN	3	*†MAURICE J. THURMOTT	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	4	ERNEST H. MASTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. LAY	5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
*JANET S. BAILEY	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb.

JUNE M. HENSHAW	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
*ERIC NIXON	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
†REGINALD O. PRESTON	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
*MICHAEL SLANEY	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Arranged by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD E. LAST	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
C. RONALD SMITH	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	JOHN F. GROVE	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung for the Watchnight Service, and also in honour of the marriage of Miss B. M. Last, daughter of the treble ringer, to Mr. E. C. Sanford.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*VERNON S. FORSHAW	*Treble*	HAROLD WILSON	5
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
WILLIAM WALL	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
ROLAND F. ECCLES	4	*FRANK BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the New Year.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
CYRIL R. BURRELL	3	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. D. Robinson.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. METCALFE	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
JOHN WOODS	2	STANLEY ANDERTON	6
JOHN F. WOOD	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
JAMES SKEATS	4	THOMAS H. MOSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
A 70th birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	DENNIS HEAPY	5
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	6
*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY	3	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	4	BARRY CORBISHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

R. L. SILLS (Wrotham)	*Treble*	A. WADDINGTON (Egerton)	5
G. F. CANTRILL (Bearsted)	2	G. W. GRANT (Headcorn)	6
*M. H. COUCHMAN (Harrietsham)	3	E. S. J. HATCHER (Aylesford)	7
L. MANNERING (Maidstone)	4	†S. A. HAYZELDEN (East Farleigh)	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. A Maidstone District tower captains' peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

HAROLD WORRALL	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	5
JOHN SCOTT	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CECIL RADDON.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 63rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY C. JONES	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	5
KATHLEEN FLETCHER	2	*ARTHUR NEWTON	6
DOROTHY FLETCHER	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN E. SPICE	5
RALPH G. EDWARDS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A birthday peal for Brian D. Threlfall.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIFTY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ROGER HAWKESWORTH	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Edmund Malin.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	Harry Poyner	5
Brian G. Warwick	2	Ernest Morris	6
Peter J. Thomas	3	William Thornley	7
Michael D. Staniforth	4	Winifred M. Burton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Harry Richardson	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Francis Kirk	6
John King	3	Ernest E. Whitmore	7
Dennis Knox	4	William J. Whitmore	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Francis Kirk.
Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, of Raunds, on reaching the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Mrs. W. E. Simpson	*Treble*	William H. T. King	5
*Shelagh Kilbourn	2	David J. Marshall	6
William E. Simpson	3	R. Allen Hickton	7
W. Rodney Harrison	4	†Owen Cripps	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss E. Harrison and Mr. F. Forrest, son of the Rector of Sawley.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

Doris G. Dobbie	*Treble*	†George Kenward	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	†Stanley B. Dobbie	6
*Brian Chittenden	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
George E. Eastman	4	James A. Judd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Dobbie.
* First peal. † 75th peal together.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Simpson, captain of Sittingbourne band.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Betty M. Vidler	*Treble*	Robert Collins	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Benjamin F. Baker	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells. A 40th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Maurice Thomas	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
*Geoffrey Pearson	2	Chris. M. P. Johnson	6
*Alan Pendlebury	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
Peter Crook, sen.	4	Gordon Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal in in the method.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jean C. Brown	*Treble*	*Allen Twynan	5
Barry Corbishley	2	†David A. Edwards	6
M. June Henshaw	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Alan N. Brown	4	David Vincent	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan J. Brown.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Edwards, member of the above tower, and formerly, for some years, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who was interred at Fownhope, Herefordshire, earlier this day.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part No. 10 in the method. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

George Land	*Treble*	F. Charles Goodman	5
Nolan Golden	2	George Sayer	6
Chas. E. G. Banham	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
H. William Barrett	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Composition contains 60 course-end with 4-5-6 only in 6ths. all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6; tenors together throughout.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

John B. Bennett	*Treble*	Mrs. H. J. Poole	5
Harold J. Poole	2	Redvers F. Elkington	6
Winifred M. Burton	3	Michael E. Brown	7
*David Woodley	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First Surprise peal on 'inside' bell. Brian G. Warwick has now 'circled' this tower.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip	*Treble*	*John R. Mayne	5
*Richard E. Price	2	Alick Cutler	6
*Anne B. Speed	3	*Richard F. B. Speed	7
Thomas H. Francis	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Leonard Walsh	*Treble*	Norman Smith	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Peter Crook	6
A. Victor Williams	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
Kenneth Hartley	4	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Roy Colman	*Treble*	Leonard Derrick	5
*Ronald D. Short	2	*Frederick W. Sweet	6
Marjorie Legg	3	George Prescott	7
Michael Horseman	4	Frederick Sandy	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN B. BENNETT	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	*ERNEST MORRIS	5
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung half-muffled for the Armistice.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of New Bob and four each of Grandsire, Place, Accrington, Blackburn, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob in 11 methods. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHARLES J. ABRAHAMS	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	3
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4
ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. 37, 36, 34, 50, 48, 28 and 29. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*KATHERINE STISTED	*Treble*	†KEITH BURBIDGE	4
†SYLVIA ROWLEY	2	†MARK H. COUCHMAN	5
†DAPHNE TURK	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. All members of the local company except the ringer of the 5th bell.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	JOHN UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN UNDERWOOD.

RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HAROLD F. WOOD	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal on the bells, cast by Pack and Chapman in 1770.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 and twenty-four 120's of Grandsire (six callings) and sixteen 120's of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. PAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	4
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	2	FRANCIS KIRK	5
GEOFFREY DODDS	3	BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, of Raunds, on their golden wedding anniversary.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*KATHLEEN SHAW	*Treble*	JOHN W. L. SLACK	4
CHARLES W. LAWTON	2	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5
BARRY LAWSON	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WHITTAKER.
* First peal.



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BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*COLIN R. LAMONT	*Treble*	†WILLIAM T. COOK	4
*GILLIAN R. LAMONT	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	R. JAMES COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HAROLD DIXON	*Treble*	ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	4
JOHN ASKEW	2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	5
†CLIFFORD H. FORD	3	*ALEC EDGAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Fulbeck and Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4
RONALD EDGE	2	*DEREK OGDEN	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* 50th peal for the Association. First peal in eight Minor methods by all.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, and Plain Bob; and six extents each of Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. RYAN PRICE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. JERRETT	4
JACK R. WORRALL	2	RONALD C. LUCAS	5
W. RICHARD SPEAKE	3	SIDNEY SHACKELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. LUCAS.
First peal in eight methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd, has now 'circled' the tower.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH MACKINTOSH	*Treble*	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	4
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	3	†HERBERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † Has now twice 'circled' the tower.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
A birthday peal for William J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.
The first peal on the six bells, augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of: (i) Wells, (ii) York, (iii) Netherseale, (iv) Bourne, (v) London, (vi.) Cambridge, (vii) Norwich.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	TERENCE G. MORTON	4
EDWIN J. UPTON	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
PAMELA A. MARTIN	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*EDGAR THOMAS	*Treble*	DESMOND CURTIS	4
LESLIE A. TREMEER	2	R. SCUDAMORE	5
CHRIS. H. HAWKINS	3	J. O. ALLCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. H. HAWKINS.
* First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. E. Longhurst, churchwarden, and Mrs. T. Francis. Mr. Leslie A. Tremeer hails from Winchester.

MERTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

M. JEAN FREER	*Treble*	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	3
BARBARA M. HARRIS	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	4
JOHN HILL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
First peal of seven Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to George C. Goodman, leaving for Singapore.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
ERNEST BRITTAIN	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
RONALD D. EDGE	2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	5
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

The first extent was rung silent; the other six were each called by a different member of the band, in order from treble to tenor.
Rung after meeting short for Major.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND DOUBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

JANET S. BAILEY	*Treble*	ROBERT G. LAY	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
	3	BRIAN TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
In the 15th Century Parvis of the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Brian G. Warwick .. 1—2 | John Bramley .. .. 5—6
Derek G. Goodman .. 3—4 | Ernest Morris .. .. 7—8

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

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

A birthday compliment to Philip Cooper, of Adelaide, South Australia.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Donard's Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 10 callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

Jean Stewart .. .. .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody .. 3—4
*William Hall (16) .. 5—6

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
In St. Peter's Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 1—2 | *Michael Slaney .. .. 5—6
Walter P. Whitehead .. 3—4 | *Eric Nixon .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Walter Soar, of Ticknall, on his engagement.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
In the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*F. Kevon Thompson .. 1—2 | *B. Stedman Payne .. 3—4
†Roger G. W. Soars .. 5—6

Conducted by F. Kevon Thompson.

* 25th peal together. † First peal 'in hand.'

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At 26, William Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.

Mrs. F. E. Dukes .. 1—2 | Frederick E. Dukes .. 3—4
*Walter E. Bovenizer .. 5—6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to W. Graham, steeple-keeper, Drogheda, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril W. Galbraith, both ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

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

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

* 50th peal and 40th in 1952.

A 21st birthday compliment to Patrick I. Chapman.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Fosseway Farm,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter Beresford .. .. 1—2 | George E. Oliver .. .. 5—6
Joan Beresford .. .. 3—4 | Dennis Beresford .. .. 7—8

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

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NO COPY THIS WEEK

We regret to announce that a larger number than usual of our postal subscribers have not yet paid Mr. Jeater. Copies of 'The Ringing World' are awaiting them at our office.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'Teen age peals from Minor to Maximus have been rung by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. The average age of the band which rang 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was 19¼ years. There were eight firsts on 12 bells in the company.

Miss June M. Henshaw is the first lady to ring a peal at Acton, Cheshire.

The six bells at Stockland, Devon, are to be rehung, and the work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Mr. P. A. Corby is now working in the Nottingham District and is only home week-ends There is a possibility that he might be living there permanently at a later date.

Two former officers of the London Counties Association—Mr. Eric T. Beauchamp and Miss Audrey M. Castle—were married at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Merton, last Saturday.

Her friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild will join with us in congratulating Miss Norah Bibby on ringing her 150th peal. It was a peal of Liscard Imperial Bob Major at Liscard, a method never previously rung to a peal.

Mr. George C. Goodman, the popular Master of Kingston-on-Thames tower, has been seconded to a Government post at Singapore with H.M. Post Office. He left this country on Wednesday. A report of a farewell dinner and presentation will appear in our next issue.

Lincoln ringers, we feel sure, will like to congratulate Mr. Horace Hurst who on January 26th completes 50 years' service at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, Lincoln. Mr. Hurst is the present Ringing Master, a post he has held for a number of years. He was Master when the tower records were first kept in 1926 and has held office ever since.

Two stalwarts of the Kent County Association and lifelong ringing friends, who still give a great example to the Rochester District, Mr. W. J. Walker (85) and Mr. Herbert E. Simpson (80), had their birthdays honoured by a peal at Upchurch on January 3rd. After the peal a great time was had by all at the home of Mr. W. J. Walker. A real birthday tea was followed by tales of ringing back in the days of the 'pennyfarthings,' Mr. Walker doing his fair share of the talking.

Of those who rang their first peal of Little Bob Major at Crayford on Boxing Day, one has 63 and two others each 35 years of peal ringing behind them!

Congratulations to David Woodley, of Oxford, on ringing his first Surprise peal on a working bell. He arrived in Leicester in connection with his military service on the Sunday and was contacted at the bell foundry the following Thursday.

Mr. George Briggs, a member of St. Mary Redcliffe Guild, Bristol, is the first of several ringers to be invited to attempt their first peal as part of an experiment by the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, in devoting their first Monday night practice in each month to a peal attempt. As he has now been successful in scoring Grandsire Caters, it is hoped that several other 'firsts' will be scored during the year.

Although his name does not figure in our peal columns, Mr. Neville D. Smith, of Great Staughton, Hunts, is known to many ringers of the Bedfordshire and Ely Associations on account of his regular attendance at district meetings. His many ringing friends will join with us in congratulating 'Nev' on completing 50 years as a service ringer at Great Staughton, where his very regular attendance for service ringing is much valued.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Mr. John Pinfold New Ringing Master

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel on January 3rd, under the chairmanship of Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker.

The chairman regretted that since the last meeting the Guild had suffered the loss of two old and esteemed members. For over fifty years Hubert Shepherd, brother of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, the Guild's librarian, was closely connected with Solihull Parish Church, both as ringer and chorister. His passing had left a breach in the choir and the band of ringers at Solihull which would be difficult to fill. Charles Williams was perhaps better known to the older generation of Birmingham ringers. In his younger days he had been a good twelve-bell ringer at St. Martin's Church before leaving to join a new band formed at Perry Barr Church, in which parish he then resided. Charles Williams was one of the very few remaining who actually knew Henry Johnson. In fact, at the last annual dinner he was the only ringer present who could claim that distinction. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to their departed colleagues.

Mr. Peter J. Hutchings, of London, S.W., was elected a life member, and the following tower elections were duly ratified: Miss Ann Barr and Mr. Michael Fairey, of Little Aston, Messrs. Clifford A. Barron, Shrewsbury, Gerald C. Hemming, of Evesham, and Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells.

For some years the April meeting has been held at Aston, and an invitation extended by the Aston ringers for this year was gratefully accepted for April 11th, be it noted—instead of the usual meeting day, which falls in Holy Week this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1953

President, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (re-elected). The vice-presidents were all re-elected, viz.: Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Albert Walker, Frank B. Yates, Edgar C. Shepherd, and Frank E. Haynes, M.A. It was decided to invite Rev. Canon Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham, to become a vice-president.

Mr. Albert Walker was elected Master in place of Alderman Paddon Smith. In acknowledging his election, Mr. Walker paid a tribute to the retiring Master, calling attention to the vast amount of work that Alderman Paddon Smith had accomplished for the Guild, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to him for his past services.

Mr. John Pinfold was unanimously elected Ringing Master—a most popular election. Mr. Pinfold would like to see greater use made by members of the excellent facilities for method ringing at the Guild's practice at St. Martin's on Tuesday evenings. To avoid disappointment, it should be noted that the first Tuesday in the month is usually reserved for a peal attempt.

The remainder of the officers were re-elected as follows: Trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Ernest T. Allaway; auditors, Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

A successful year's work was reported upon by the secretary. The finances had reached a record level, whilst the number of peals rung were the greatest that had been rung in one year for the Guild. Eleven new Major methods had been rung for the first time for the Guild during the twelve months.

The chairman at the forthcoming Henry Johnson Dinner, to be held on March 7th, will be the Guild's popular librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

THE BELLS OF GORDANO VALLEY

And Some Ringing Personalities

FEATURED in the 'Bristol Evening Post' of December 8th was an article on the bells and ringers in the five churches in the Gordano Valley, North Somerset. These towers are familiar to many of our readers, and we append below extracts from the excellent article written by Grace Sawden.

St. Peter's flat-roofed tower at **Portishead** is the highest in the valley, one of many built in the 15th century by the North Somerset Guild of Masons, whose distinctive design included plain double buttresses on each side of the corners, leaving the angle free to carry its line straight up to the top pinnacles.

St. Peter's has the only ring of eight in the Valley. Six bells bear the date 1772 and two more were added in 1897 for Queen Victoria's jubilee.

The tower of **St. George's** at **Easton-in-Gordano** was built in imitation of Portishead, but a hundred years later.

Being the only two of any great height in the Valley, and being also the two nearest the King Road it seems possible that beacons were lighted on their summits to guide sailors entering the Avon or the Portishead Creek on dark nights. The six bells at Easton are rung regularly by a keen band under the leadership of Mr. F. Neat.

St. Paul's, Weston-in-Gordano, has a small tower with a pyramidal top. As a thankoffering for peace a new bell was recently added to its ancient ring of five. Under Mr. C. Symes the ringers are firmly determined to carry on despite a small membership, and festivals are never allowed to go by without the sound of the bells.

Until about 40 years ago **St. Michael's Church** on **Clapton Hill** had only three bells. Then three more were added. Mr. C. Knight, the captain, is training a young team, including three girls, but finds that a total village population of 800 does not provide all the volunteers needed for all church duties.

The six bells at **St. Mary's, Portbury,** still in wooden frames, are seldom heard except when visiting bands arrive.

Fifty years ago lady ringers were unknown, but in the opinion of Mr. A. Lane, a recognised authority on all ringing matters in the Valley, their coming was a very good thing, as it improved the standard of behaviour in the belfries. The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. Two from Portishead were in the first all-ladies' peal, rung at Cubitt Town, London, in 1912.

THE EVENING PRACTICE

An evening visit to the Portishead belfry is an interesting experience. After climbing the well-worn spiral stone staircase in the confined space of one corner of the tower the belfry room seems surprisingly spacious. Its walls are decorated with boards commemorating peals rung by past and present members.

The captain, Mr. R. Gale, rings a bell to 'call the ringers,' then takes off his coat before climbing another flight of stairs to wind the church clock.

A full team having assembled, the ringers stand to their ropes—each rope is 60ft. long—hands high, heads bowed for the prayer which begins every practice.

On the conductor's word of command, first one rope, then another begin to move until they are all going up and down. The conductor calls an odd word, the order changes; another word and further changes until the final 'stand' and they stop—all but one, perhaps a learner who has not yet achieved that perfect control necessary to silence a bell at will, and the consequence is a penny fine. Rather a frightening thought that every error can be heard miles away.

THE BASIN

Many Gordano ringers are also experts on the handbells, and at Clapton a young team has toured the village each Christmas playing tunes.

Mr. B. J. Crane, who was an enthusiastic ringer fifty years ago, tells how his team used to walk many miles from one village in Gordano to another, lighting their way by lantern through the muddy lanes, to play carols on their handbells at Christmastime.

As they arrived at each house they tried the gate. If it was well oiled, they maintained a tip would be forthcoming. If it squeaked—no tip.

'And it worked,' says Mr. Crane. 'At one place they gave us a Christmas pudding. We did not know what to do with that, so in the end we all sat round Walton tree to eat it. Then we did not know what to do with the basin. We kept it in the tower for a long time and said we would give it to the first one of us who got married. That was me. We still have the basin, and a very good one it is.'

'Yes,' agrees his wife, 'and we still use it for a pudding every Christmas after 43 years.'

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

Association secretaries are minded that affiliation fees to the Central Council for the year 1953 are now due.

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

A STORY WITH A MORAL

Unusual Northamptonshire Experience

The story of an unusual ending to a Saturday evening peal attempt comes from Helmdon, Northants. Surprise Major was the order of the day, and 'Young John' was looking forward to what he hoped would be his first of Minor.

The five old stagers knew their stuff inside-out, and he had only to keep his bell going to get through. A slight whiff of coke fumes from the recently-lit central heating system hung in the air when a start was made, but no one took any notice.

Two 720's of London were rolled out as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell. Two more of Beverley followed, and then there remained only the last three of Cambridge, intended as the 'home straight.' However, the good striking which had been expected did not materialise. Instead, a gradual deterioration set in. Unbeknown to each other, Nos. 1 and 2 were not feeling too good, 3 and 4 were realising they would hardly see the peal through, and each fell to wondering what the others would say if and when they had to cry, 'Halt, enough!'

The conductor on the tenor afterwards admitted that his brain was fast becoming numbed and useless, when 'Young John' suddenly decided to solve all their problems by collapsing unconscious to the floor, not to recover for close on an hour.

Moral.—Look to your ventilation when coke fumes are hanging about. M. S.

A CANTERBURY SILVER WEDDING

While the quarter peal attempted in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Philpott, of 73, London Road, Canterbury, on January 5th, on St. Dunstan's bells, Canterbury, was lost three leads from the end, the band are nevertheless sincere in the good wishes for every happiness to them in the years to come. Those who took part in the ringing were B. Wilsden 1, Mrs. Gladys Stockbridge 2, A. C. Philpott 3, J. Stockbridge 4, Mrs. Brenda Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS

A former Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Charles Edwards died at Altrincham, Cheshire, on January 2nd, aged 83. He left Fownhope, Herefordshire, about 14 years ago, on the death of his wife, to live with his son-in-law and daughter.

Mr. Charles Edwards was born at Woolhope of a ringing family. His father was a ringer, and while still lads his five brothers could also ring. From his early youth he took a keen interest in the art, and this interest was developed early from the fact that he had as a boy been given a copy of 'Clavis," published in 1778, inscribed with the words, 'Presented to the gentlemen ringers of Fownhope by John Rudhall, bellfounder, in 1791.' His pride in this book was increased in later years when he went to live in Fownhope.

In 1889 (three years after the foundation of the Diocesan Guild) Mr. Edwards went to live in Colwall and quickly made friends with the then Rector, the Rev. G. M. Custance, founder of the Guild, under whom he learned to ring a six-score and so became eligible for membership of the Guild. He made rapid progress and soon found himself able to teach others and conduct.

After a short time at Leominster, where he quickly built up an efficient band, he left the Diocese. Between 1900 and 1919 he lived in Surrey and soon became an arduous and enthusiastic worker for the Winchester Guild, for which he rang many peals.

Soon after his return to Herefordshire he was appointed Ringing Master of the Guild, and in 1923 he succeeded Mr. Buchanan as Master, a post he held until 1939, when he left Fownhope because of the death of his wife. As Master he did a great work visiting towers, teaching and calling peals, and the Guild made steady progress under him. He also took a keen interest in the care of bells and did valuable work visiting towers and advising the clergy. He had rung 114 peals for the Guild, and when he left he was appointed a vice-president.

The funeral service was at Fownhope Parish Church on January 6th, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. R. Chignell. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards. Members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild were present from Hereford Cathedral, All Saints', Holmer, Eardisland and Fownhope. Members of his family and an old friend, Mr. W. Davies, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. The bells of the church were also rung muffled.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Holme Lacy by Miss R. Jarrett 1, L. Evans 2, R. T. Jones 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. E. Roberts 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, A. W. Davies 7, L. L. Quartermain 8.

A peal of Plain Bob Major, with the clappers half muffled, was also rung at Bowdon, Cheshire, of which tower Mr. Edwards was a member.

APPRECIATIONS

On Tuesday, January 6th, Charles Edwards, a vice-president and for many years Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was laid to rest next his wife in the churchyard at Fownhope, which adjoins the Herefordshire village of Woolhope, his native place. So must we all come home at the last. To one who knew him at the height of his vigour, but had, to a large extent, lost touch with him of late years, it seemed a sad and strange homecoming for the active and dominant man we had known.

Following the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on his own handbells over the open grave by three members of his family and one old friend. Fownhope six were rung half-muffled by Fownhope band and members of Hereford Guild, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Triples on the eight at Holme Lacy, just across the river, by a band from Hereford, Ross and Kington Districts.

As the first Master of the Guild really to exercise the functions of Master, he took over the work of the earlier instructors—men such as Washbrook, Fussell, Short and Groves. He spared neither himself nor his associates in his efforts to encourage the extension and improvement of change ringing in the diocese. To that end he travelled in all weathers to all parts of the counties of Hereford and Shropshire. Much of it was pioneer work of the hardest and least rewarding type, but it was done with the patience and faith of one who, from his daily calling, knew that good seed well planted will bear good fruit. A. W. D.

The passing of Mr. C. Edwards removes a worker of 50 years ago for the old Winchester Guild in the Farnham District. In those early days there were no buses but he used to cycle round the six-bell towers to help and it was a big loss to the District when he moved to Hereford A. H. P.

MR. GEORGE JONES

The death of Mr. George Jones, of Ludgershall, Wilts, on January 11th, at the age of 59, will leave a gap in his own parish and also at Piddington.

He was laid to rest at Ludgershall on January 15th, his colleagues in the Western Region of the British Railways acting as bearers. The service in the Parish Church was attended by a full congregation.

Mr. Jones was for many years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The tribute accorded him by the Incumbent at the service sums up his life: 'He was always showing kindness to his neighbours in many practical ways and after ringing for service was a regular attender at divine worship and was a true Christian.'

The bells of Piddington and Ludgershall were rung half-muffled in the evening.

MR. H. OVERTON

The Chester Diocesan Guild have lost a very fine ringer by the death, on January 5th, of Mr. Harry Overton, aged 67, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lucas, Woodcott.

He was a member of a fine ringing family from Bridgnorth, Herefordshire, and was for many years employed as a machinist in the Crewe Railway Works, retiring in 1950. At Wrenbury he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council, and as a tower-keeper trained what was probably the youngest band in the Chester Diocesan Guild. 'Nothing but the best would do for Harry,' writes a friend. His genial and sincere character endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Overton had about 100 peals to his credit, rung mostly in Cheshire and Shropshire.

Following a short service at Wrenbury Church, conducted by the Rev. A. L. Manning, the interment took place on January 9th at Crewe Cemetery.

Besides family mourners there were present Mr. W. T. Holding and Mr. C. Thomas representing Christ Church, Crewe, ringers, Mr. F. W. Stenson, Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Brough (Nantwich), Mr. A. Crawley (Wistaston), Mr. T. Barlow (Wrenbury) Among the many wreaths were tributes from the bellringers of Christ Church, Crewe; St. Margaret's, Wrenbury; and Wrenbury Parochial Church Council.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Kington District Annual Meeting

Twenty-nine members, representing ten towers, attended the annual meeting of the Kington District at Lyonshall. Ringing started at 3 p.m., and the Vicar (the Rev. C. Denser) conducted the Guild form of service in the church at 4.30. Tea was provided by friends.

The district secretary's annual report, presented at the business meeting, stated that three meetings and five practices had been held with a good average attendance. Four methods of Doubles, eight of Minor, one of Triples and one of Major had been rung at the practices. Five members had qualified for certificates of membership, and seven peals had been rung in the district.

The district officers were re-elected, and combined practices were fixed for February and March. The next meeting will be held in April at Dilwyn, subject to permission. Six new members were accepted.

The district secretary (Mr. J. Preece), in thanking the members for their support during the past year, appealed for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' He said he had been a regular subscriber for 41 years. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, gave him a specimen copy in September, 1911.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting. The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 p.m. Two Doubles and eight Minor methods were practised, including Spliced Surprise.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

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CARTER'S NOTATION.

Dear Sir,—It would be very interesting to learn who **first** had the brilliant idea of numerical notation so ably illustrated by the late A. J. Corrigan in his books of Method Collections.

A CORRESPONDENT.

A Holiday Excursion

The ringing tours of Mr. Patrick Chapman are well known in the Kettering area and although we never sampled a mid-winter variety before, his half-day excursion into Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire on December 20th was very successful. The two adjacent villages of Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey were first on the list, and after a quick succession of raising, ringing and falling, we continued to St. Ives and rang several touches with members of the Ely Diocesan Association attending a District meeting.

Very brief visits were made to Holywell (6), Swavesey (6), Willingham (6) and Over (8) and we completed the day's 'snatch' by ringing on the light rings at Longstanton (8) and Rampton (5). Although the time spent at each tower was necessarily short, the standard of ringing was high throughout.

Thanks are due to the converted ambulance driver from Yardley Hastings, and especially to P. I. C. for arranging yet another enjoyable half-day. B. A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLASH OF MEETINGS IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—According to your notices, the following 'London' meeting were to be held on Saturday, January 17th: College Youths at Whitechapel, London County at Walthamstow and Leyton, Middlesex Association at Upper Clapton, Middlesex Association also at Acton, and Royal Cumberlands at Shoreditch and St. Martin's.

This could mean that the state of ringing in the Metropolis is flourishing, but it could also mean what it did one Saturday last year, that the attendance at each suffered by reason of the others.

I am well aware of the difficulties experienced in arranging meetings and that occasional clashing of dates is quite unavoidable. But I also know that an Association officer's reward for his work is the knowledge that his meeting has been successful.

I wonder if all is done that could be in the way of notifying fellow-secretaries in good time of the probable dates of meetings. A committee, to meet, say, once or twice a year, composed of the secretaries of the various societies, would be a big step towards such co-operation. That this is not impossible was shown when a similar committee co-ordinated the efforts of the London societies in connection with a Central Council meeting before the war.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

MORE HOLLYWOOD HISTORY

Dear Sir,—Those who appreciate the authenticity and accuracy of Hollywood's historical epics will be interested to learn that the truth about Westminster Abbey's bells is now revealed. It is obvious that the complete octave was stolen long ago from the New World, probably by George III.'s contemptible redcoats during the War of Independence. This fact will be clear to all who are able to sit through the new film, 'The Crimson Pirate,' for they will be rewarded by the sound of the Abbey bells ringing merrily out over the blue Carribean, 'late in the 18th century.' They certainly knew how to strike Stedman Triples in those far-off pirate days!—Yours truly,

O. B.

South Woodford.

LANLIVERY BELLS

Dear Sir,—In order to save any disappointment to ringers organising outings in the Bodmin area of Cornwall I should like to make the following known.

The eight bells of St. Brevita's Church, Lanlivery, have been declared unsafe and are now not permitted to be rung. In the Bodmin Deanery magazine the priest-in-charge (the Rev. William Elwell, M.A., R.D.) states:—

'We are very sorry to learn that the bells of Lanlivery have been declared unsafe and will not be rung in peal until at least £700 has been found to put them in order. It is, however, fortunate that this state of things has been found out in time or a very bad accident may have taken place.'

The bells are a good-tone ring of eight and were augmented to eight from an old five in 1900. The church also needs a fair amount of restoration, and although no official appeal has been launched I am sure that any donations towards the restoration would be very welcome. The address of Mr. Elwell is The Vicarage, Luxulyan, Bodmin.

Incidentally, this is Cornwall's only unringable ring of eight bells, and I think I am correct in saying the only unringable bells in the county.—Yours faithfully,

F. STUART WORTH, M.R.S.L.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS AT NORTHLEIGH

Dear Sir,—After reading the account of Sunday service ringing at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, and their claim to have the only ring of pre-Reformation bells by one founder, I am enclosing a cutting from 'The Western Times and Exeter Gazette' of January 2nd, 1953.

You will see there that the parish of Northleigh, a small village in the Honiton Deanery, claims to have four bells cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter. Three bells carry the same inscriptions as the three original bells of this parish, two of which still remain.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. PARR.

Buckerell, Devon.

MR. H. J. POOLE'S 1,000 PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. H. J. Poole's most remarkable list of 1,000 peals, I have never read a more wonderful 1,000. In the earlier stages of them it is very gratifying to know that I happen to have been his 'right hand.'

F. J. DEXTER.

Leicester.

RUGBY SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—The method published recently as Rugby Slow Course Doubles appears in an old book in the tower at Shipley, Sussex, as being composed by Henry Burstow, of Horsham, in 1871, and is named Henry Burstow Slow Course.

This interesting old book was written in 1896 and contains over 100 Minor and Doubles methods, with such strange names as 'The Success' and 'The Dream,' each most beautifully written, and in some cases touches are written out in full, but few of these methods would conform to the standards required today by the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE FRANCIS.

Itchingfield.

'FLINTSHIRE AND ITS BELLS'

ST. MATTHEW'S, BUCKLEY

Dear Sir,—In your note below my letter published in a recent 'Ringing World' you say there is an 'impression' of a coin on each of our bells. Actually there are two gold sovereigns of the year 1902, showing head and tail on each bell. This makes them all the more unique and interesting.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley.

P.S.—Souvenir hunters will be discouraged! —D. H. B. M.

LONDON BELLS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. Tom Ingram been in Chelsea at the right time he would have heard the St. Luke's, Chelsea, Society of Change Ringers ringing in the New Year in traditional style.—Yours faithfully,

VERONICA DUPRE,
Hon. Secretary.

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WHO WAS THOMAS DAVY?

Dear Sir,—About five miles from here in the village of Dunkeswell the tower was pulled down in 1948. The five bells now standing in the church are inscribed that they were founded by:—

Treble.—Williams Blews, Birmingham, 1870.
Second.—Thomas Davy, 1684.
Third.—Thomas Davy, 1684.
Fourth.—William Blews, 1870.
Tenor.—T. Wroth, 1732.

Can any reader tell me who Thomas Davy was, and, if a founder, where was his foundry? Are there any other bells about cast by him? I have to hand a book with several towers in this district with the inscriptions of the bells but can find no other mention of T. Davy.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. PARR.

Buckerell, near Honiton.

NEWS FROM HOBART, TASMANIA

Dear Sir,—I am writing on behalf of Mr. A. R. Wilson to wish 'The Ringing World' the compliments of the season. Roy has been poorly of late and has been in and out of hospital quite a lot. His doctor thinks that the trouble, diabetes, is now under control, but when he gets stronger he has to return to hospital for treatment to his eyes. Roy has been a tower of strength to our band and is very much missed because at the best of times we can count on only six for service ringing.

We were very glad to have the help of A. J. (Bert) Lancefield last year and were very sorry when his stay of four months came to an end. Five of our members rang their first quarter peal under his conductorship. His coaching of the St. David's band did not bear fruit during his stay but a few weeks later they scored their first quarter of Doubles. Just at present, for various reasons, we are short-handed and it has been suggested that some ladies be invited to join up.

Until a short time ago we thought that Holy Trinity bells were the oldest ring in the Commonwealth but it has been pointed out that the eight of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, were installed a few months earlier.

Considering that our bells have never had the attention of an expert bellhanger they still 'go' reasonably well. The original frame was cut by pit saws from local timber and built to a model (still preserved) sent out with the bells. The headstocks are of elm but the stays and sliders locally made. About fifty years ago a new top of 8in. by 8in. kauri was placed on the old frame and recently the tenor was put on ball bearings. All expenses have been borne by the ringers.

On one occasion, long ago, when ropes were needed, the ringers formed a concert party and quickly raised the money. So successful were their efforts that it was decided to continue the concerts under the name of the Orpheus Club. The choir still gives concerts regularly and claims to be the oldest club of that kind in the Commonwealth. There is no longer any connection with ringers.

The first president an old ringer, has recently died, aged 93. The old-time ringers, although their performances were of little account judged by English standards, did render loyal service to the belfry, and the present standard of ringing, modest though it is, is probably the best ever, and I think that the ideal of service is as strong as ever.

May I, in conclusion, say how much I enjoy 'The Ringing World'? And again we wish you and everyone connected with the paper a very happy Christmas.—I am, Yours faithfully,

SIDNEY W. SMITH.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has been ringing at Mayfield, Sussex, for 35 years. On January 10th he heard the bells from outside the tower for the first time and was surprised to hear how nice they sounded in the street. Can anyone beat this?

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXVIII. OBSERVING COURSING ORDER

Every young ringer is a potential conductor, but not all reach the stage of competency in this direction, nor even try to do so. Many ringers are content to go on just 'ringing' and leaving 'calling' to others. Whether or not they desire to assume responsibilities as conductors, however, we think every ringer should know something about conducting, even if only because it helps to give him a closer insight into method ringing.

To stick to one's own job and mind one's business is as meritorious in ringing as in other walks of life but there are times when some knowledge and a little interest in the other man's job comes in very useful. It helps a ringer to keep himself right when trouble occurs and may help him to help others.

The man who knows how to conduct a touch or peal must of necessity know more about the method than the man who just does his ringing by rule of thumb. For instance, the man who only knows where to dodge in Bob Minor by the place he passes the treble or by recollecting where he dodged last time is not as safe a ringer as the man who, in addition, knows the coursing order of the bells and how a bob is going to affect them, but these are things that every conductor studies if he is worthy of the name.

Even if the young ringer has no immediate prospect of becoming the bob caller in his tower, he should lose no opportunity of watching what is happening among the other bells while he is ringing, as soon as he can begin to think of something else besides finding his way through the method. Above all, there is no reason why he should not study these things on paper at home, for this is the one road to success in the tower.

In the simpler methods the crux of successful conducting is in the ability to watch the coursing order of the bells and to be able to anticipate the changes of coursing order which will be made by the bobs.

Despite dodging and place-making, the bells in these simple methods keep to a fixed cycle until they are disturbed by a bob (or single). Coursing order is, generally speaking, the order in which the bells come to lead, or follow each other out behind. It also keeps them to a regular succession in the 'work' of the method, and if the conductor knows the coursing order, he not only can tell the bells when to lead, or the order in which they should come away from behind, but by the position of one or more he can tell a ringer who has gone astray exactly what piece of work he has to do next and thus set him fairly quickly on his feet again—unless the delinquent happens to be one of those unfortunate ringers who, when they get out, have not the capacity to get right again without infinite trouble.

A knowledge of coursing order is, therefore, a first essential for those who wish to study anything more than the merest elementary phase of ringing. Indeed the power to observe and memorise the order in which bells are coursing is the greatest aid to hunting. If you know the coursing order, there is no need to look about to find the next bell to strike over, with the possibility of missing it altogether; the ringer knows exactly which bell to look for.

Suppose it is Plain Bob we are ringing. Let us look at the coursing order first from the treble, when all the working bells come up without interruption. As you hunt out you have them in the order 2. 4. 6. 5. 3, and you take them back in precisely the same order. Then, when you lead, the last bell the treble struck over makes 2nds place and takes the treble from lead. In hunting out and back next time, therefore, you put the last first and keep the others in the same order 3.2.4.6.5. In the next lead this order becomes 5.3.2.4.6 and so on until the end of the course or a bob is called.

A bob in Bob Minor causes 4ths place instead of 2nds to be made, and consequently the bell coursing in front of the treble and the one behind it continue in that order and a different bell is displaced.

As we have seen the coursing order in the first lead is 2.4.6.5.3, and, in the second without a bob, 3.2.4.6.5. If, however, a bob is called, it is not the last bell you meet first, but the same bell as in the previous lead. The bell met next to last turns round in 4ths place and comes in and you have a coursing order of 2.5.4.6.3 instead of 3.2.4.6.5.

It seems a little more complicated in explanation than it really is in practice, and with careful application the young ringer will know as quickly which bells to look for after a bob has been called as he will after a plain lead.

If he is ringing an inside bell, he has to take the treble into account in the ringing order, and he will find that what happens is that the five working bells retain their order and that the treble moves through them one place each lead. Thus (suppose he is ringing the 2nd) he first leads and then he meets the bells 4.6.5.3.1, and after 1 comes his own bell in the cycle, giving an actual coursing order of 4.6.5.3.1.2.

The 2nds place made by 3 transposes the bells in the next lead to 4.6.5.1.3.2, and in the next to 4.6.1.5.3.2, and so on, the treble moving one place at a time, the others keeping their coursing order except for this disturbance. If a bob is called, there is a wider transposition and instead of 4.6.5.3.1.2, you get 4.6.3.1.2.5.

It is worth while going to a little pains to understand this. Get a pencil and paper and write out two or three leads of Bob Minor and note the order in which the bells come up behind and come to lead.

Then write out three leads in which bobs are made and observe in these how the coursing order is changed. It will enable you to grasp it much more clearly when you go into the belfry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Biggleswade on January 10th, when ringers were present from Biggleswade, Basford, Bedford, Biddenham, Sandy, Tempsford, Henlow, Clifton, Stotfold, Maulden, Silsoe, Willington, Kempston, Blunham, Stagsden and Northill, and visitors from Histon and Cambridge.

The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Rev. R. B. Griffin, who gave a suitable address. Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall, arranged by the wives of the local ringers. A company of 40 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. B. Griffin presiding. The secretary presented the annual report, which was adopted, as was the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £12 2s. 4d.

Collections for the Belfry Repair Fund during the year amounted to £8 11s. 9d., making a balance of £33 5s. 11d. Two grants have been made to the Clifton Bell Restoration Fund amounting to ten guineas. These bells, which are now at the Loughborough Foundry, are expected to be installed in time for the Coronation.

The usual vote of thanks brought the business meeting to a close. The bells were then kept going until 8.15 p.m. During the evening a course of Bob Major was rung by an entirely ladies' band. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise.

L. H. B.

SOME LESSER-KNOWN WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES

No. 2—Wootton Wawen

Which is the oldest belfry in England? In Warwickshire, at least, there is none older than that at Wootton Wawen—the oldest church in the county. Situated between the city of Birmingham and the historic town of Stratford-on-Avon, its fascinating name is derived from the Saxon owner before the Norman Conquest, a pious and reputable person named Wagen. To him goes the credit for causing the church to be rebuilt (for there was a church on the site in 723), and much of Wagen's work remains. The lower portion of the tower is his, resting as it does on four Saxon arches, one of which is now sealed.

Not only is the church noted for its antiquity, but also for its plan and fittings. Its plan is unique and the church has often been described as three churches in one, for the nave, Lady Chapel and chancel are almost separate buildings and are in themselves self-contained. For the historically-minded ringing visitor to see, there are some grand 15th century screens, a remarkable 15th century pulpit, fine 14th century stained glass, a small chained library containing a copy of the 'Breeches Bible' of 1595, tombs and a host of other things.

Past years have seen the ringers of Wootton Wawen competing in the Four Shires competitions, the cards for which have been framed and now hang in the ringing chamber. The ringing chamber! A room full of mysterious nooks and crannies—a room where once a door opened on to the ancient and now vanished rood loft; and what is the secret of the squint-like opening, now sealed, near that doorway? Here, too, can be seen a genuine Saxon window lighting a genuine Saxon ringing chamber built nine centuries ago! What a privilege to ring in such a belfry and continue the work of those who for nine hundred years have performed the same act of devotion in this very tower.

The bells, six in number, are not in a good condition, yet they are not unringable. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—Iohn Morris, Henry Green Chvrchwardens. Henry Bagley of Witney made mee, J742.

2nd.—1591. ABCDE. FGHIK. LMNOPQRS.

3rd.—I. Rudhall Glocester fecit J803.

4th.—1784. (The remainder of the inscription on this bell is defaced.)

5th.—Thos Haynes and Iohn Buffery, Churchwardens. 1761.

Tenor.—Iohn Moore Rector Iob Fisher, Iohn Attwood C.W. 1719.

The 4th was in all probability cast by T. Rudhall; the treble is cracked and has been mended with iron rivets, and another bell has been cracked and has an iron band round it. The second bell was cast by Watts of Leicester.

When the commissioners surveyed the churches in 1552 they found at 'Wott'n Waughen. Itm there . . . iij belles.' It seems that at that time there was some building there, for there appears: 'Qd that the p'ishe (parish) have sold sithe (since) the Last Survey oon bell to the buyldinge of theire churche and a ovle (aisle).' In the new aisle the oldest and the newest were thus joined together, and to-day the church at Wootton Wawen proudly boasts the architecture of every period from the Saxon times.

One thought on concluding this, the second article in the series—which is the oldest belfry in England?

A. A. M.

'The War Cry' published an unusual picture of a belfry in its first issue of 1953. A group of men and women, well muffled, had each a hand on a sally. For safety's sake, presumably, the ropes were all tied together below the sallies. Inexperience of the practical side of ringing spoilt what might have been useful and valuable propaganda.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary V. Whorlow (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, Mary W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine (first of Grandsire) 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Lola Callow 1, P. K. Williamson 2, W. A. Stote 3, J. W. Taylor 4, F. W. Pettens (cond.) 5, L. M. Callow 6, R. Winter 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. First of Treble Bob Major by 1 and 7.

BATH.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Townsend 1, M. Helps (cond.) 2, R. Perry 3, A. L. Coles 4, H. Newman 5, D. Eyles 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. J. Brown, father of Mr. W. G. Brown, towermaster of the above church, who was buried this day.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,500 Plain Bob Major: A Sayer (first quarter) 1, Betty Solly 2, J. Russell 3, T. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, J. Tumber (first quarter) 6, A. Hinkley 7, L. Everes (cond.) 8. Rung for the universal week of prayer service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Weller 1, J. Galyer 2, A. J. Clayton 3, S. F. W. Kimber 4, R. Tomlin 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, L. A. Reece 7, F. D. Jennings 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Swann 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, A. Skinner (cond.) 4, J. Udale 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch 7, E. Bass 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole (first quarter) 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Swann 4, R. Barrow 5, A. Skinner 6, C. Linch (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Jarvis (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Fensome 2, P. Jarvis 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, D. Borton 6.

CAERHAYS, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harper 1, D. Burnett 2, H. Harper 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, K. Brewer 5, K. Rowe 6. First known change-ringing on the bells for 13 years.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Freegard 1, R. Lancefield 2, F. Walker 3, E. Dixon 4, W. Hacker 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Harry Parsons, ringer and choirman at St. Mary's Church.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on Jan. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sally Ashenden 1, B. Wilsden 2, Mrs. Gladys Stockbridge 3, A. C. Philpott 4, Mrs. Brenda Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Sally Ashenden to the Rev. T. W. H. Rutherford, curate of St. Dunstan's with Holy Cross.

CHESHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Biggs 1, D. Stone 2, W. Redrup (cond.) 3, M. Hatchett 4, B. Taylor 5, W. Lee 6. First of Cambridge for 2 and 5. Rung as a farewell to Mr. F. Shepherd, who is leaving the country to take up a teaching appointment in Southern Rhodesia.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clare 1, S. Walklate (cond.) 2, D. Walklate 3, G. Freebrey 4, F. R. Lowe 5, A. E. Thompson 6, C. Walklate 7, R. Scott 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Irene Tate.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Moreton 1, M. P. Moreton 2, H. Symonds 3, R. Stickley 4, A. T. Wingate 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. First quarter peal on the bells. For the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Sawyer 1, Pam Webb 2, M. Bishop 3, J. Gordon 4, A. Woodley 5, J. P. Blond 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gordon 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, M. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, B. Brown 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, W. White 8.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Harding (first quarter) 1, I. M. Waters 2, M. J. Thurnott 3, Miss M. Grain 4, J. W. Pickett (cond.) 5, G. B. Easingwood 6. First quarter of Doubles for all except conductor.

FOXEARTH ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise: R. Boykett 1, Miss R. Seabrook (first in method) 2, C. Snowden 3, F. Claydon 4, T. Bird 5, J. Jennings 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, Miss H. G. Snowden 8.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, R. Mackerill 3, R. Lay 4, H. Ellis 5, J. Bramley 6, J. Phillips 7, H. Page 8.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Bob Major: K. Atherley 1, A. Maddock 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Craine 4, D. S. Harris 5, J. Robinson 6, T. Hesketh 7, E. White (cond.) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ricketts 1, W. Webb 2, E. R. Gladman 3, J. B. Sansom 4, B. A. Rose 5, W. J. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob 360 April Day, 120 All Saints' and 300 Grandsire): Mary Wallace (first quarter) 1, Ann Barr (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. G. Isaacson (first quarter 'inside') 3, M. W. Fairey 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, F. T. Warrington (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods by all and on the bells. Also 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): G. Pugh (first quarter) 1, Ann Barr (first quarter in three methods 'inside') 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. G. Isaacson (first quarter in three methods 'inside') 4, M. W. Fairey (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. T. Warrington (first quarter in three methods) 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. T. Warrington 1, Ann Barr 2, D. W. Barr (cond.) 3, M. W. Fairey 4, C. M. Smith 5. First quarter in two methods by all and on the bells. Rung prior to morning service and as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Double Oxford Bob Major: D. Brixton 1, Jessie Kippin 2, Nelia Leahy 3, J. Hartless 4, R. N. Marlow 5, D. R. Reed 6, E. F. Gilbert 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 and on the bells.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Nicholls 1, Miss M. Kirkby (first quarter) 2, Miss P. Warren 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, F. A. Smith 5, J. A. Etherington 6.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. Moores 1, H. Armstead 2, Audrey M. Sevile 3, G. Dare 4, F. Mellor 5, J. Brooks 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, R. Sinkinson 8. Rung muffled for funeral service of Mrs. S. Mitton, mother of Maurice, a local ringer and sexton at this church.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Fernley 1, Molly May 2, Elise Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, Sylvia Cain 5, J. W. Hartley 6, B. Jones 7, E. Bennett (cond.) 8. A welcome to the curate, Mr. Plimbley.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Claire Mountain 1, Audrey Brough 2, R. M. V. Manning (first quarter) 3, Joan Mountain 4, P. Whittaker 5, L. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Godard (first quarter) 1, H. H. Thomas 2, G. Godard 3, A. Burbridge 4, T. G. Myers 5, R. Southwood 6, J. Sims (first as cond.) 7, O. Thomas 8.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: H. Green 1, A. R. Price 2, T. Yeomans 3 F. Bailey 4, M. Williams 5, G. Francis (first as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1 and 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 behind): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, Mr. N. R. Phillips 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, A. T. Langstone 7, J. Merrett 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 covering): W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, W. J. Harper 4, Howard Meek 5, O. W. Clowes 6, L. H. Jones (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Wilks, a ringer and chorister at this church for 50 years.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): C. Williams (first quarter) 1, M. M. Reid 2, W. R. Speake 3, W. A. Jerrett 4, R. C. Lucas (cond.) 5, S. Shackell 6. Rung for the early morning Holy Communion service.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: A. Rivers 1, B. Taylor 2, G. Birt 3, B. Lister 4, J. Ellwood 5, F. Scott 6, W. Butler 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. R. J. Noble (first quarter of Triples) 1, S. Howard 2, D. J. Woodhouse 3, R. Charge 4, R. Sanders 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, E. Blake 7, T. Welbourne 8. A 79th birthday compliment to R. Sanders.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Warboys 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, Miss E. Perry 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Beacham 1, M. Hawkes (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Hartell 3, Miss J. Milton 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. First quarter for ringers of 3, 4 and 6. Conducted by F. Hawkes.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (one extent of London and 600 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Mary Fuller 3, R. Bird 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. First extent of London for 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first attempt.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The enclosed peal, published by William Willson in the 'Bell News,' has been discovered by Mr. Birmingham, of Slough, to consist of only 4,932 changes and not 5,004, as published. Mr. C. W. Roberts has rectified this by the substitution of slightly longer going off courses, as follows:—

A		B	
23456789		23456789	
32456978	1, 4, 5S	23456978	1, 4, S
		45326	8 in 3S
25436	8 in 3	32546	8 in 3S
42536	9 in 3	53246	9 in 3
		63254	1S, 89S
53246	8 in 3S		
63254	1S, 89S		

Each of these, if substituted for the first four courses of the peal, will give a true peal of 5,004 changes.—Yours sincerely,

W. BUTLER.

Windsor.

5,004 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By WILLIAM WILLSON

23456789	
23456978	1, 4, S
35426	8 in 3
52436	8 in 3
63254	8 in 2
45362	8 in 2
34562	9 in 3
54263	89
25463	9 in 3
42563	9 in 3
52364	89
35264	9 in 3
23564	9 in 3
53462	89
43265	89
24365	9 in 3
32465	9 in 3

Repeat last 12 courses, calling 1st course 9 in 3S for

24563978	
45326789	*
52346	9 in 3
35246	7 in 3
23546	7 in 3
34526	9 in 3
42536	9 in 3
54236	7 in 3
25436	7 in 3
53426	9 in 3
32456	9 in 3
43256	7 in 3
24356	7 in 3

Repeat these 12 courses, calling 1st course 9 in 3S for 23456789.

* 1S, 3S and 8 in 3.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Kidd 1, J. Wheadon 2, S. Sage 3, M. Jillian Brierley 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. An 81st birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Rudkin (14, first quarter) 1, W. S. Butler 2, Mary Edwards 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, D. Portway 5, S. Bones 6, C. Burton 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Union and Grandsire: W. Godwin 1, N. Chamberlain 2, J. Venn 3, L. Durham 4, H. Floyd (con.) 5, J. Green 6. First quarter in eleven methods for 1, 2, and 3. Rung for Christmas.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Northern Branch

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Mary's, Brecon, on January 3rd, with an attendance of 40 ringers and friends. Mr. E. T. P. Field (Dorset) was amongst the visitors. Towers represented were Swansea, Cefn Coed, Llanfaes, Ebbw Vale, Talgarth, etc.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service at 4.30 was conducted by the Dean of Brecon, the Very Rev. W. Edward Jones, who extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and proceeded with a very able address. After a very nice tea came the business meeting.

The meeting began with the general secretary (Mr. J. A. Hoare) taking the chair during the temporary absence of the Dean. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and adopted. The election of officers followed, and it was proposed and seconded that the three retiring officers be re-elected, viz., Mr. J. A. Smith (Ringing Master), Mr. W. G. Smith (secretary) and Mr. D. H. Bennett (treasurer). Five new ringing members were elected and one honorary life member (Mr. E. T. P. Field). A collection for the bell restoration fund realised £1 0s. 9d.

Llanfaes (Brecon) was the choice of the members for the next quarterly meeting. The Dean (Rev. W. E. Jones), having returned to the meeting, rose to inform the members that the prospect of having the bells made fit for ringing at the Cathedral was very remote owing to the very delicate state of the fabric of the tower, plus terrific expense. This was a sad blow to the members.

After Mr. J. T. Williams had expressed a wish that some members would take a little more interest in new methods on practice nights, the chairman (J. A. Hoare) asked that tower secretaries would also interest themselves in seeing that members' subscriptions are in the secretary's hands at the beginning of December. He mentioned that two towers (not named) were still outstanding, but was assured that the dues are safe. With the customary vote of thanks to those concerned for the success of the meeting, and a prayer by the Dean, the meeting closed for members to return to the tower for further ringing.

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BRISTOL

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

New Secretary for North-East Branch

The annual general meeting of the North-East Devon Branch was held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on January 3rd.

The bells were raised in peal at 2.30 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman (Doubles and Triples), Bob Minor and Rounds for the learners were rung prior to the service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley), who gave an inspiring address.

Tea was taken at the Half Moon Hotel, followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. J. H. Jones, branch chairman, presiding, supported by the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, and the general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor.

Branch towers represented were Tiverton, Silverton, Culverleigh, Huntsham and Bampton, visitors from Exeter, Honiton Clyst, Highweek, Ashbrittle, Milverton, Wellington and Combe Martin.

Officers elected for the next year were: Chairman, Rev. J. H. Jones (Huntsham); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware (Tiverton); Ringing Master, A. G. Selley (Silverton).

Paying tribute to the retiring secretary, Mr. C. Dymond, Mr. A. W. Payne said the Branch had found him to be a very genial and respected person on whom the successful running of the Branch meetings, etc., had fallen over the past nine years.

Mr. Dymond thanked the members for their support, and hoped they would support his successor in the same way.

The secretary's report stated that Branch meetings had been well attended, Sunday service ringing in Branch towers had been maintained, and instruction given at new towers, Bradninch and Calverleigh. Membership was 60. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £34 16s. 7d.

Preb. E. V. Cox, acknowledging a welcome extended to him by the chairman, congratulated the Branch on its financial statement, the number of young members and the work of the instructors during the past twelve months, and hoped the good work would continue.

The next Branch meeting will be held at Bickleigh on Saturday, April 18th, at 2.30 p.m., by permission of Rev. Dr. H. G. Hatch.

Thanks to the Rector of St. Peter's for the use of the bells and to the organist, Mrs. Miles, a member of the St. Peter's band of ringers, were expressed by the chairman.

Ringing continued under the Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley, until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. W. H. W.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Southampton District

Over 70 members from a wide area attended the annual meeting of the Southampton District held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on January 10th.

Ringing in the afternoon was under the direction of the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger). The Guild service was held in St. Mary's Chantry conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Hales). Tea was taken in the gymnasium.

At the annual business meeting, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (chairman) presided. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's, Southampton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Pullinger, Bishopstoke; secretary-treasurer, Mr. M. J. Butler, St. Mary's, Southampton; auditor, Mr. H. Higson, Bishopstoke; representative on the Central Committee, Mr. R. Reed, North Stoneham.

Three new members were also elected. After the secretary's report had been duly received and adopted, further ringing took place on the ten bells of St. Mary's.

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DEATH

HOVERD.—Susan Margaret.—At Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, after long illness, on January 12th, 1953, aged 7 years. Only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoverd, of 185, Crayford Road, Crayford, Kent. 2025

PERSONAL

Re JACK R. WORRALL.—Thought old fungus face was qualifying for Bachelors' Union. Sadly disillusioned.—Wellwisher from the Midlands. 2031

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. 1911

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1943

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Andrew's Hereford. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16 North Road Avenue, Hertford. 1997

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. (one from each tower). Bells available 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1991

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting, Reigate, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3. Tea and business meeting 5. 1941

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Owing to the death of the Rector of Bexhill, the practice meeting arranged for Saturday, Jan. 24th, is cancelled. Next meeting, Annual divisional, Eastbourne, Feb. 28th. — Hon. Div. Secretary. 2032

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 7.15, advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Feb. 2nd, 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 7th, annual general meeting, 2.30–4, Festival Church, St. John's, Waterloo Road; 3.45–4.45, Southwark Cathedral; service 5; tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral afterwards. Names, please, Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 2036

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea, certain. Tuesday, Jan. 27th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1985

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual Dinner Jan. 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's, Beverley. Dinner 6 p.m. Ringers requested to be in Market Cross Hotel at 5.45 p.m. There are still a few vacant seats; will anyone desiring a seat inform, by Jan 27th, Mr. G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 2030

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Reminder. Annual Ringing Day and Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tickets still available. Kindly send remittance (7s. 6d.) to Miss H. Tesson, 129, Sylvia Avenue, Knowle, Bristol. Ringing arrangements published last week. All ringers welcome. 2018

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Arrangements on Saturday, Jan. 31st, are: Ringing at St. Bene't's, 3–4 p.m.: R.C., 4–5 p.m.: Great St. Andrew's, 5.30–6.30 p.m. Annual dinner in Clare College, 8 for 8.30 p.m. (charge, 13/6).—F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College. 2035

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 2002

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—St. Paul's, Honiton, Jan. 31st. Service 4.15. St. Michael's bells for the aftenoon. St. Paul's after tea. Names for tea, not later than Jan. 27th, to Mr. O. Griffin, New Street, Honiton.—J. Arberry. Hon. Sec. 1934

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2024

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' towers available 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea at Prince of Wales. Names by 28th inst. to R. Kenward (Hon. Sec.), 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 2005

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. — Annual meeting, Bosbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 28th, J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2010

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—G. Randle. 2012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Sat., Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Oliver's Cafe, High Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1998

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr's, Borough, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing to follow. Please make own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 2023

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify, by Wednesday, Jan. 28th, Miss M. Shearsmith, St. Vincent Cottage, Littlemoor Road, Pudsey. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 2009

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Great Bowden, Jan. 31st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 28th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 2015

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Open Day at St. Thomas', South Wigston, Jan 31st, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Bells available at 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening to commence at 7.30. All welcome. Proceeds to Church Repair Fund. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 28th, to A. E. Bodycote, 32, Richmond Drive, Blaby, Leics. 2014

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 31st, Barkby. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, at 4.30, to G. James, 10, School Lane, Barkby, please. 2019

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversfield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) available 7. Names for tea by Monday, 26th inst. **No name no tea.**—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2011

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St Mary's, Peterborough, Saturday Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements; plenty of cafes. Business meeting 6 p.m. St. John's vestry. Evening ringing at both churches if desired 2000

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Annual meeting at Towcester, Jan. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. Greens-Norton bells available in evening.—W. A. Yates. 1979

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting Shrewsbury, Jan. 31st. St. Mary's (10) 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.35 p.m. Tea St. Chad's Parish Room 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's, but names must be sent to me by Jan. 28th.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. Tel. 3846. 1999

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting will be held on Jan. 31st at Croydon. St. John's bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall, Silverdale Road. Names for tea, by Jan. 28th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon. Nominations for general officers 1953.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1988

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. All Saints' and St. Michael's bells available from 2.30. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in All Saints' Hall. Names, by Jan. 27th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1996

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke (8), Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, in Brodrick Hall, 5. Names, by Jan. 27th, to John H. Hunt, 44 Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2029

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those letting me know by Thursday, Feb. 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Hereford. 2026

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby (8), February 7th. Names for tea, by Feb. 4th, to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 2013

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., preacher, Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilfred B. Belcher, M.A., M.C., Rector of Diss. Tea 5 p.m. at the Corn Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea, by Feb. 3rd, please, to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 2020

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual lunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Members wishing to come please notify, immediately, David Gallop, Magdalen College. 2008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2033

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I.W. District. — Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Feb. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and ringing, Newport, 5 p.m.—Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 2016

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Reminder. St. Albans District Annual Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names, as soon as possible, to W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 2022

HERTFORD COUNTY ASOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tues., Feb. 17th, to W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 14, Walton Street, St. Albans 2021

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — The 65th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 o'clock on March 7th in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Tickets 14s. 6d. each. Early application with remittance is essential. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2007

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Bayliss (first quarter) 1, J. F. Harvey 2, G. Bailey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, L. Tuffrey 5, T. Gwilt 6, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 7, T. H. Bartlett 8.

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36452		—	—	Rut., Lin., Lon.
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CENTENARY OF SAMUEL LEE

A Carpenter Who Became Professor of Arabic

ON July 27th, 1803, the Union Society of Shrewsbury visited Wrexham and rang 5,021 Grandsire Caters, the first ten-bell peal in Wales. One of this band was Samuel Lee, a young man then working as a carpenter in humble circumstances, who in later life had a most interesting career.

In his early days he knew both poverty and hardship. Born at Longnor, near Shrewsbury, on May 14th, 1783, he was one of a large family, and his parents were very poor. After a scanty education at the village Charity School he was apprenticed, at the age of 12, to a Shrewsbury carpenter. He would probably be about 16 when he chanced one day to open a book printed in Latin. This so aroused his curiosity that he managed for a few pence to obtain a second-hand Latin grammar, and in odd moments he began to study.

Shortly afterwards he was introduced to ringing by his half-brother, James Lee, a capable ringer, who rang many peals. As a probationer with the Union Society, young Samuel made good progress, and before long was a full member, taking part in all their performances. In his own words, 'I had a great love for the Exercise.' As no complete record of the Union Society survives, a full list of his peals is not possible; the writer has traced five, all of Grandsire Caters. Besides the peal at Wrexham, already mentioned, he rang at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 5,057 on October 30th, 1802; 6,065 on March 26th, 1805; and 10,097 on April 5th, 1808. His last peal was 5,219 at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on September 2nd, 1811.

During this period we know that other peals, including Bob Royal and Maximus, were rung in the town, and we can be reasonably certain that he took part in them. A frequent visitor to Shrewsbury at this time was Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, and between him and Samuel Lee a close friendship developed which lasted until the death of Lawrence in 1823.

Shortly after the peal at St. Mary's in 1811, a great change took place in Lee's circumstances. Unknown to anyone he had continued during these years to devote every minute of his spare time to the study of languages, and had completely mastered Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Persian and Arabic. Too poor to be able to afford more than one book at a time, his method was to copy out the whole contents of a grammar before selling it to obtain the next. He had married early, and his entire wage never exceeded 6s. per week. At length, quite by accident, his talents became known. Several prominent men in the town took a great interest in this local genius, and with the aid of the Church Missionary Society he was enabled to enter Queens' College, Cambridge, in 1813.

His career from this time onwards fully justified the support he had received. He graduated M.A. in 1819 and took orders, being appointed Professor of Arabic to the University, B.D. in 1827, and D.D. in 1833, besides continuing his studies in Oriental languages until he had completely mastered at least 18. At the same time he maintained his interest in ringing, corresponding with Samuel Lawrence and others. From time to time he rang touches with the Cambridge band, whose striking did not always please his critical ear! His active connection with ringing probably ended when he left Cambridge to become Vicar of Banwell, Somerset, and he devoted the remainder of his life to his linguistic studies, translating parts of the Gospels into many languages, and writing many books, all of which show his profound genius. In June, 1838, he became Rector of Barley, Hertfordshire, where he died on Dec. 16th, 1852.

On December 20th, 1952, Shropshire ringers paid a tribute to his memory with a peal of Grandsire Cinques at his old tower of St. Chad's.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' January 31st, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Five hundred peals for one Association is a record of wonderful service rendered, and this valuable service has been given by Mr. Keith Hart, who . . . on Monday completed his fifth century for the Sussex Association. . . . We believe that only three other ringers can claim such a record. Mr. William Pye and Mr. Prewett have each scored 500 for the Middlesex Association . . . . and probably the late Rev. F. E. Robinson . . . . rang 500 for the Oxford Guild.

[Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, had reached that total for the Norfolk Diocesan Association. The feat is, of course, much more common to-day, but still a noteworthy one. Mr. Hart eventually rang 900 peals for the Sussex Association.]

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From inquiries made, Mr. J. McMillan believes that the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, can claim to be the first Welsh-speaking band to ring a peal. Their performance was one of Grandsire Triples on Boxing Day.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	7
JOHN MCDONALD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
A 70th birthday compliment to William C. Dowding.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ANTHONY AGER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	5	*GEORGE E. FEARN	11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	6	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 250th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
CLEMENT GLENN	2	LEONARD RODMELL	7
*JOHN M. HARROP	3	JOHN G. HOBSON	8
RONALD H. DOVE	4	CHARLES BARKER	9
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method, and on ten bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	RODERICK J. LEES	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	7
HARRY GRIFFITHS	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	8
SAMUEL BIRCH	4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
Rung half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, late Bishop of Lichfield.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	ALLEN MORGAN	8
REGINALD WOODYATT	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Bertram Lasbrey, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Worcester and Rector of All Saints' Church, upon his retirement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	THOMAS BOWLES	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	JAMES ADAMS	7
CHARLES COLES	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*FRED LACEY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
*BRIAN CUTHBERT	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

NESTA D. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
RICHARD M. CURRIE	2	OSCAR G. SMART	6
RICHARD SMITH	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
JOHN R. TOLMAN	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, QUEENSBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	RALPH BEAUMONT	5
JOHN F. BRYANT	2	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	6
GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	7
*KENNETH PALMER	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY F. BRYANT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
ROGER KEELEY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

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DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 480 each of Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, and 800 of Bristol, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
*WILLIAM WENBAN	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
FRANCIS KIRK	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Spliced away from the treble. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*SALLIE BONE	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	DESMOND G. MAYELL	6
WILLIAM S. MAY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
DONALD COOMBES	4	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Major.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

DANIEL D. COOPER	*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. OATWAY	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	JAMES W. KNIGHT	7
EDWARD G. TALBOT	4	ROYDON DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. G. Talbot.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LISCARD IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*NORAH M. BIBBY	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. 13 D.O.).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 150th peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 220).

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN McDONALD	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	RODERICK J. LEES	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JOHN N. DISERENS	*Treble*	†FRANK W. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
MRS. A. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany and as a compliment to Miss Nance Morgan and the Rev. Martin Rogers, assistant curate, on their recent marriage.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUCAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	DENIS ROE	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4	STEWART J. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany, and as a second wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Williams, who were married at this church.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*RICHARD GARDINER	*Treble*	BERNARD BOVER	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	PETER J. CAME	6
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A bachelors' peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	ROGER HAWKESWORTH	5
EDMUND MALIN	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	*WILLIAM R. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield, and patron of the Stafford Society, also Mr. W. J. Bastone, head ringer and verger for 15 and 25 years respectively at the above church.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation) Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK LONG	*Treble*	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	5
NANCY MARKLEW	2	BERTIE RIDGEWAY	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
EDWARD SOWMAN	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Cotton, for many years captain of St. Mary's and district secretary of the M.C.A.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 WATERLOO BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	CEDRIC CURSON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal of Triples in the method (?). Composition contains the 5 and 6 their maximum number of courses 'home' at backstroke.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Treble*	*PETER MARRIOTT	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	JOHN UNDERWOOD	6
*RODNEY HARRISON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	†SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Kathleen Proctor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	5
*JOHN J. MORRIS	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	ERNEST JELLEY	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 50th peal together.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Lichfield, father of the Rev. R. Woods, M.A., now Archdeacon of Singapore, who was until recently Vicar of this parish.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
MARY FULLER	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The conductor's 400th peal for the above Association.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
EDMUND MALIN	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
*CLIVE M. SMITH	4	MARK N. CULLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods, Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM F. J. COPE	*Treble*	*GRAHAM R. EYLES	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
*FREDERICK W. STONE	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Major. H. Taylor's 50th peal with the ringers of the 6th and tenor.
Rung for the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hatch. Also for the engagement of Miss Winnie Hodgkinson and Mr. Walter G. Soar.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	PETER BORDER	6
GEORGE F. BURTON	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's D.13/1).

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	JOSEPH TOMLINSON	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
*WILLIAM LANGHORN	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
J. S. Wilde's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Jan. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	DONALD BOURNE	4
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
JOHN BEARDMORE	3	EWART AUGUSTUS EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN FORD	*Treble*	MICHAEL SLANEY	4
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	DONALD BOURNE	5
*MICHAEL BESWICK	3	*GEOFFREY BEARDMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD BOURNE.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles for the whole band. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	*BARRY CORBISHLEY	4
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	*IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	3	*ERIC NIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE M. HENSHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM CARNWELL	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of London Surprise, one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY BEARDMORE	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	4
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	MICHAEL SLANEY	5
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD MOORE	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
*MRS. M. MOORE	2	*TERRY EARLE	5
*JOHN LEEMING	3	*ALAN SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Bourn Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
MARY FULLER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and three extents of Single Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
BERT W. MAY	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
CECIL C. BISHOP	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Arranged and rung for the 85th birthday of William J. Walker, of Upchurch, father of the treble ringer, and for the 80th birthday of Herbert E. Simpson, of Sittingbourne.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: 1, Ockley and Morning Star; 2, Norbury and Morning Star; 3, College Exercise and Morning Star; 4, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star; 5, Capel and Oxford; 6, Kingston and Oxford; 7, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*A. EDWARD DOBB	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal. First peal of Spliced on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ilett. Mrs. Ilett, née Miss Jean Haynes, is a member of the Warsop band.



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DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
EDWARD W. ROAST	2	JOHN WEST	5
ERNEST G. ROAST	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Brig.-Gen. J. T. Wigan, for many years churchwarden at this church. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung by the local Sunday service band.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree College. (2) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob. (5) Hereward and Oxford Bob. (6) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob. (7) Kent Treble Bob, with 117 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	4
†WILFRID F. MORETON	3	*FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
*FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	*LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 25 methods. † First peal of Minor in 25 methods. The first peal in 25 methods for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael P. Moreton.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Jan. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being forty-two different extents, comprising four each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman and Grandsire, and three each of April Day, Kennington, Southrepps, Northrepps, Clifford Pleasure and Reverse St. Bartholomew.
Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	JOHN H. JOYNER	4
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	*CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOHN R. JOYNER	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* 50th peal for the Society. First peal in twelve methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. G. F. Benbow, churchwarden and choirmaster at St. Augustine's, who was interred on January 2nd, 1953.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*†FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	*PETER J. THOMAS	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eighteen extents (10 callings) and two 240's of Grandsire, and twenty extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

*GEORGE CASE	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	3
SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	*JACK HUGHES	4
†BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal on five bells and in two Doubles methods.
A birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung on the front five after meeting short for Minor.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising a 720 each of Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	4
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	WILLIAM G. CUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Doubles and in seven methods.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE A. ROGERS	*Treble*	HARRY WRIGHT	4
JOHN SITCH	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Charles Harrington, one of the famous Fryerning company, who died suddenly on December 14th, 1952, within two hours of ringing for Evensong.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

MRS. T. J. MARRIOTT	*Treble*	TOM J. MARRIOTT	4
LEONARD WARREN	2	PETER MARRIOTT	5
WALTER G. SOAR	3	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT.
First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment, also a farewell peal to A. J. Marriott, who enters H.M. Forces on January 26th.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*HORACE MAIR	*Treble*	JAMES ADAMS	4
WALTER FERN	2	LAURENCE H. BUSBY	5
†CHRISTINE M. HALL	3	THOMAS S. BOWLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. BOWLES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON	*Treble*	*RICHARD G. LATHAM	4
HARRY BLACKBURN	2	CHARLES BLACKBURN	5
†ERIC ROUGHLEY	3	†JOHN R. AUSTIN (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

WORMHILL, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MRS. MARGARET E. WHITE	*Treble*	ALEC RICHARDSON	4
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE (14)	2	†MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	5
WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	ERIC ELLISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Believed to be the first peal on these, the lightest ring of church bells in existence.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Courtside, West Avenue, Basford,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.
Eric Nixon .. .. .. 1—2 | Michael Slaney .. .. 3—4
Ronald Barlow .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Ronald Barlow.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.
Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 1—2 | Eric Nixon .. .. .. 5—6
Ronald Barlow .. .. 3—4 | Michael Slaney .. .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by Michael Slaney.
Composition contains the extent of 7568s, 7856s and 5867s.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Eric Nixon .. .. .. 1—2 | *Michael Slaney .. .. 3—4
*Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 5—6
Conducted by Michael Slaney.
* 25th peal together.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 29 *Minutes,*
At Courtside, West Avenue, Basford,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 1—2 | Michael Slaney .. .. 3—4
Robert Anderson .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Michael Slaney.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
At 78, New Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 Grandsire (Morris's) and 10 six-scores each of Stedman, Original, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 19 different callings and 40 changes of method.
Vincent W. Rigg .. .. 1—2 | Edgar C. Shepherd .. 3—4
N. David Lane .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Schools,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob with 132 changes of method. Each course rung P.P.G.P.P.
Tenor size 17 in A.
Brian G. Warwick .. 1—2 | Derek G. Goodman .. 5—6
Harry Poyner .. .. .. 3—4 | Ernest Morris .. .. 7—8
Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 1—2 | Harry Poyner .. .. 7— 8
Harold J. Poole .. .. 3—4 | Alfred Ballard .. .. 9—10
Peter J. Staniforth .. 5—6 | Brian G. Warwick .. 11—12
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Friday, Jan. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At 23, Southdale Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Kathleen Higgins .. .. 1—2 | Peter Border .. .. .. 5—6
Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4 | R. James Cook .. .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

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Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will extend their sincere sympathy to their esteemed secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, in the death of his wife. Mrs. Peck died in hospital on Saturday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. W. H. J. Hooton met with an accident in his garden which has injured an eye. As a result he has to stay in bed for two weeks without reading, writing or visitors. Will those wanting Central Council publications kindly refrain from sending their orders during the next two weeks?

All matter intended for publication in 'The Ringing World' should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. Delay arises when items are sent to members of the Editorial Committee.

The Great Glenn handbell ringers collected £41 7s. at Christmas by ringing selections. The sum of £25 was sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £10 to the Coronation Fund and £6 7s. to their own Bell Repair Fund.

'A Flat' writes recalling Mr. Harold J. Poole's first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 1920. He adds, 'Had I and Freddy not had a fair amount of ale he would not have got that one. The Rugby and Coventry men were stone sober.'

The bells of Warmley Parish Church, near Bristol, rang a welcome home to Allan Burge on January 15th, he having seen service in Korea with a long spell overseas. Allan is the son of Mr. V. Burge, one of the chief ringers at this church. There is no better welcome home than the bells of your parish church.

The completion of 50 years' membership of Goole Parish Church company and of the Yorkshire Association was marked by the presentation of a Ronson lighter to Mr. C. W. ('Billy') King. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Waud on behalf of the Goole company and ringing friends in the district. Formerly a ship's steward travelling mainly between London and Goole, Billy invariably rang for service wherever his ship was in port.

The peal of tower captains of the Maidstone District reminds Mr. E. Barnett of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on August 25th, 1933, by a band of tower captains who described themselves as tower keepers. It was conducted by the late William J. Jeffries.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Mitcham on January 17th was called with 54 singles and three bobs.

A bachelors' peal has been rung at Writtle, Essex. Now then, spinsters, look to your laurels.

Mrs. Leslie Mills and Miss Janet M. Spurgin are the first ladies to ring a peal at Worming-ford, Essex.

Errata.—In the peal of Grandsire Triples at Taunton (see page 19), it was the first peal 'inside' for F. Matravers and the first peal on eight for G. Uglow.

The late Mr. G. Jones, whose obituary appeared in our last issue, lived at Ludgershall, Bucks, not Ludgershall, Wilts. We thank correspondents who have pointed out the error.

Two silver weddings of special interest to the Exercise take place next Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, of Caister-on-Sea, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Park, of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Congratulations.

Farnham District's message in annual report presented last Saturday: 'We must try to help others less experienced and to be more tolerant and kindly in our thoughts and expressions towards one another in and out of the belfries of our District. By so doing we shall be more worthy of our calling as church bellringers.'

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1952

Mr. G. E. Fearn Heads the List

Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, was the leading peal ringer for 1952 with the magnificent total of 124 peals. This does not equal Mr. Harold J. Poole's total of 143 peals in 1949, but it is the most prolific year Mr. Fearn has yet enjoyed. Last year the honour went to Mr. Poole with 107 peals to Mr. Fearn's 105. Since 1948 Mr. Fearn has passed the century mark each year.

Second position is held by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, of Hereford, who was at one time Master of the Oxford University Society. He has the splendid total of 90 peals.

Mr. Harold J. Poole is the leading conductor, having called 65 peals; the previous year he conducted 79 peals. Mr. Nolan Golden conducted 60 of his 62 peals in 1952.

Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, with 75 peals, all on tower bells, is the leading lady. She did not figure in the 1951 list. She is followed by Mrs. H. J. Poole with 52 peals, one more peal than she rang last year. No other lady rang 40 or more peals.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn ..	122 (35)	2	124
Wilfrid F. Moreton..	76 (40)	14 (10)	90
Harold J. Poole ..	73 (54)	12 (11)	85
Miss Muriel Reay ..	75	—	75
Arthur V. Pearson..	72 (9)	—	72
Brian G. Warwick ..	48 (11)	16 (9)	64
Henry H. Fearn ..	63	—	63
Maurice G. Turner..	60 (21)	—	60
Nolan Golden	61 (59)	1 (1)	62
Howard Howell ..	62 (33)	—	62
Peter J. Staniforth..	48 (15)	11 (1)	59
Martin Thorley ..	46 (1)	9	55
Peter Border	32 (18)	22 (3)	54
Edward Stitch ..	54	—	54
Mrs. H. J. Poole ..	52	—	52
John Worth	50 (28)	2 (2)	52
Arthur G. Bason ..	51 (4)	—	51
George Sayer	51 (1)	—	51
John Pinfold	50	—	50
J. Norman Hadley ..	49 (2)	—	49
H. William Barrett..	47 (3)	—	47
John R. Mayne ..	41 (6)	6 (1)	47
Fredk. E. Wilshaw..	30 (6)	17	47
Clive M. Smith ..	43 (10)	1	44
Anthony Ager	43	—	43
Bryan D. A. Woolley	43	—	43
Jack R. Worrall ..	32 (24)	11 (7)	43
Joseph W. Cotton ..	42 (6)	—	42
Terry R. Hampton..	42	—	42
O. Michael Slaney ..	13 (3)	29 (10)	42
Bert Gogle	41 (1)	1	42
Roger Leigh	41 (16)	1	42
John Hill	40	2	42
John E. Bibby ..	41 (14)	—	41
John A. Underwood	40 (2)	—	40
Robin G. Turner ..	9 (1)	31 (19)	40

Figures in parentheses denote number conducted.

There are a number of other well-known peal ringers whose names are not recorded. We hope to publish a supplementary list in a fortnight's time.

FIFTY YEARS WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The recent jubilee with the Sussex County Association of Mr. S. F. Haffenden, verger and captain of ringers at Goring-by-Sea, marks an interesting link with ringing at this Sussex tower. He was introduced to the Sussex Association by the late Mr. Harry Evans, ringer at the nearby tower of Heene, who, incidentally, was present for ringing at Goring on 50 consecutive Christmas Days.

The good wishes of the Association go to Mr. Haffenden and the several old stalwarts who have maintained the long ringing tradition in Sussex.

A peal to mark the occasion was rung on Monday evening, January 12th.

ROYAL SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Appeal for More Country Peals

A SATISFACTORY year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held on January 17th in the vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided, supported by the treasurer (Mr. W. R. Winterton) and the secretary (Mrs. C. J. Matthews).

Apologies for absence were read from Mr. H. Burton (Luton), Mr. J. Sitch (Shenfield), Mr. P. Spice (Bromley) and Mr. J. Millhouse (Lincoln). Probably the weather was responsible for the absence of Mr. A. Pulling and Mr. F. Blondell, who had hoped to be present.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Cross said that the church authorities had agreed that the annual meeting should be held on the third Saturday in January as a static date.

The balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, showed a bank balance of £116 1s. 6d., an increase of £7 19s. 2d. over the previous year. The dinner account showed a small profit.

EIGHT MEMBERS FROM AUSTRALIA

The secretary reported that 35 new members had been elected, eight from Australia, and thanks were due to Mr. A. R. Botting for the good work he had done in that respect. Mr. Botting was also instrumental in arranging one of the three peals rung this year for the Society. This was a peal of Bob Minor at Yass, conducted by R. W. Ferris, the first Cumberland peal in Australia. It is hoped that this may be the first of many, especially as this is Coronation year. By a coincidence, a peal of Bob Major, at Finchley, conducted by A. Butler, was rung on the same day, April 26th, the anniversary of the first peal of Bob Major in 1725. The other peal was London Surprise Major at Swanscombe, conducted by Mark Lancefield.

In connection with the Australian peal, Mr. George Gilbert thought the Australian members should be heartily welcomed and congratulated on their enthusiasm.

The secretary hoped that many more peals would be rung this year by country members as well as those in London under the auspices of the Society.

All meetings this year were well attended and this was very encouraging. Bishopsgate and Westminster were visited in March, Bray in June, and Chislehurst and Eltham in September, while a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at St. Martin's and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in spite of the great fog in early December, was well supported.

The annual dinner in October was again a very successful function, and the dinner secretary should be gratified at the result of all the hard work he had put into making the affair run smoothly.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected: Rev. F. J. Winterton (Barnet), P. Dickinson (Cheriton), G. E. Roome (Northampton), A. H. Bates (Old Windsor). Misses M. E. and S. Collins (Burpham), Misses Jean Dawson and P. Bourn (Clitheroe) and Miss A. Dannell (Slough).

The election of these members was ratified: Miss S. Knight (Gosport) and Miss Joan Hills (Grays).

Before vacating the chair, Mr. G. H. Cross thanked the officers and members for the support he had been given during the year. Mr. Cross was unanimously elected Master. The other officers re-elected were: Mr. W. R. Winterton, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Matthews, secretary; Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, senior steward; Mr. F. J. Matthews, junior steward; Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. A. R. Ling, trustees; and the hon. auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. T. H. Francis.

It was suggested that the Spring meeting be held at Harlow Common on March 28th. St. Albans July 4th, and Bromley September 19th. An additional meeting would be held at Shoreditch on November 21st. Alternative proposals were left to the discretion of the secretary.

Mr. F. J. Matthews asked to be relieved of the position of dinner secretary owing to pressure of work, and Mr. Geoffrey Carter and Mr. Arthur Butler were asked to organise the dinner this year. It would be held on Oct. 3rd.

THE NURSERY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Mr. T. Bevan made an appeal for funds towards the repair of the bells at St. Ann's, Highgate, when the estimate was received. This church has often been regarded as the 'nursery' of the Cumberlands, and Mr. Cross recalled that the first peal of London Surprise for the Society was rung there in 1892, conducted by George Newson.

With regard to the proposed re-issue of the Rule Book, with a revision of the history of the Society, a committee was formed to deal with this; Mr. T. H. Francis as convener, together with the Master and Trustees.

Mr. Cross asked the secretary to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. G. H. Daynes on the death of his wife.

The Society had been thanked in no uncertain terms by the Rev. P. Ashton, lately curate of St. Martin's, for contributions towards the bell fund of Clifton, Bristol, where he is now Vicar.

A member of the Society since 1901, William Keeble died in April this year and the company was asked to rise in silence to his memory. Mr. Cross said that he had been probably in his time one of the finest ringers of London Surprise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Martin's and Shoreditch for the use of the bells and the canteen helpers for the splendid tea provided.

Thanks to the 'Wizard of Westminster,' the bells of St. Margaret's were rung after the meeting, a privilege much appreciated by the visitors.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Meeting

For their first meeting of the year the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association met at Wingham. Sixty-two members were present, these representing 23 towers in the area.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the usual service, this being held in the church and being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Brockman, who also gave a most interesting address.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall and an excellent meal soon disappeared. The usual business items were then dealt with. Six new practising members were elected, also one new honorary member. For the next quarterly meeting, Sturry was the only tower nominated. For the by-meeting previous to this, St. Lawrence's, Thanet, out-voted Barham. News has, however, been received that St. Lawrence's tower is out of commission owing to structural repairs, so the meeting will revert to Barham.

Mr. S. Walter gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings at the committee's annual meeting at Maidstone, for which report he was cordially thanked. A balance sheet of the social held last November was presented and accepted, and it was decided that another of these pleasant evenings be arranged later this year.

The Vicar was thanked for allowing members the use of the bells and for conducting the service. A big thank you was also given to Miss Joan Kemp for making all the local arrangements, which included the tea, and the ladies who helped her during the meal were also thanked.

Further ringing was held during the evening, methods up to Double Norwich being practised.

B. J. L.

A PEAL ON THE LIGHTEST SIX

Difficulties in a Derbyshire Village

High on the limestone hills of Derbyshire is the farming village of Wormhill, with a population of 250. Standing in a wooded setting at the lower end of the village is the parish Church of St. Margaret, noted among ringers for possessing the lightest ring of church bells in the country.

Five of the bleakest miles westwards is the parish of Fairfield, and consequently thoughts have turned at various times to Wormhill's bells. One of the Fairfield ringers, in the course of earning his daily bread, has at times to sit in Wormhill Churchyard for hours at a time, and during his lunch hour has paid visits to the belfry, each time returning with the feeling that 'pealing' would be hopeless without a great deal of attention.

Moral support was forthcoming from another member of the band when, fresh from a peal success at Darley Dale, the return journey was made via Wormhill with a view to assessing the attention required, but as the light was fading little more than a casual glance could be taken of the missing rope ends and the smallness of the belfry.

Various other casual visits were paid, but it was not until December 27th, 1952, that 'Operation Wormhill" was put into force, when on that date the Vicar, the Rev. A. Shamash, was contacted, and found to be most agreeable to the use of his bells and only too pleased to have them put in order and rung properly. The usual procedure for Sunday services is to have three of the choir girls to chime two each.

A quick look round the belfry showed that four ropes had been cut off below the sally, tenor's stay was missing, and the only slider to be found was one that had been fitted on a previous visit. All the bells were inscribed 'J. Taylor, Loughboro (except the smaller ones, where even Loughboro had to be abbreviated to Loboro to get it on), 1863,' all but the tenor, which for some reason is 1864. It may be that the founders could not complete such a large order in one year!

On January 3rd the same two individuals proceeded to Wormhill, complete with tools, sliders and twelve yards of three-ply clothes line! Arriving about 10 a.m., it was thought advisable to catch the 1.40 bus home, as not enough jobs would be found to fill in the remaining hours until the next one at 5.40!

Far from catching the 1.40 bus, two further visits were necessary before the bells were safely ringable. Much speculation was centred on the rusty pieces of wire which were fastened to the centre of the frame on the slider's loose side and nailed to the uprights 2in. above the slider's guide at each side. Had some previous ringers used an electrical recording device? The reason for this amateurism was not apparent until the 3rd and 4th sliders were fitted, when it was found that with such a small arc for the stay to swing in, instead of pushing the slider along it was trapping it, so further amateurism, and by fitting wedge-shaped pieces of wood to each end of the slider's guide, to lift the slider at each end of its path, a satisfactory result was obtained. As well as these, three new rope guides required making and fitting, the tenor's wheel rim needed securing, and a new pulley had to be made and fitted to the treble to replace the original one which was missing.

Apart from these minor but necessary items, the bells were in remarkably good order, and there was not the slightest sign of decay in the wooden frame and fittings, but it is doubtful if Messrs. Taylors will see eye to eye with our bellhanging efforts.

Friday, January 9th, found six Fairfield ringers trying their hand at Minor, when the second's slider and the tenor's stay were soon disposed of. Bob Minor was first tried, but one found oneself leading four blows too soon if slightly overpulling. Kent was next tried, and by now more control was attained, but it was a rather doubtful band that made its way home.

Saturday, January 10th, saw zero hour, and after approximately 500 settling-down changes a peal of Kent was brought round in 2 hours and 44 minutes.

Much discussion took place afterwards as to the likeness of the sound of the bells. Some said handbells, and one mentioned a market-place crockery dealer, but it is evident from telephone calls received by the Vicar from outlying districts that the sound of the bells carry well.

It has since come to light from some books in the Vicarage that the bells are the back six of a ring of eight, originally intended to be hung in Messrs. Taylor's Campanile and were in some way or other acquired by Wormhill Parish Church.

After the peal the ringers were unexpectedly invited to the Vicarage for refreshment, and they would like to take this opportunity of recording their thanks to the Vicar for this and the use of the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District Inaugurated

The inaugural meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on January 10th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and a variety of methods was rung.

After an excellent tea, at which 30 ringers and friends were present, the business meeting was held. Canon Stephenson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was in the chair and 21 ladies were present.

The following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. H. McGuiness; secretary, Mrs. N. I. Lea; general committee, Mrs. M. Fidell and Mrs. S. Park; District committee, Miss M. Fidell, Miss J. Hall, Miss Killingley and Miss K. Softley.

Five ringing members were proposed for membership, bringing the total of ringing members in the area up to 21. Three honorary members were also elected.

A vote of thanks to Canon Stephenson for taking the chair was proposed by Mrs. S. Park, and Mrs. N. I. Lea proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's for the use of the bells.

The business meeting closed at 5.50 p.m. after which ringing was resumed until 7.30 p.m., when members attended Evensong.

It was agreed by all present that the meeting had been a great success and that the ringing had been of a high standard.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AT REPTON

Annual Meeting

FOR the beginning of Repton's history, one must go back to early times when the Saxons were slowly becoming converts to the Christian faith; it was for a time the ancient capital of the Saxon kingdom of Mercia and is older probably than Derby, the county town.

Repton Church is dedicated to St. Wystan, an early Christian martyr; most of the fabric of the church was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt, discovered in the 18th century. This crypt has always been regarded by archæologists as a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work, the roof being supported by four spiral columns.

To the modern visitor Repton Cross, with its well-worn steps, immediately strikes a note of antiquity, and Repton retains to-day many gabled and half-timbered buildings, and in the picturesque part of the village are several very old cottages. Just as Repton's ancient story is associated with its church and its mediæval fame, so its modern history centres on the school, and amongst the many English schools Repton has an envied tradition.

It was at this church so steeped in ancient history that the Guild held its seventh annual meeting, when upwards of 60 ringers were present from a wide area. Ringing on the beautifully toned ring, augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Taylors in 1935, began at 2.30 p.m. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) conducted the service and gave the address, in which he spoke of the work of ringers being a real witness and of the bells reminding people that the work of the church still continued.

Following tea, the annual meeting was held, at which the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson (in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven. H. E. FjtzHerbert) presided.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) presented the yearly report. He spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. C. H. Brown (Winshill), Mr. J. H. Dunmore (Ashby) and Mr. G. Wood (Repton). Six meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 30 per meeting. During the year three honorary, three ringing and seven non-resident members had been received into the Guild.

PEAL RECORD

Forty peals had been rung in 14 towers in four counties, with 10 conductors. Mr. W. P. Whitehead headed the list of conductors with a total of 19, followed by Messrs. J. W. Cotton (6), R. Beniston (4), Ernest Morris (3), B. G. Key (2), W. G. Soar (2), S. H. Jones, D. Beresford, F. E. Wilshaw and J. Underwood (one each). Three 'In Memoriam' peals were recorded by the Guild on the occasion of national mourning for the death of H.M. King George VI.

Personal achievements during 1952 were: Mrs. S. H. Jones, 25 peals and first lady member of the Guild to ring two peals in a day; Mr. S. H. Jones, 100 peals for the Guild; Mr. W. J. Leach, 50; Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Mr. W. F. Woodward and Mr. W. G. Soar, 50 peals each for the Guild.

The statement of accounts, read by Mr. J. W. Brittan, showed that receipts balanced the payments.

Officers elected for 1953 were as follows: President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce, with four members as the committee.

Preceding the business meeting votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the local members for their hospitality.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches of Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major and a ladies' touch of Grandsire Triples.

Towers represented were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Ticknall, Rolleston, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Derby (Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's), Ockbrook, Duffield, Spondon, Kingsbury, Wednesbury, Packington and the local company.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REPLY TO MR. A. PINK

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pink is correct in his facts but wrong in his conclusions. To me there is no paradox. It not infrequently happens in courts of law that a judge or magistrate after passing sentence suggests that it is time such and such a law be amended, but that does not alter his judgment, neither will it if the law is subsequently altered. It was quite in order for the Council to vote against the admission of the peals in question and then to pass a resolution to examine the rule concerned. The actual wording of the motion could have been better and no doubt would have been amended if time had permitted. As it stands, it seems to me to be a bit of 'cheek.' It recognises the rule concerned (despite the plea of ignorance put forward at the time), it admits the breaking of this rule, and then views 'with apprehension' its enforcement. And what is the 'status quo'? I would say that it is the rule which has been in existence for 50 years now, and not the ignoring of it.

Finally Mr. Pink is wrong in saying that the question of Plain Bob lead ends has yet to be re-examined. My letter on behalf of the Methods Committee a few weeks ago told the Exercise that this had been done and we were unanimous in recommending the retention of the rule.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

CANDLESBY SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—I should like to make known another Slow Course Doubles method, similar to Rugby, recently published herein. We first rang it at Alford on September 21st, 1950, and have lately taken it up again. In the absence of any known name, we called it Candlesby Slow Course, after a local five-bell tower. I should be glad to hear of any earlier name.—Yours truly,

J. IVOR SMITH.

15, Commercial Road,
Alford, Lincs.

THE METHOD

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54231		2345	
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25143		2534	
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Three times repeated.
Three callings.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest 'For Beginners' throughout the series and deem them very useful. I do think an improvement (XXVI.) can be made in bringing Grandsire Triples into rounds at hand, as a call at the 'rounds' makes the touch false in repeating the first changes of the touch. I would use the course end 000264 (these bells coursing in 642) then treat 357 as 234. Thus 362457 from which to call the bells round at hand.

Single	at 1	473562
S	at 2	264357
B	at 4	642357
B	at 1	736542
S	at 5	357264

Rounds at next handstroke lead, which may avoid a false touch.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton Som.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the account which appeared in your paper of January 9th, which described the ringing of the bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, on Christmas morning; first, to find that the founder of the bells was Thomas Bulleston, of Aldgate, for Northill's former first (now No. 2) bell, 'Sancte Gabriel Ora Pro Nobis,' was made by him in 1510, the only bell we have, except the last, 'Victory 1939-1945,' which is not a recast.

But, further, I have an old print of this church of 1737, which contains the following information concerning the church and bells, which seems to suggest that the present bells may not have been the church's original bells. I give it in full for the benefit of those interested:—

'The Priory of St. Bartholomew was founded by Raherus about ye year 1102, upon a moorish spot of ground. K. Henry II., having granted ye Prior and Canons a Privilege of holding an annual Fair within their own District, ye place soon became inhabited and ye Parish Church was probably founded about that time; 'tis thought the Convent either officiated therein or presented to it, till their dissolution, in 1539; when ye 6 tuneable Bells were sold to ye Parish of St. Sepulchre, and ye W. part of ye Church demolished to ye Choir wch ye K. order'd to be annex'd to ye Parish Ch: wch must have stood at ye E. end of yt of ye Convent; Q. Mary gave it to ye Black Friers, who officiated therein until Q. Eliz's reign, when it was granted by Parlmt. to ye Inhabitants for their Parish Church. The Patronage of ye Rectory was granted by K. Hen. VIII. to Sr. Robt. Rich, whofe defcendants ye Els. of Holland have since present'd to it, but 'tis now devolv'd to ye family of Edwards. It is situate on ye E. side of Smithfield, near ye N. end of T lane, in ye ward of Faringdon without; but tho it is within the Liberty of London yet . . . . reigners are free to practice any vocation within this Precinct.'

I have reproduced the abbreviations as they appear in the print. This has now no personal interest to my family, and I would gladly present the old print to the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, provided the Rector and churchwardens wish to preserve it in the vestry or any other suitable place.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN (Rev.).

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

FIRST LADY TO RING A PEAL AT BEVERLEY MINSTER

Dear Sir,—Peals on the glorious ring at Beverley Minster are few and far between. They are undoubtedly men's bells and Mrs. J. E. Turley was deservedly congratulated on the way she struck her bell. Incidentally, we believe we are correct in saying that Mrs. Turley is the first lady to ring a peal at the Minster.—Yours sincerely, CLEM GLENN.

Nottingham.

RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO REV. HERBERT DRAKE

Dear Sir,—The Suffolk Guild of Ringers at their annual meeting held on Easter Monday last, voted a sum of £5 5s. for the provision of a sanctuary bell for Ufford Church in memory of the late Rev. Herbert Drake, the former Rector. Mr. Drake was an enthusiastic ringer, also founder and first secretary of the Suffolk Guild, a position he held for many years.

The sum voted does not cover the cost of the bell and it is thought that ringers who knew Mr. Drake might wish to contribute towards this very suitable memorial. Subscriptions (limited to 2s. 6d.) will be acknowledged and should be sent to the undersigned at Centre Villa, Ufford, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

CHAS. E. FISHER.

PULLOXHILL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. E. C. Gobey's query about the fate of Pulloxhill (Beds) bells, the best I can say, owing to the absence of churchwardens' transactions at Pulloxhill, is that while it is quite likely that the original bells were sold to help rebuild the nave and tower, they certainly did not go to Shillington.

The old tower and nave were in ruins till the first part of the 19th century and were completely rebuilt about 1845. The one bell in the present little sandstone tower is inscribed, 'Thos. Mears of London. Fecit 1800,' and thus may be a survivor of the original supposed ring, or, more likely, a 'temporary' replacement. The tower would seem to be quite suitable for a light ring.

A similar fate seems to have overtaken the original bells at Arlesey, Beds, judging by the old rhyme:—

'Arlesey, Arlesey, naughty people,
Sold their bells to build their steeple.'

The present tower and ring of six date from about 1870. Strangely, there is also a story that Arlesey bells were sold to Shillington.

This rumour concerning Shillington is curious, as the bells there were a complete ring, a tuneful, heavy five, by 1638, and were cast for Shillington, as the churchwardens' accounts show. They certainly did not come from Pulloxhill or Arlesey. The latter's bells, presumably broken, in fact, were used in 1712 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, to provide metal for the new eight at Bletchley, Bucks.

The link is probably that Shillington tower also fell in 1701, in a storm, the bells being undamaged and eventually rehung in the present brick tower; the mutual misfortune*, with a little confusion of events due to hearsay evidence, probably giving rise to the Shillington part of the stories. I hope Mr. Gobey is now an octogenarian Treble Bob ringer and will go on enjoying that distinction for a long time to come!—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

* Hexton, three miles from Shillington, in 1947 became the latest victim of this local failing; see recent correspondence.

A 43 YEARS GAP BETWEEN PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note about Wimborne Minster being a rare tower for peals, I believe we can beat this.

Prior to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob on November 15th the previous peal was at Loughton, Essex, in 1909, making a lapse of 43 years. However, I hope it will not be so long before we get another.—Yours faithfully.

DEREK RILEY.

Loughton, Essex.

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RINGERS' WEDDINGS

PILOT R. TAPPENDEN, R.A.F. — MISS H. GORRINGE

Two ringers of St. Lawrence's Church, Hawkhurst, Kent, were married at All Saints', Hawkhurst, on January 10th. The bridegroom was Mr. Roy Tappenden, a pilot in the R.A.F., son of the late Mr. J. Tappenden and of Mrs. Tappenden, of Gun Green, Hawkhurst, and his bride Miss Helen Gorringe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gorringe, of 3, Sandrock, Hawkhurst.

The bride's father is captain, treasurer and secretary of St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, ringers and Master and treasurer of the Hawkhurst and District Guild of Bellringers.

Miss Gorringe, who has been ringing about seven years, was taught by her father and has about 20 peals to her credit. She is an excellent striker and possesses nearly an unforgettable memory and perfect bell control. When the time comes for her departure from Hawkhurst the loss to the local belfry will create a vacancy difficult to fill with a lady ringer of Miss Gorringe's ability. She was also very competent during her term of office as secretary of Hawkhurst and District Guild. The bridegroom also started ringing in Hawkhurst. Both of them sang in All Saints' choir.

There was a full choir at the wedding which, headed by the processional cross, met the bride on her arrival at the church.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a beautiful dress of white French velvet with veil and orange blossom. She carried a white prayer book with ribbons and red carnations suspended.

Two small bridesmaids — Miss Margaret Mitchell and Miss Elizabeth Mitchell (cousins of the bride)—wore scarlet velvet with velvet caps and velvet muffs to match.

The Vicar of Hawkhurst (the Rev. A. S. M. Leese) officiated, and Mr. Norman Rummery (a former Hawkhurst ringer) was best man.

The service included the hymns, 'Praise, my soul,' 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' 'The Lord is my Shepherd' and 'O perfect love.' Mr. P. Weston played the organ.

Handbells were rung by Messrs. A. H. Kemp, J. G. Powell, J. Brown, G. Billenness and C. Baker as the bride and bridegroom were leaving the church.

About 114 guests attended the reception at the Victoria Hall.

As the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Torquay the bells at St. Lawrence's Church were rung by Messrs. G. Billenness, A. H. Kemp, J. G. Powell, C. Baker, J. Brown, H. Baker, A. Gorringe, Mrs. J. Hannington, Miss A. Wood, Miss D. Kent, Master D. Chantler and Master O. Bean. The bride travelled in a three-piece grey worsted suit.

On the previous day a presentation took place in the belfry. On behalf of the local company Mr. G. Billinness offered hearty congratulations and best wishes to the bride and bridegroom, then Mrs. J. Hannington presented the ringers' gifts of six soup spoons and six table spoons.

MR. ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP — MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE

One of the only two rings of five bells in the London area was rung at the wedding on Saturday, January 17th, of Miss Audrey M. Castle to Mr. Eric T. Beauchamp at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Merton. The wedding was of particular interest to members of the London County Association, since both bride and bridegroom are former officers and a number of members of the Association were present, including the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Heaton-Renshaw, M.A., Vicar of Merton, and Mr. W. H. Taylor was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white cloque with a full veil embroidered with bells and was attended by Miss Susan Transdale, godchild of the bridegroom. Mr. Derek Castle, brother of the bride, was best man.

Ringing before and after the service was by fellow-members of the Association and friends from nearby towers and included a touch before the service, conducted by the bridegroom.

After a small reception at the bride's home the newly-married couple left for a short honeymoon on the South Coast. Their future address will be 114, Monkleigh Road, Morden, Surrey.

Among the wedding presents was a tea service and pyrex ware from ringing friends at the towers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung as a compliment at the nearby Christ Church, Mitcham, soon after the ceremony by R. Charge 1, J. Euston 2, H. Allen 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, S. Howard (conductor) 6.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY GOES 'HOME'

On Sunday, January 18th, the bells of St. Michael's, Bristol, were heard for the first time for just over three years. Services were held to commemorate the restoration of the church, which had suffered extensive damage during the war. Fortunately the tower remained intact, and until 1949, when it showed signs of becoming unsafe, the bells rang out for services in the temporarily repaired church.

Since that time the University Society has been homeless, yet far from inactive. The small, struggling, ever-changing band has been made more than welcome at many towers in the Bristol area. The help and encouragement that we have received has enabled us to practise regularly and teach interested fellow-students.

In his address, the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones) welcomed us back to St. Michael's and spoke of the appreciation by members of the parish in which the University stands.

St. Michael's will be among the towers open on the Society's Ringing Day, Saturday, Jan. 31st (see notice columns), and the service will be held there prior to the dinner. Visitors will be welcome on that day and at any time.

H. J. T.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting was held at Halifax Parish Church on January 10th. The fine recast ring was put to good use in various methods.

The short service was ably conducted by the president. After service some ringers went to nearby cafes while others enjoyed cups of tea provided by voluntary helpers. Various suggestions to try and form a team for this tower have been put forward but it is a difficult job to start with no ringers at all. Visitors made the most of the invitation to carry on ringing while the business meeting was held in the vestry. Apologies for absence and minutes of last meeting were soon dispensed with. Almondbury was settled for the next meeting on March 7th. The yearly report showed membership the same as last year, 50.

The financial report was adopted as satisfactory with a balance in hand. In view of another matter to be discussed, the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting.

The Society has been invited to form itself into an Archdeaconry one and, after discussion, a majority vote decided to accept this course. Ringing was then enjoyed by members until 8 p.m. Forty members and visitors from a wide area attended this successful meeting. A. W. B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch Report Maintenance of Sunday Ringing

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. George Packer, and included rounds for the beginners, standard methods to Kent, Bob and Cambridge Royal, with a 'bit' of Superlative. Between 50 and 60 ringers took part, representing 20 towers, including two branch veterans, Mr. Albert Crawley and Mr. Charles Page, also Miss E. Robinson (Hertfordshire).

The Guild Office was said at 4.30 by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis Gentry), the first service to be held in the newly-decorated church. The Guild Office is an important part of the meeting; three former ringers of Christ Church, Mr. James William Edge, Mr. Richard T. Holding and Mr. Harry Overton, later of Wrenbury, who had been called to higher service, were specially remembered.

Close upon 80 ringers and friends sat down to tea, including the Vicar of Christ Church, the Vicar of Alsager (the Rev. Gwynne John), Mr. J. W. Clark (the Guild Ringing Master) and Mrs. Clark.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Alsager, who reviewed the year's working. The hon. secretary (Mr. Wilfred Kerr), in presenting his report, said that although there had been a loss of six ringing members during the year, the monthly meetings had been well attended, but, what was more important, Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. Mr. Stenson, in presenting the hon. treasurer's report, said they had not lost anything, and as they were not a money-making concern, the balance of £5 12s. was quite satisfactory.

The election of officers produced only one important change. The chairman said as Crewe was the centre of the branch, he thought the Vicar of Christ Church should occupy that position, and formally moved his election from the chair. The Rev. Francis Gentry was duly elected. The new chairman's first duty was to move a hearty vote of thanks to his proposer for his services to the branch since he held that office, which was carried with acclamation. Other officers elected were: Hon. secretary, Mr. Wilfred Kerr; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson; Ringing Master (8-bell towers), Mr. George A. Packer; Ringing Master (6-bell towers), Mr. Ivor R. Nichols; instructors, Mr. Bernard J. Ongley, Mr. Herbert Sutton and Mr. George A. Packer; representatives to General Committee, Mr. R. D. Langford, Mr. G. Packer and Mr. B. Ongley; auditors, Mr. E. J. Boffey and Mr. A. Perry. Thirteen new ringing members were elected and three junior members duly made.

An omnibus vote of thanks, including all who had helped to make the meeting so pleasant and successful, was passed.

The following meetings and dates were approved for 1953: February 21st, Holmes Chapel; March 21st, Lawton; April 11th, Audlem; May 2nd, Wybunbury; May 16th, Goostrey; May 30th, annual Guild festival, Chester; June 20th, Barthomley; July 25th, Wistaston; August 8th, Wrenbury; August 22nd, Marbury; September 12th, Acton; October 3rd, Alsager; October 17th, Nantwich; November 21st, Market Drayton (joint with the Shropshire); December 19th, Sandbach; January 16th, 1954, Crewe, annual meeting.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. J. Mace 1, H. King 2, Miss S. Banks 3, R. P. Andre 4, E. H. Jones 5, J. Dafters 6, S. W. Ball (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: Keith Davis 1, Doris Marshall 2, Joan Smith 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Midnight Eucharist.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, R. G. W. Copson 4, W. A. Lacey 5, D. S. Harris 6, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 7, G. H. Arguile 8. First quarter in the method for 2 and 4. First quarter in method by the local Sunday service band, and rung for the birthday of the mother of the ringer of the 6th.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Yarde (first quarter) 1, S. N. Bristow 2, R. Yarde 3, J. Manning 4, H. Bristow (cond.) 5, Miss F. Norman (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, R. Alderman 2, S. N. Bristow 3, Miss P. Norman (first quarter) 4, H. Bristow (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bryant 1, Miss J. Powell (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss H. Evans 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price 5, A. Williams 6. For Watch Night service.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Neeps 1, G. Davison 2, L. Coe 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, J. Saxton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, A. B. Cooper 7, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the addition of two bells to make the octave.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 720 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): Miss D. Charlie 1, H. Green 2, G. Lunn 3, M. Williams 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, D. Bonham 6. First in three methods by 1, 3 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan's, on Jan. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): B. Wilsden (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. Gladys Stockbridge 2, A. Philpott 3, J. Stockbridge 4, Mrs. Brenda Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Philpott, also for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler.

CARDIFF.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Roderick 1, F. Hannington 2, A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell (first in method) 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, R. Coles 6, D. King 7, S. Barker 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. K. Heath to Miss M. Blackburn.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Corinne Gale 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, E. L. Reece 3, J. Whitehorn 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, R. Tomlin 6, D. E. Parsons 7, S. F. W. Kimber 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: R. Chicken 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, K. Arthur 3, S. C. Walker 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, K. Cheeseman 6, D. A. Bayles 7, C. N. Harrison (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. T. Finey 1, R. G. Blackman 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 5.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Scrutton (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Cowlin 2, J. E. Churchill 3, Daphne Luke 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. Everleigh 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, T. Dew 8. Rung on the octave of the Epiphany.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Dec 31st, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. J. Niblett 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, J. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. Composed by A. F. Lewry. Taken from the 'Ringing World,' December 19th, 1952.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,320 Annable's London Surprise: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HEREFORD.—On Jan. 15th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, M. P. Moreton 2, A. T. Poulton 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. Half-muffled for Charles Edwards, for many years master of Hereford Diocesan Guild.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hales, jun. (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, E. F. Pryor 4, J. Hales, sen., 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, W. D. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, L. Evans 2, R. T. Jones 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. E. Roberts 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, A. W. Davis 7, L. Quartermain 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Edwards, who was for many years master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and who was interred at Fownhope this day.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss E. Farrell 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, F. D. Bishop 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke (first quarter) 1, H. Davison 2, N. D. Smith 3, J. R. Smith 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. W. H. Gray, who had been organist at the above church for forty years.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. H. G. Watmough (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, Miss P. M. Campling 4, P. G. Butler (first as cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. H. G. Watmough, who is leaving to take up an appointment as chaplain to H.M. Prisons, Stafford.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, T. Hemmingway 2, J. T. Duffin (cond.) 3, D. Lockwood 4, F. Bennett 5, C. Ekest 6, M. L. Lockwood 7, L. Fisher 8. Rung fully muffled in memoriam the late Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., who was Vicar of this church, 1931 to 1943, during which period the bells were recast and augmented to 10.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hansford (first quarter) 1, H. O. Thomas (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. G. Myers 3, J. P. Sims 4, R. A. Southwood (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. T. Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Alice Lavers, youngest daughter of Mr. W. G. Lavers, captain of St. Maurice's ringers, to Edward Thomas Kennard.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Massam 1, A. G. Wood 2, J. Wormald 3, G. Ward 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 6, E. Spencer (first of Stedman) 7, H. Homer 8.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 of Plain Bob, 240 each of April Day and Reverse St Bartholomew and 480 Grandsire): H. Sharratt 1, J. H. Joyner 2, J. A. Townsend 3, A. G. Harding 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, C. A. Brass 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. G. F. Benbow, churchwarden and choirmaster at the church, who was interred earlier the same day.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Jan. 14th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Guy 1, A. Jackson 2, —, Ward 3, A. Drake 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, I. Jackson 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. Bassett as Vicar.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): O. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourne 2, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall 5, R. G. Newsum 6. A birthday compliment to John Harrison, brother of the conductor.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Boam 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, H. D. Holland 3, D. Holland 4, P. E. Sampson 5, W. Holland 6, R. Birch 7, R. Hall 8.

STANWELL, MDDLX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Norfolk, Old, Cassington, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Union, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith (first in ten) 5, Doris Thompson 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Goodenough 1, V. A. Perry 2, Maud Clarke 3, A. J. Hobley 4, June M. E. Hill (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. J. V. Chown 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Bryan D. Hill.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Croft 2, P. W. Croft 3, H. Wittering 4, G. Cherry 5, J. Church 6, W. Brown 7, D. L. Gullick (first as Major as cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer of Mr. W. Lawrence, for the last twenty-six of which he has been captain of the band.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 2, H. W. Barrett 3, H. Brown 4, W. Morris 5, T. Abbott (first quarter) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Jan. 18th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales (first quarter) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. A birthday compliment to Miss N. Hales. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging of the 7th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Angela Bell 1, R. G. Bell 2, R. Rowley 3, J. Schofield 4, R. G. Smith 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. King 7, F. H. Crook 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, H. Schofield 10. First on ten by 1, 4 and 10.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, W. Clifton 2, J. Skinner 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, F. Bastin 5, W. Hayman 6, J. Deem 7, J. Cox 8. A farewell to Mr. John Roger, who is joining H.M. Forces.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—At St. Mary de Wych, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elisabeth Lewis 1, Beryl Holm (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Holm (first quarter) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, W. Holm (first quarter) 5, H. Cole 6.

KINGSTON'S RINGING MASTER

Leaves for Singapore

Kingston-on-Thames Parish Church Ringers' Society have said 'Au Revoir' to their popular Ringing Master (temporarily) owing to his secondment to a Government post at Singapore from H.M. Post Office. Mr. George C. Goodman has 'held the reins' at Kingston in recent years, during which time he has built up an enthusiastic and loyal band round him who maintain regular attendance for Sunday service ringing. He has also pursued the long term policy of teaching willing learners, to ensure the continued strength of the band. This policy is the only sure way of maintaining Sunday service ringing in the future at any tower and is by no means unique, but similar methods if applied at many other towers in the London area would be the means of preventing in the not too distant future the present almost silent state of many London rings of bells.

It had been intended to hold a short outing on a Saturday in December last, ending with a Christmas dinner. The weather, alas, made havoc with the plans, and the day's programme failed owing to the incidence of a real 'pea souper' fog over London and the Home Counties, and the dinner was postponed.

This dinner event was eventually held on January 8th, and was in many ways a sad one, it being the band's formal farewell to the departing Master. All were acutely conscious that this was the last social occasion together before Mr. Goodman's departure on Jan. 21st.

An hour's ringing preceded the dinner, when 18 sat down to a well-served meal under the chairmanship of the new Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, at the Langham Restaurant. Before the tables were cleared, Mr. Hawthorne made a short 'farewell' speech, and aptly expressed the gratitude and loyal friendship felt by all. He then presented to Mr. Goodman an initialled leather toilet case as a parting gift from the band, and proposed a toast of 'Bon voyage.'

Mr. Goodman obviously had some difficulty in finding suitable words to express his feelings and thanks to all who had sprung this real surprise on him.

The evening ended with handbell ringing (much to the curiosity and, we hope, entertainment of other diners), and the party broke up at 11 p.m. well pleased with the evening, but sadly wishing they had not so soon to say 'Au revoir' for two or three years to Mr. Goodman.

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Kingston on Tuesday, January 6th, as a farewell celebration, but this unfortunately came to grief after an hour's excellent ringing through a 'shift.' A quarter peal of 1.264 Bob Major was successfully accomplished afterwards by the following: Fisher Dodson 1, Herbert J. Eldred 2, Miss Jean Frear 3, George W. Massey 4, Frank E. Hawthorne 5, G. William Morris 6, George C. Goodman 7, Norman S. Bagworth (conductor) 8. W. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held its annual meeting at Halstead on January 17th, where 70 members assembled from 17 parishes. The Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swallow) conducted the service and gave the address. Miss H. G. Snowden read the lesson.

At the business meeting the secretary and Master both reported progress in the district, and the honesty of peals and striking was emphasised. The committee recently formed in the district to advise and supervise bell restorations had inspected one ring and reported what they found.

The Master, secretary and committee members were all re-elected, and the Vicar was made an honorary member and five others were elected.

Feering was chosen for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had made the meeting most successful.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY WEBB

An Appreciation

By the passing of Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, at the age of 77, on January 13th, the Ely Diocesan Association loses one of its oldest and most valued members. The end was not unexpected as he had been in failing health for a long time.

Mr. Webb had served the Association and church well, being District secretary of the Archdeaconry of Ely for some years up to 1914 and leader in his own tower. There were no buses in those days and in a large and unwieldy District he often cycled some 40 miles to get to the meetings and peal attempts.

When the old ring of six at Ickleton became unringable, in 1927, his advice was sought about their restoration. 'We must have eight,' he said, and eight they got; the lovely ring now in the tower will ever be a tribute to him. When the new eight were installed, although quite capable himself, he insisted that I should conduct the first peal on them. Percy was like that, a most unselfish and lovable man.

The exact number of his peals is not known. He had rung 49 for the Ely Association, some of which he conducted. He rang in the first peal of Superlative in the county and conducted peals of Grandsire Triples with his own local band at Ickleton. Of slight build and rather frail, he always rang round the light end, seldom making a mistake, and his striking was of the best.

The funeral took place at Ickleton on January 17th. The Ely Association was represented by Messrs. G. Harding (Duxford), F. Hurry (Sawston), B. D. Buttress (Great Shelford), C. W. Cook (Newton), T. R. Dennis and E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge). A floral wreath from fellow members was also sent. Three leads of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells round the grave and a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples on the fully-muffled church bells. Other touches were rung after the writer had to leave.

His widow, four daughters and one son mourn their great loss and we shall greatly miss him and his always warm welcome when we visit Ickleton in the future. May he rest in peace.

E. G. HIBBINS.

MR. FRED COTTON

St. Mary's, Hinckley, has lost by the death of Mr. Fred Cotton one who had given the local company loyal service for half a century. He joined the tower about 1900 and was a very useful addition to the band as he was able to ring Grandsire and Stedman and many Major methods. He was also a useful conductor.

Mr. Cotton took over the care of the bells and kept them in good ringing order. He was ever ready to teach beginners to handle a bell and the art of change ringing. In spite of two wars he kept the band together and many of the neighbouring bands owe some of their ringers to the practices at Hinckley held under his tuition.

For a number of years Mr. Cotton was a very efficient secretary to the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association. He only gave up ringing when his health failed.

At the funeral service St. Mary's ringers were represented by Miss N. Marklew, Messrs. B. Ridgeway, A. Ballard, E. Vallance and A. Jordan. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by N. Marklew, A. Jordan, A. Ballard and E. Vallance.

A peal to Mr. Cotton's memory was rung at Hinckley on January 13th. B. R.

MR. SIDNEY ANSELL

After a short illness the death occurred on January 18th of Mr. Sidney Ansell, aged 48, who had associations with the Goring and Tarring bands.

Taking to ringing about 1946 his enthusiasm and drive resulted in helping the Tarring band to be rejuvenated; his work on the wheels, etc., improving the 'go' of the bells 100 per cent. Then, in 1950, the death of his eldest son came as a great blow to him from which he never recovered. In 1951 he moved to Goring, where he carried on his service ringing but his enthusiasm and drive had waned.

Ever there to give a helping hand, he will be greatly missed.

Before cremation at Brighton a short service was held in Goring Church.

His peals totalled about 15, mostly Grandsire Doubles and Minor. P. R. W.

MR. W. J. BALDWIN

By the death of Mr. W. J. Baldwin, the band at St. John-the-Baptist, Chipping Barnet, has lost a friend who had been a member for 50 years, and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has lost another and valued foundation member. Mr. Baldwin passed away in his 80th year and had lived in the district all his life, being a well-known cafe proprietor before his retirement five years ago. His ringing activities were confined chiefly to his local tower and he had rung but very few peals. His funeral took place on Friday, January 16th, and was attended by Messrs. S. Casley, A. W. Coles, H. J. Eldred and W. Langley, representing various ringing organisations.

T. J. L.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Northern District

The annual district meeting was held at Hitchin on January 17th. Ringing commenced prompt at 3 o'clock, but after an hour of good ringing the tenor clapper broke, which put an end to most of the ringing, but it was possible to continue until 4.30 with the tenor being chimed behind with not very good effect.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Walsh) from the Association's service paper. Tea was provided by the Triangle Cafe, to which 44 members did justice.

At the business meeting the Association's president, Mr. T. J. Southam, was in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the general secretary. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to their late president, Mr. A. E. Symonds, of Hitchin.

The district secretary's report stated that 15 new ringing members were elected during the year, five honorary members and three non-resident, making a total of 23. Twelve peals were rung, as against 14 in 1951.

In presenting his balance sheet, the district secretary said that the balance on the year was £20 16s. 6d., of which £8 7s. 6d. came from collections and donations.

Mr. J. Dean was elected Ringing Master, Mr. E. Boek district secretary and Messrs. F. Croft, H. Werrett, W. Houghton, A. Harris, P. Jones and F. Fidler committee. Messrs. P. Jones and A. Harris are to serve on the General Committee. The next annual meeting will be held at Hitchin, and the next district meeting at Norton on Saturday, February 21st.

The following were elected members. Miss B. Marks, Mr. B. Marks (Knebworth), Mr. and Mrs. F. Turner (Welwyn), D. Sutcliffe (Baldock) and D. Orme (Hitchin). The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service.

Evening ringing took place at Baldock until nine o'clock. Methods ranged from rounds to Superlative.

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BIRTH

BENSTEAD.—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, 1953, at 20, Stanley Close, North Hinksey, Oxford, to Irene, wife of Robert Benstead, a brother for Pauline—Bruce Graham. 2075

SILVER WEDDINGS

FLETCHER—PARKER.—On Feb. 4th, 1928, at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, president of the Central Council, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Evill, Vicar of Edmonton, and the Rev. E. Forbes, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bush Hill Park, George William Fletcher, of Southgate, to Edith Kate Parker, of Enfield. Present address: The White House, Caister-on-Sea Norfolk. 2054

PARK—THWAITES.—On Feb. 4th, 1928, at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, by the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., W. Norman Park to Sadie Thwaites. Present address: 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 2044

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died Feb. 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son, Freddie, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 2049

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' towers available 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. 2005

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Sat., Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Oliver's Cafe, High Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1998

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr's, Borough, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing to follow. Please make own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 2023

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversfield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) available 7. 2011

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting will be held on Jan. 31st at Croydon. St. John's bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall, Silverdale Road. Nominations for general officers 1953.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1988

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. All Saints' and St. Michael's bells available from 2.30. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30. 1996

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke (8), Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, in Brodrick Hall, 5. 2029

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Feb. 2nd. 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 7th, annual general meeting, 2.30–4, Festival Church, St. John's, Waterloo Road; 3.45–4.45, Southwark Cathedral; service 5; tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral afterwards. Names, please, Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashcott, Feb. 7th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 2057

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Feb. 7th, Ampthill (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Rochester Treble Bob.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2042

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Feb. 7th, Southam (8), 2.30-3.30; Ladbroke (5) 3-4; Harbury (5) 3-4.30 Service at Harbury 4.30, followed by tea and social in Village Hall. Good bus service between Leamington Spa and Harbury. Please notify early for tea to Mr. J. Barrett, 9, Pineham Avenue, Harbury, Leamington Spa, or R. J. Edden (Harbury 314), Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 2037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (4) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday Feb. 4th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton Coleford, Glos. 2047

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. To obtain tea, a card by Wednesday, 4th, please, to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.—W. Simmonds., Hon. Sec 2059

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea provided for those letting me know by Thursday Feb. 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Hereford 2026

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 2053

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District. — Annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, if possible, to R. G. Bell, 131 Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Wat. 7936. 2048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Philip's, Nelson, on Feb. 7th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2050

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Feb. 4th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby (8), February 7th. Names for tea, by Feb. 4th, to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 2013

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Burslem, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Own arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2043

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., preacher, Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilfred B. Belcher, M.A., M.C., Rector of Diss. Tea 5 p.m. at the Corn Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea, by Feb. 3rd, please, to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 2020

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2033

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Shaw, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 4th, to Mr. E. W. Robinson, 56, Kiln Road, Shaw, Newbury. 2067

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — A monthly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2063

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 7th. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Notify for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham. 2065

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Ravensthorpe, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea, before Feb. 3rd, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2062

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Great Cheverill (6), Feb. 7th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2058

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea, certain, to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 2071

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Daybrook, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. 2052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, Feb. 7th. All Saints' (8); St. Gregory's for Minor and Doubles only at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers. Tea at Unity Club, 5 o'clock, for those who notify Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2006

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. — Annual business meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Feb. 4th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2060

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I.W. District. — Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Feb. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and ringing, Newport, 5 p.m.—Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 2016

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. 2073

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Over (8) on Saturday, February 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Feb. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2074

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — February meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. All old friends specially welcome. 2068

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the Stowey Arms. Names, please, Tuesday, Feb. 10th. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2041

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual, Honiton Clyst, Feb. 14th. Names for tea by 10th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Service 4.30 p.m. 2076

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, The Institute (2s.), followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 11th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 2056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting, Great Chart, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2070

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Bearsted, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2066

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Feb. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2039

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting at Prestwich, Feb. 14th. Bells of St. Mary's, Prestwich, will be available. Tea, Co-op Cafe, Tower Buildings, Prestwich. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from Mr. G. A. Bell 129, St. Ann's Road, Prestwich, together with money, up to Feb. 11th. 2040

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fulney bells also available in evening. Names for tea, before Feb. 6th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 2051

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2038

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea not later than Saturday, Feb. 7th, to Mrs. C. Hall, Staverton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 2069

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Dundee meeting will be held on Feb. 14th. Bells of St. Paul's Cathedral and Old Steeple available. Ringing begins at Old Steeple at 3 p.m. — Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1992

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea, by 10th, to Mr. A. Ashby, 16, Boughton Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield.—H. Denman. 2061

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Feb. 14th 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church, or bring your own. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2072

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Heene, Feb. 14th, 2. Service 4.15. West Tarring 2.30-3.45. Names for tea, please, by 9th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2055

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — The 65th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 o'clock on March 7th in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Tickets 14s. 6d. each. Early application with remittance is essential. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2007

QUARTER PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Pugh (first in method) 1, Ann Barr (first in method) 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. G. Isaacson (first in method 'inside') 4, M. W. Fairey (first in method as cond.) 5, J. N. F. Fairey 6. Rung to traditionally 'ring out the old year and ring in the new.' Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): G. E. Pugh 1, M. W. Fairey 2, Ann Barr 3, B. E. Carson (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, D. W. Barr 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Lichfield.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Richardson (first quarter) 1, J. Harrold 2, A. Cozens 3, I. Dickin 4, K. Perkins (cond.) 5.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on Jan. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, L. Pearson 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, W. Williams 7, A. R. Ling 8, F. J. Matthews 9, P. N. Bond 10.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, R. Bagnall 2, W. Thompson 3, B. Rothwell (14, first quarter) 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, C. F. Jones 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. T. Robins on his arrival in Swinton.

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THE TOWER CAPTAIN

By the Captain of a Village Band

SOME weeks ago an article under the heading of 'The Ringing Master' appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and it is felt that a few words on the position and duties of The Tower Captain, who is an important and essential man in every band, might be of interest.

First, every company of ringers, like every other organisation, must have a leader, who should, in the writer's opinion, be elected by the ringers each year. This assures him that he has the support and confidence of his fellow-ringers. He should also enjoy the confidence of his Rector and Churchwardens and, above all, set a good example in attending any service for which he has been ringing.

He must be an able ringer and conductor, and besides looking after the most advanced members of the band, must also see that the less advanced and beginners have a fair chance and not sit out the whole evening watching. Nothing kills interest so quickly amongst keen youngsters.

Much tact and at times even firmness is required in smoothing over any incidents and differences that can and do arise, and it is vital to maintain harmony amongst the band. The writer always believes on practice nights in asking the company what they would like to ring and endeavouring to meet their wishes as far as possible. For service ringing, and especially the last touch before the service, it is always advisable to ring a less complicated method that can and should be well struck.

Powers of leadership and drive are necessary, and keenness must be shown in getting the band to make progress, which, of course, can only be at the rate of the man who takes longer to grasp a more advanced method, but who, on the other hand, often turns out to be the most reliable.

Many are the disappointments to be met, mostly in teaching young lads to handle a bell, and then losing them just when they are becoming useful, or when the difficulties of change ringing are encountered, or other interest prove greater. Young ringers must be trained, as many a band has found out too late, when an old and valued member has moved away or, as will happen to us all, answered the last great call.

Order must be maintained in the belfry, and at all times it must be remembered that it is part of God's house, that ringing is part of God's work, and that the bells were installed primarily to be rung in the service of His Church.

In addition, peals must be arranged for National, Church and local occasions, and when the offices of Captain and Steeplekeeper are combined (as in the writer's case) ropes must be inspected and bells oiled and made ready, whether it be for the local ringers or a visiting band. Visitors should be welcomed personally if possible, belfries unlocked and positions of mains switches, etc., pointed out.

Visits to neighbouring towers (especially where there is no resident band) will be much appreciated and do much to create interest in the district.

One of the most pleasant and important duties of the writer has been to help some learner through his or her first peal, and the pleased looks that are shown at 'That is all' make it well worth while. C. F. W. P.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of February 7th, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Only three men, so far as we are aware, have rung two tower bells to a peal, Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, J. E. Groves and W. H. Lawrence. Last Saturday Mr. John Thomas attempted a similar feat at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, when he started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, ringing 2–3 and conducting. The attempt, unfortunately, came to grief through no fault of his after 1 hour 40 minutes' ringing.

[Mr. Thomas succeeded in later years in ringing 2–3 to a tower-bell peal of Double Norwich.]

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Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, we are reminded, is another ringer who has scored 500 peals for one association in his case the Norwich. That brings the total up to five. Mr. I. G. Shade is close on the border-line, and will be ringing his 500th for the Middlesex shortly, if all's well.

. . . . . .

The bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, a ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. in E, are to be recast into a ring of 12, tenor 20 cwt. in E. . . .

[Waltham Abbey and Saffron Walden were augmented about the same time. A new diocese for Essex, hitherto in St. Albans, was being formed, and these three churches were rival claimants to be the Cathedral Church. It has been said that the augmentations were not unconnected with this!]

TWELVE-BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 4 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
LEONARD H. BOWLER	5	TONY PRICE	11
ALFRED J. HOUSE	6	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN HILL	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	†PETER J. STANIFORTH	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	JOHN B. BENNETT	11
*PETER C. WRIGHT	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † 350th peal.
In memoriam to the respected memory of Rupert Richardson.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits B.W. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
*†MARJORIE JACKSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.
A wedding compliment to Miss A. Castle and Mr. E. T. Beauchamp.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

*RICHARD RAINFORD	*Treble*	JAMES E. BURLES	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
*JOHN WOODS	3	*FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	8
JOHN BAGNALL	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	9
*HERBERT RAINFORD	5	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday anniversary of John Woods, the 3rd ringer.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY	*Treble*	‡HAROLD V. FROST	6
ANNE B. SPEED	2	‡CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
†D. KAY ADKINS	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	8
‡AUDREY M. BAILEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	9
ALICK CUTLER	5	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	*CECIL RADDON	5
*HARRY PARKER	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
*JOHN SCOTT	3	*HAROLD WORRALL	7
*PETER COXALL	4	*JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. P. Coxall and Miss Grimshaw on their recent marriage.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The 200th peal on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

H. L. BISHOP	*Treble*	G. BISHOP	5
J. GORDON	2	A. H. WEBB	6
M. BISHOP	3	W. CORDEROY	7
D. JORDAN	4	D. BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.
A peal of thanksgiving. First since re-opening of tower on Christmas Eve after being struck by lightning August 15th, 1952.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIER	5
MRS. MARY MAYELL	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
JOHN M. STALLARD	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

IAN JONES	*Treble*	*G. BRIAN DICKINSON	5
MARGARET E. OPENSHAW	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
JAMES BLACKBURN	3	FREDERICK BROWNLOW	7
THOMAS TURNER	4	†FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Rev.). Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in twelve methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells, and in the city of Chester.
A birthday compliment to Henry O. Baker, Anthea Baker and Kathleen Mary Lewis.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*JOHN T. FINEY	*Treble*	W. GEORGE CHALLEN	5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	2	NORMAN J. SMITH	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal.
Rung for the eve of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	2	*RAYMOND WINTER	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Surprise.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,208 Bristol, 1,920 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	*H. LESLIE PASK	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
WALTER TOMLINSON	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Swann, of the local band.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

MISS D. L. R. TURK (Newn.)	*Treble*	A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5
P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
*R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise rung for the Guild by a resident band.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK H. ELEY	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*EDMUND MALIN	2	WILLIAM A. FARMER	6
*LANCE C. I. WATSON	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
LAURENCE WOOD	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Major. First of Bob Major on the bells, also first peal on them since restoration by J. Taylor and Co.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND	*Treble*	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	5
*ERIC EDMONDSON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
WILLIAM H. DEACON	3	JACK N. BROWN	7
THOMAS C. LARKEY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam James Prescott, a member of the local band, who was interred the same day at St. Michael's, Aughton.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MARION L. LIDGEY	*Treble*	HARRY MILES	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	2	*HENRY TAYSOM	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	WILLIAM J. SANDERS	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	EDWARD SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HARRY MILES
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Edward Sanders; also to Mr. William Lidgey (who has been closely connected with Tuckingmill Church for many years) on attaining his 89th birthday.
A farewell to Henry Taysom, who is about to enter H.M. Forces.

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SIX BELL PEALS

MALINS LEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (10 callings) and six 240's (Morris's Arrangement).
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Brian Amias	*Treble*	R. Michael Barnett	4
G. Leonard Hewitt	2	Henry Douglas	5
*Margaret Jones	3	Alan V. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Douglas.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal of Grandsire Doubles by all, except by the ringer of the 2nd. First peal on the bells for 18 years.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	4
Brian Cuthbert	2	Harry Hall	5
Ronald Chafer	3	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Cecil W. Pipe	4
William J. Button	2	Garnham A. Blaxcell	5
George W. Pipe	3	Ronald W. Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In twelve methods, being one 720 each of: (i) London and Wells, (ii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (iii) Norfolk and Primrose, (iv) Cambridge and Ipswich, (v) Beverley and Surfleet, (vi) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham, (vii) York and Durham. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick W. French	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
Albert E. Scott	2	†Leonard C. Blanchard	5
*Elizabeth M. Taylor	3	James W. Haw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Spliced Surprise.

RAITHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being thirteen 120's of April Day, fourteen 120's of Grandsire, and five 360's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Eric Parsons	*Treble*	†George Parker	4
G. Angus Dixon	2	Russell Barratt	5
†Richard Bailey	3	Arthur A. Curtis	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Being a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. S. Howell, who was inducted to the living the previous week.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Peter G. Hartley (16)	*Treble*	*Janet M. Spurgin (13)	4
Leslie D. Mills	2	Mrs. Leslie Mills	5
†Stuart T. Hume (15)	3	Donald L. Mills (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung in appreciation of the ringer of the 2nd, who taught the remainder of the band.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt.

A. M. Atkins	*Treble*	Brian Pidgeon	4
Miss E. Brown	2	Fred Wreford	5
Sidney Skinner	3	John Quick	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. M. Atkins.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*David Baker	*Treble*	Raymond P. Wood, jun.	4
Richard Wilson	2	Ernest Treagus	5
Leonard Stilwell	3	Henry C. Weaver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Treagus.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of election to the Sussex County Association of Mr. S. F Haffenden (verger and captain of ringers at Goring-by-Sea); also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Fox.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*William E. Green	*Treble*	Peter Mason	4
Bertie Bee	2	Ronald Applewhite	5
†Amos Ingall	3	Moses Billings	*Tenor*

Conducted by Moses Billings.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.
Tenor 5½ cwt.

*Colin J. Champion	*Treble*	‡Roydon Davies	4
†Hilda E. Oatway	2	William F. Oatway	5
*Ernest W. Razzell	3	*William J. Rawlings	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Oatway.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

A birthday compliment to C. J. Champion.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Frank B. Lufkin	*Treble*	*Brian W. Cable	4
*Gerald D. J. Sandwell	2	Hermon J. Oliver	5
Brian J. Howard	3	Gerald Frost	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Minor and Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Derek Nadin	*Treble*	Mrs. Gladys Richardson	4
†Brian Woodruffe	2	Alec Richardson	5
Mrs. Margaret White	3	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Smith.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
MARY FULLER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

BENJAMIN STEPNEY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	4
GEORGE BEENEY	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	3	C. JOHN PIPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. JOHN PIPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Arranged for the conductor's 18th birthday, which occurred the day before.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	*DIANA R. BANKS	4
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal of Minor.

SPILSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*H. ERIC PARSONS	*Treble*	G. ANGUS DIXON	4
*RICHARD N. BAILEY	2	GEORGE H. PARKER	5
*CECIL H. WRIGHT	3	RUSSELL BARRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1821.
Rung on the birth anniversary of the treble ringer's child, a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, and for the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	*FRANK K. MEASURE	4
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*ALFRED BALLARD	5
*MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160, and four 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	4
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	*JOHN WEST	5
*PETER J. CAME	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise.



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CASTOR, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES .. ..*Treble*	*BERTIE BALL 4
*JOHN PLUMMER 2	FRANK SISMEY 5
WALTER LONGFOOT 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to J. Plummer, who is shortly leaving for Cuffley.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. ..*Treble*	*DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 4
JEAN C. BROWN 2	DEREK OGDEN 5
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID A. CORNFORD ..*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

*LESLIE E. HAWKINS ..*Treble*	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS.. 4
*EDWARD C. MARLOW .. 2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 3	*THOMAS E. MALLARD ..*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Ballance.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

HARRY C. JONES .. ..*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 5
CHARLES COLES 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal on the augmented ring.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire, 8 (4 callings) of Plain Bob, and 5 of Morris's 240's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GILLIAN A. RICH .. ..*Treble*	†JOHN F. PENFOLD 4
†JANET R. WELLS 2	‡FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE 5
†GEORGE E. RUCK 3	*WARWICK W. RICH .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles in two methods.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Hull, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne, and three of Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. ..*Treble*	BERTIE BEE 4
*FRED INGALL 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First Surprise peal in five methods.
Rung to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Mrs. E. Ingall, mother of ringers of 2nd and 3rd; also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wells, granddaughter of Mrs. Ingall, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE HOLMES ... .*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
RALPH BIRD 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.

First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Holmes, of Cobham, Surrey, on the birth of a daughter.

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 170, PUNT ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

JOAN GRAY .. .. .. 1—2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY.. .. 5—6
VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 3—4	*BARBARA BEESON .. .. 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN (C.C.C. No. 100).
Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First handbell peal and first peal of Major.
A wedding compliment to John B. Willis, a member of the above Society.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob: 464 Reverse Bob; 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob; 232 Crayford Little Bob; and 1,456 Plain Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 3—4	ROY C. HURST .. .. 7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1—2	JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. .. 3—4	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 7—8

'Silent.'
Witness: PHILIP BARNES.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes.*
IN JESUS COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Spliced College and Wavertree College, (2) and (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall College Bob, (4) and (5) Spliced Double and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Spliced Canterbury and Reverse Bob. (7) Plain Bob; 118 changes of method.
Tenor size 11 in G.

R. JAMES COOK .. .. 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3—4
	PETER BORDER .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 420 Grandsire): H. Floyd 1, R. Shires 2, B. Burston 3, H. Churchill 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Wills 1, Miss E. Burton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, D. Watson 4, F. E. Wilson 5, C. Weston 6, T. Bolingbroke 7, G. H. Bray (first as cond.) 8.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Worthington (first quarter) 1, A. J. Taylor 2, K. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, A. Worthington 4, R. R. Savory (cond.) 5, L. Mitchell 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Joy Worthington.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, A. W. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Fenn 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Dawe 8. Rung for the annual marriage reunion service. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell (first of Major) 1, C. Fenn 2, A. W. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, S. J. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Rung for the festival of carols.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Poolman (first of Minor) 1, E. Marshall 2, S. Casley 3, D. Searcy 4, C. King 5, C. Ward (first as cond.) 6, W. Langley 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Baldwin, over 50 years a ringer at this church and a founder-member of the Middlesex Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Milsted 1, Nellie Bridges 2, H. Luck 3, L. Everest 4, T. Holmes 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Ellender 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Talbot 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, F. Tuffley 3, Miss S. Davis 4, G. Stocker 5, R. Rex 6, R. Crook (first as cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, F. Howson 3, R. Mackril 4, Miss V. E. Dupré (first on ten bells) 5, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, P. A. Carter 8, C. H. Wood 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. Rung to celebrate the christening of Frank Richard, third son of the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hodgson 1, Mrs. Jean Dunn 2, D. Mellor 3, H. E. Taylor 4, D. Gregory 5, A. C. Wright 6, R. Bullen 7, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 3.

DESFORD, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. L. French 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Mrs. J. R. Smith (cond.) 3, J. R. Smith 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, W. Bennett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. French, mother of the treble ringer.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Naden 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, E. Ellison 3, Mrs. M. White 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, W. A. Smith 6, I. W. Smith 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to W. A. Smith, who is studying at Durham University.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Proctor 1, R. Parker (first of Stedman) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. A. Relf 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. Royce 6, H. R. Woods (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Pick 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Parsons, of Staveley, mother of F. S. Parsons, of Grantham.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Rowley 1, Miss F. Burbridge 2, Miss M. Tapley 3, A. Waddington 4, M. H. Couchman (cond.) 5, L. K. Dawe 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dear 1, D. J. Hare 2, A. W. Dibley 3, L. H. Bywaters 4, P. Mchew 5, G. Dear 6. Rung for Watchnight service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. R. Retter 1, A. Tapley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pam Wood 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, A. Bowers 3, M. Axford 4, M. Hunt 5, J. Dews 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hall (first quarter) 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, Pam Wood 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Axford 5, E. Atkinson 6. To mark the 61st anniversary of H. Rowley's first quarter, rung on January 17th, 1892.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. M. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, C. E. Wright (cond.) 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, H. Mair 2, Miss C. M. Hall 3, C. Bennett 4, J. Adams 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire) rung with 7, 6, 8 behind: F. Jukes, jun. (first quarter) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, F. Jukes, sen. (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, D. Griffiths 8. First quarter for all in four methods. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Bishop of Lichfield.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 15th, 1,925 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Belton 1, J. B. Webb 2, E. Malin 3, C. M. Smith 4, Joan Beresford 5, D. Beresford 6, G. Peers 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, W. N. Culling 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods (Lord Bishop of Lichfield).

LUTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, A. J. Smith 2, W. Bottrill 3, J. Scott 4, J. G. Rushton 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, C. Mann 10. A compliment to Miss Enid Preston, who commences another term at Durham University.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. Barrett 4, G. Whitemore 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. Morris (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. A birthday compliment to Canon C. C. Cox.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss Ann Cox (first quarter) 1, J. Seager 2, M. Harbott 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, R. W. Morant (first quarter as cond.) 5.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Jan 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. Ransom 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, E. J. Wakeling 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8.

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By ringing the treble to a silent and non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples at Salford Priors, on Saturday, Mrs. J. Thomas reached her 500 peals and becomes the first lady to achieve this total. It was the first silent peal of Stedman by all the band and rung at the sixth attempt.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received from the chairman of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association a donation of 7s. 6d. towards the expenses of 'The Ringing World' from one of the Gloucestershire clergy as an appreciation of the ringers and their paper. The thought that accompanied the gift is much appreciated by the Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee.

The peal as Spilsby on January 20th was the first on the bells since 1821.

Mr. Harold Gorton, of Bolton, Lancs, would be pleased to hear of any other ringers who have tolled the bells at Bethlehem.

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on January 4th, was J. Stockbridge and not A. Butler, as submitted.

Mr. Cecil Knight, the genial secretary of the National Police Guild, is in the Leicester Royal Infirmary following an operation for appendicitis. Good wishes from his many ringing friends are tendered to him for a speedy recovery.

The winter issue of 'The Irish Bell News' is a first-class number, full of human interest. Editor F. E. Dukes knows what news appeals to ringers. Subscription rate for 1953, 2s. 6d., to Mr. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda.

One of the founders of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, Mr. John Woods, who has been tthe mainstay of its activities ever since, was not permitted to allow his 70th birthday to pass unheeded. A peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at Lancaster R.C. Cathedral. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Wood and time was found to indulge, as ringers do, in many reminiscences.

A delightful pictorial study of the Rev. F. Llewellyn-Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, appeared in the 'Bournemouth Daily Echo.' Mr. Edwards is pictured surrounded by children from the village school where he has taught them to sing in seven languages. Mention is made of Mr. Edwards' (who is described as 'a parson from "Barchester Towers"') love of ringing and that he rang the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral last year at the Lord Mayor's Show.

The Sussex County Association's annual week's tour from July 5th to 12th this year will be in Derbyshire. There are a few vacant seats if anyone is interested; please write Miss F. Wyman, next Post Office, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey.

Mr. Ernest Morris has been a victim of bronchial influenza. He left his bed a little too soon to attend Sunday services at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and the result was a nasty fall down the chancel steps. He fell on his face, badly cutting his right eyelid and damaging his cheek and forehead.

The bells of Farnworth, Lancs, ceased their regular use after ringing in the New Year. Work on restoring the bells and fittings will start after the Coronation. The sum of about £1,200 is required to complete the contract and the Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Barnsley Webber) appeals to all friends of Farnworth Church for a generous response.

In an article on 'Ringing the Changes,' the monthly periodical of the National Institute for the Blind, the writer states: 'I told my bell-ringing friend that I had heard a tune played on church bells which sounded like the somewhat vulgar song, "Why don't you leave my wife alone? She is so drunk she can't get home." That, he explained, was Queens.' Another memory of the Victorian era.

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BIG DROP IN PEAL RINGING IN 1952

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It is now possible to give an indication of peal ringing during 1952. Without any exclusions by the Peals Analysis Committee for recommendation to the Central Council, the number so far submitted is 2,617, made up of 2,395 on tower bells and 222 'in hand.' This is a substantial drop on the record total recorded in 1951 of 2,925 (2,632 on tower bells and 293 'in hand.').

Figures for the previous four years were:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
1950 ..	2,370	354	2,724
1949 ..	2,527	378	2,906
1948 ..	2,365	274	2,639
1947 ..	1,953	221	2,174

But for the passing of King George VI. in February the total would have been much less. The total for February of 327 peals was about 100 above the average for the month for the past four years.

Handbell ringing was the lowest for the past five years, and many of the peals received were on six bells. There are very few centres where peals are scored regularly 'in hand.'

MONTHLY TOTALS FOR 1952

January	179
February	327
March	214
April	201
May	229
June	186
July	163
August	211
September	207
October	188
November	255
December	257
Total	2,617
Tower	2,395
Hand	222

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS

	Tower	Hand	Total
Leicester Diocesan Guild..	184	22	206
Kent County Association..	149	6	155
Lancashire County Assn...	143	4	147
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	108	11	119
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	114	—	114
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	105	3	108
Essex County Association	107	1	108
St. Martin's Guild	92	12	104
Norwich Diocesan Assn...	95	1	96
Archdeaconry of Stafford	91	3	94

The above figures are subject to verification by the Peals Analysis Committee.

ROTHERHAM BUSINESS WOMEN HEAR ABOUT RINGING

On January 10th, a lecture on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' was given to the Rotherham Business and Professional Women's Guild by Mr. N. Chaddock. Over 100 ladies were present. Demonstrations in change ringing were given by Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock, Mr. T. C. Ryder and Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, and tunes were played on handbells by Wickersley Modern School Handbell Ringers.

Visual aids included a large section of an ideal bell tower, a model bell in frame and numerous diagrams, books and photographs. The Sheffield and District Society's Peal Book was on view and created much interest.

The lecture dealt with various aspects of the Exercise, including methods of hanging and ringing bells, peals, ringing organisations, literature, casting bells, bells abroad and the place of ringing in church work.

The variety of sensible questions which came from the audience afterwards indicated the tremendous interest which the lecture had aroused, and some requests were received—to visit the belfry on a practice night and see the bells being rung.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Winter Meeting at Wakefield

The winter general meeting was held at Wakefield on January 17th and was well attended by members from each of the four Districts. Good use was made of the Cathedral ring of twelve during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting following tea the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc., Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, and the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. H. Steel, S. F. Palmer, A. Bairstow and J. Maxfield.

The president expressed regret that he was unable to attend the last meeting and expressed his personal thanks to Mr. H. S. Morley for kindly stepping into the breach at very short notice.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the Provost of Wakefield, the Very Rev. Noel P. Hopkins, for the use of the bells and providing facilities for the meeting, adding that he was sorry that the tablet recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung had now disappeared from the belfry. Mr. J. W. Gibson seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. E. Kirby replied, acknowledging the vote of thanks which he would pass on to the Provost. Like Mr. Johnson, he was sorry that the tablet had disappeared, but unfortunately it was one of those things that had happened during the restoration.

A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their kind help and tea arrangements was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried with applause.

The president announced that the next meeting would be the annual meeting and if no invitations were forthcoming the committee, who had discussed the matter, recommended that the meeting be held at Selby Abbey on May 2nd. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

The president stated that the committee had considered a proposal to launch an appeal for funds for the purpose of presenting their former hon. treasurer, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, with a suitable memento and acknowledgment of the untiring and painstaking service he had so assiduously rendered to the Association for so many years. The committee were unanimous that the appeal should be launched forthwith as it was hoped to make the presentation at the annual general meeting. The committee were confident that the support of the membership would be readily and generously available and asked that donations should be sent as early as possible to the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, Lane End House, Lane End, Pudsey, near Leeds.

Reporting on the Snowdon Dinner, the president paid tribute to the excellent arrangements the York Minster Society had made. They were particularly glad to welcome the Lord Mayor of York and the Dean of York. Mr. Harold Walker, of York, then gave a very comprehensive statement, pointing out that 79 were present. They had hoped to exceed this figure by some 20, and it was with that figure in mind that they had fixed the cost per head. As it was there was a small deficit of 30s. He thought this reflected lack of support and urged the members to do all possible to remedy this in future.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he felt their very best thanks were due to Mr. Walker and the York Minster Society for the splendid effort they had made and moved that the deficit be met from Association funds. Mr. W. Barton seconded and this was carried.

The following new members were elected: Jean Lawn, Elsa Murray and Margaret Barker, of Collingham, and Dorothy Hogg, of Leeds. The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Further ringing followed, rounding off a pleasant and successful meeting. L. W. G. M.

TWO HUNDRED PEALS IN A CHESHIRE TOWER

On Saturday, January 17th, the 200th peal on the bells was rung at Norbury by a band who between them have rung 714 peals on the bells, i.e., James A. Milner 107, William Fernley 124, Wilfred Stevenson 62, James Fernley 129, C. Kenneth Lewis 71, Joseph Whittaker 53, Peter Laflin 54, John Worth 114. The band for the occasion was selected on the basis of the greatest number of peals rung there, and in addition to the members of the band the following have scored heavily: John W. Hartley 52, Lionel Clough 50, Tom Wilde 39, Alan A. Potts 29. Other ringers whose names once appeared regularly in the pages of 'The Ringing World' have a good score, but space forbids an exhaustive list.

The first peal on the bells was rung on May 5th, 1900 (Minor in four methods), and the only survivor of that band is Mr. J. Dean, who still occasionally visits the belfry. Forty-two peals were rung on the old six, which were recast and augmented in 1925, and the first peal on the augmented ring was Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on November 26th, 1925. Before the bells were augmented, however, ringing history was made there in Spliced Minor ringing, peals in varying numbers of methods up to 35 being rung. The first peals of Clarendon Surprise, Manchester Surprise, Stockport Surprise, Ramsey Surprise, Deva Surprise, and Carisbrooke Delight were rung at Norbury, and the first peals for the Chester Guild of Spliced Surprise in 2 methods, 4 methods, 14 and 16 methods were also rung there as well as the Guild's firsts in various other methods. The longest lengths on the bells are 5,600 Cambridge and 5,600 Aldenham. It is worth mentioning that the top four (as regards numbers of peals rung) of the list of methods rung are Bristol 34, Cambridge 22, London 17, and Double Norwich 16.

Any mention of Norbury tower would not be complete without reference to the late James Fernley, who guided its destinies with a firm but kindly hand for many years and whose proud boast it was that 'Norbury is a nursery for ringers.' He would indeed be proud to see the way in which this tradition is being carried on by his son, James, although he would, perhaps, be surprised at the fact that the tower can muster a complete band of ladies for service ringing. On practice nights at Norbury ringers attend from various local towers (if ten miles can be termed local), and the ringing may range from rounds for the learners to Spliced Surprise in 12 or more methods.

The ringers, too, have been fortunate in the clergy: the Rev. A. J. Humphreys was for many years their Vicar and very capably dealt with any complaints he received, and his successor, the Rev. E. Taylor, has already shown himself most sympathetic towards ringers. This has engendered the most cordial relations between ringers and congregation. C. K. L.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Enthusiasm Still in Dorchester Branch

RINGERS of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their annual general meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 17th, the attendance being over 70.

The eight bells of St. Peter's were rung from 2.30 p.m. until 4 o'clock, when the Guild service in the church was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon C. Chute, Rector of Piddlehinton and vice-chairman of the branch. Mr. Eric Cornick was at the organ.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, chairman of the branch, read the lesson and also gave the address, taking his text from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verse 11: '. . . in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.'

These three points, said the Rector, summed up what should be the aim of all Christians, to be eager and willing to do their chosen work well, to be fervent (the original meaning of which meant 'boiling') with zeal for Christ's service, and, finally, serving the Lord in their own sphere to the best of their ability.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Institute by a band of ladies connected with the church, and following this the business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby, chairman. Apologies were read from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. E. T. P. Field.

WEST LULWORTH BELLS

Arising from the minutes, the question was asked, 'Is anything being done about the bells at West Lulworth?' and Archdeacon Chute, in reply, said he had been given to understand that the tower was being rebuilt, but not to its former height, and the bells would not be rehung, the expense being too great.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, read his report for the past year, in which he stated that membership had declined a little, but the enthusiasm was still there. There were now 173 members, 150 of whom were ringing members.

Four peals were rung and 24 quarter peals, spread over a total of 12 different towers. All the peals were rung at Piddlehinton, one of these and a number of the quarters being in memory of King George VI.

Meetings in 1952 were held at Dorchester, Wool, Milton Abbey, Abbotsbury, Preston and Wyke Regis, and the fortnightly branch practices were as popular as ever. Preston now had six bells and Charminster's six had been rehung, two very welcome occurrences.

The branch had lost two ringing members and one associate by the death during the year of Messrs. J. T. Godwin and W. J. Simons, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and Mr. J. Salter, of Weymouth. Later in the meeting the chairman paid tribute to their memory.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of just over £40, slightly more than last year.

The report and balance sheet were adopted with thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Proceeding to the election of officers, the vice-chairman, Archdeacon Chute, said he would like to thank the ladies for a very fine tea, a sentiment which was heartily acclaimed by all present, and the Archdeacon then asked for nominations for the office of chairman.

Canon Markby was unanimously re-elected, as also were the rest of the officers: vice-chairman, Archdeacon J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Master, Messrs. F. Stedman and E. T. P. Field.

The secretary was asked to make inquiries as to the possibility of holding the Spring quarterly meeting at Maiden Newton.

It was also suggested that two meetings should be held on Thursdays.

The next branch practice was fixed for Preston on Saturday, February 7th next.

New members elected were Messrs. B. Greaves and B. Ellis (Piddlehinton), T. Webb (Abbotsbury), E. Hill (Wyke Regis) from associate to ringing member, and Miss R. Warren, Miss P. House and Mr. P. Saberton (Fordington).

The meeting agreed to the payment of the expenses of the Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary on the occasion of their attendance at the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury in February last.

Canon Markby thanked the vice-chairman for his attendance and his conducting the service, and gave a warm welcome to Canon C. C. Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis and Master of the Salisbury Guild.

Canon Cox expressed his pleasure at being able to attend, and wished he could attend more of the meetings of the Dorchester Branch, but Saturday was a busy day, and his last appearance at Dorchester was in January, 1947.

In reply to a question from the secretary regarding the transfer of a tower from one branch to another, the Master said that the tower secretary should apply to his branch secretary, and the matter should come before the Guild Committee.

SALE OF CHURCH BELLS

Canon Cox spoke on the subject of the sale of church bells. This should not be allowed, in his opinion, as there were probably towers in the same diocese which would welcome the opportunity to acquire the bells for their own use. Speaking of the Guild report, Canon Cox stated that it was suggested that in view of the cost of printing it would be advisable to print the report every two years instead of annually.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his address and his able conducting of the meeting, and to all who had helped with the arrangements, especially Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, who had managed a great deal of work in a short time.

THE GODWIN MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. J. W. Smith said he had been asked by the family of the late Mr. Godwin to thank the members of the branch for the way in which they had carried out Mr. Godwin's wishes regarding the ringing at his funeral. (Mr. Godwin had expressed a wish that the bells should be rung half-muffled before and open following the service at St. Peter's.)

The J. T. Godwin Memorial Fund now stood at about £65, and Canon Markby thanked the branch members for their contributions. The money would be used for churchwardens' staves, church notice boards and redecoration of the belfry, including the peal boards.

Mr. Smith inquired if the annual Guild Festival could be held on Easter Monday, and Canon Cox agreed to put the question before the Guild Committee.

Following the meeting, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. with methods up to Cambridge Major under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey.

HOSPITALITY AT RIBCHESTER

Few peal-ringing visits could have been of a more cordial nature than that made by the Clitheroe Sunday service band with Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, when they visited Ribchester, Lancashire. On arrival they were welcomed by the Rector and the local captain (Mr. T. Sagar), and a lady arranging flowers in the church offered to make a cup of tea before the peal was attempted. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Sagar and then all sat down to watch the television programme. For this real hospitality the band wish to thank their hosts.

Sarum St. Edmund's Visited After 20 Years

The Salisbury Branch held its annual meeting for the first time in 20 years at Sarum St. Edmund's on January 24th. The bells at this fine old 14th century church have been unringable since before the war, but they are still said to be the finest ring in Salisbury, and an estimate has recently been given that it would cost £750 to make the timber frame safe for ringing.

The Rector, the Rev. H. G. Goodall, conducted the Guild service and welcomed the ringers. After giving a brief account of the church and its bells, he spoke of their message —not merely to call people to worship (as synthetic bells or a loud-speaker van could do), but first of all to proclaim the Risen Christ and that 'This is the day which the Lord hath made' and 'This is none other than the House of God.'

Some 50 members and visitors then adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, which local ringers' wives (and children!) had prepared.

At the business meeting which followed, the company stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Frank Yule, for many years a keen and loyal member of Sarum St. Paul's, who died recently.

Reporting on the year's activities, the secretary mentioned seven business and practice meetings, 12 new members elected, six certificates of proficiency gained, five peals rung including ten 'firsts' and two 'firsts as conductor,' also a number of quarter peals.

The balance sheet showed a balance carried forward of £24 13s. 9d.

The branch officers were all re-elected: Chairman, H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, W. Chalk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Y. L. Eloie; Ringing Masters, H. A. Roles, J. Mussell, H. H. Abrahams; together with A. Haines and C. Haines as members of committee. D. Gay was elected a ringing member and G. Dibden a life ringing member, and E. Haines received a certificate of proficiency.

The chairman, in reviewing the year, spoke of the present position at Sarum St. Martin's, where the bells have now been overhauled since the repairs to the spire, but the Rector did not wish to allow regular Sunday ringing until a band can be raised from the members of the congregation. He also reported on the inspection of St. Edmund's bells, and on the announcement in a local paper that Durrington hope to add a treble to their ring of five bells as a permanent memorial of the Coronation.

St. Martin's bells were put to good use in the afternoon as also were those of St. Thomas', St. Paul's and Wilton in the evening. Touches were rung in standard methods and Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and London (one ringer was heard to say with satisfaction. 'And they all came round!'). The ringers are grateful to all the incumbents concerned for the use of the bells, and to the Rector of St. Edmund's for his welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CORONATION PEAL NOT WANTED

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting to discuss our village plans for Coronation Day, the request for the six bells was: 'A peal or two before the service and some bells during the bonfire **and on no account any of your three-hour Bob Majors'!**

I wonder if any other parish has begged to be spared a Coronation peal?—Yours faithfully,

CECILY C. ROBERTS.

Steep, Hants.

TONE-DEAF

Dear Sir,—Is it the general opinion that a ringer who is tone-deaf is naturally a bad striker?—Yours faithfully,

PAMELA M. CLEMENTS.

Burnham, Bucks.

LANLIVERY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. F. Stuart Worth's letter under the above heading in your last issue, I am afraid that he is not correct in saying that these are the only unringable bells in Cornwall. I can think, offhand, of three sixes, Baldhu, Gwinear and St. Michael Caerhays, and two fives, Advent and South Hill. I believe the six at Saltash are also unringable.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—In November last several ringers, some Cornish and some from other parts of the country, rang at Lanlivery tower.

Although the bells were what may be termed 'hard-going,' the main fault was that they were loose in the stocks, a matter which could be remedied by the use of a spanner.

I fail to see, therefore, why the bells are unringable but I agree they are unpealable.

I fully endorse Mr. Worth's statement that the bells form one of the best-toned rings in Cornwall.

A further point. There was no oscillation apparent in the tower or between the tower and the frame. As far as could be told by ringing the bells the frame seemed quite solid.

This may help the Incumbent to get the work done at a considerably lower price that the £700 stated in Mr. Worth's letter.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Bodmin, Cornwall.

HARRY PARSONS

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue reference was made to the death of Harry Parsons, and, with your permission, I should like to add a few words to what was then said. When he was at Zeals, Wilts, a little over 40 years ago, he was a valued member of a small group who joined in visiting different towers in North Dorset for the practice of standard methods, and thus stimulated interest in change ringing in a district where it was almost unknown. During his short time with us he was a great asset to our little company—a sound ringer, a delightful companion, always ready to give of his best. Of those associated with him in those days, the brothers D'Aeth, the Rev. C. A. Phillips and Mr. A. E. Coles have passed on before him, probably others, whose names do not recur to my memory. From the activities of that little group the Salisbury Guild has derived permanent benefit. Incidentally, it was at one of those gatherings that the renowned J. Thomas performed one of his early feats by ringing two tower bells to a 720. To those of us still surviving, regret at the passing of one more of our number mingles with happy memories of bygone days.—Yours faithfully,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Bournemouth.

OSWESTRY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The music of church bells has been described in various ways and I think the following comment on Oswestry bells, which appeared in a recent edition of the 'Border Counties Advertiser,' is worthy of note.

'. . . . just pause for a moment and listen. Loud and clear, as they have done for over so many years, piercing the crisp night air like invisible javelins will come the lofty, rhythmical sound of the bells.'—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Swindon, Wilts.

METHODS

Dear Sir,—Some 40-odd years ago, when in Bristol, I met a well-known composer from the Midlands. During the time we were together he asked me if I was interested in the composition of touches, peals or methods.

The enclosed blocks of figures were given to me by him and he explained that these four blocks (as far as he was able to ascertain) were the ones used when the first extent of Doubles, Treble plain hunt, with 118 double rows and two single rows, was composed.

He also said that there were about 20 different blocks which can be used in the composition of Doubles, and without a doubt they have been used a great number of times, and if you succeed in building up true extents from them, do not kid yourself you have composed a new method. The least number of blocks you can use is three, one below treble and two above (see Plain Bob Doubles).

The most I have been able to get up to now is one below and five above in a true extent; you cannot call this a method. If you fix them together, give them a number.

Prior to 1788 ringing books contained a large number of Doubles methods. In the Clavis we find a Minor method which is London below treble, and Cambridge above. In Mr. J. P. Fidler's book of more recent years we find the same principle followed.

In concluding, I would like to draw your attention to a 'Major' peal by H. G. Cashmore (page 736, November 14th, 1952); here he has succeeded in placing blocks from 16 different methods into 32 leads. He may one day succeed in getting 80 methods into 160 leads.—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater.

(1)

5—5 5—5 5—5 5—5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3 3 3 3
2 2

Where a line is drawn between figures it denotes that a place has been made. No. 1 is plain hunting, as used below treble in Grandsire Doubles. When used below treble read 1.2.3.4 for 5.4.3.2.

(2)

5—5 5 5 5 5 5—5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3—3 3—3
2 2

No. 2 is a Bob in Grandsire when combined with No 1 below treble.

(3)

5—5 5—5 5 5 5—5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3 3 3—3
2 2

No. 3 is a plain lead in Grandsire when combined with No. 1 below treble.

(4)

5—5 5 5 5 5 5—5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3—3—3—3
2—2

No. 4 is a simple lead in Grandsire when combined with No. 1 below treble.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The winter meeting of the Society was held at Wednesbury on January 24th. The ancient Parish Church of St. Bartholomew stands on a hill commanding extensive views of the surrounding Black Country, and the ring of ten bells (tenor 24 cwt.) is worthy of this fine church. The meeting attracted an attendance of 62, and ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Maurice Turner.

The service was conducted by Dr. A. B. Lavelle, Vicar and Rural Dean of Wednesbury, who gave an inspiring address. The Parish Church organist, Mr. Gurney Harper, very kindly played for the service. The tea was at Wadsworth's Restaurant, where a very nice meal was served.

After tea, Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked Dr. Lavelle for taking the service and granting permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. Gurney Harper for officiating at the organ.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Penn, Wolverhampton, on March 14th.

SOUTH WALES A NEW DISTRICT FOR LADIES' GUILD

On January 24th, the inaugural meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was most successfully held at Chepstow Parish Church.

Some seventy ringers, representing towers in eight counties, enjoyed ringing many varied methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Roland Jackson, who endeared himself to the visitors by his amusing address. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Miss N. Williams, of Bath. Twenty-four new members were elected from Mathern, Staunton, Newport, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Sketty, Porthkerry, Radyr, Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty, St. Mellons and Porthcawl.

Officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Ryan Price; secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans; committee, Mrs. R. F. Coles, Mrs. Trevor Roderick, Miss Temlett and Miss Audrey Stephens. Thanks were expressed to Miss Williams for taking the chair and also to Mrs. Parfrey and other friends from Bath for their help and support.

After deciding to hold the next meeting at Cowbridge in May, the ladies returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing.

STEDMAN AT MARTOCK

Dear Sir,—I recently submitted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at Martock for publication, with a footnote stating: 'Assumed first quarter of Stedman on the bells.' This footnote was submitted after I had been told by the captain of the tower (who has been connected with the tower for over 56 years) that this was the first quarter. This has led to some private correspondence and I have also been told that quarters of Stedman have been rung there—but the captain still assures me that this is not the case. I should, therefore, like, through the medium of your paper, to ask if there are any authentic cases of quarter peals of Stedman having been rung at Martock previous to the one which I conducted.—Yours,

Yeovil, Som. HARRY J. GAYLARD.

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FOR BEGINNERS—
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XXIX

COURSING ORDER IN KENT TREBLE BOB

The coursing order of the bells in Treble Bob can be followed with as much ease as that of Plain Bob. The essential difference is that the bell in the 'Slow' work (described a fortnight ago) is taken out of the coursing for the time being. In Kent Treble Bob the treble meets the bells in the order 2.4.6.5.3, as it does at the beginning of Plain Bob, but instead of hunting back through them in the same order, 2, having to remain in the slow, is missing, and in retracing its steps the treble meets the bells in the order 4.6.5.3 and then picks up 2 on the front. Next time, 4 goes in Slow and the order out is 4.6.5.3.2 and back 6.5.3.2.4.

If you are ringing one of the working bells you maintain the same cycle of coursing, but substitute the treble for whichever bell is in the Slow. Thus in the first lead of the plain course the cycle is 1.4.6.5.3. (2 being in the Slow), in the next lead 2.1.6.5.3 (4 being in the Slow), in the next 2.4.1.5.3 (6 being in the Slow), and so on. Or, beginning always with the treble, 1.4.6.5.3; 1.6.5.3.2; 1.5.3.2.4, etc.

When a bob is called, the bell **in front** of the treble 'makes the bob' and is turned in its coursing order so that it follows immediately **after** the treble. Thus, if the bells are coursing 1.4.6.5.3 (1, etc.) in the first lead and a bob is called, the coursing order becomes 1.3.6.5.2 in the next lead, and then 1.6.5.2.4 if a plain lead follows or 1.2.6.5.4 if there is another bob.

If you are ringing on more bells than six, the coursing order follows the same rules. When you ring the method on eight you merely put 8.7 every time between 6 and 5; and if you go to ten you put 8.0.9.7 in that order between 6 and 5.

A knowledge of coursing is, of course, essential to the successful conductor. He must not only be able to 'read' it from the bells themselves, as he goes along, but he must be able to anticipate it; that is to say he should know before he calls a bob exactly what change will take place in the sequence of the bells.

Suppose he is calling Treble Bob Minor. He knows that the bob will have no effect on the bells going into and coming out of the 'Slow' work, that one bell is going to make 4ths and return to lead; while the others stop for the extra double dodging.

The three bells round the treble transpose their places thus: The one behind the treble goes into the Slow; the one from the Slow takes its place in front of the treble; while the one that had previously been immediately in front of the treble, having made the bob, becomes the one immediately behind it. While this was going on the rest of the bells had been delayed and they fall into position behind the bell that made the bob in the same order as before the call, whether it be two bells in Minor, the four in Major, and so on to the higher numbers.

The ability to see this coursing order enables the young conductor to call his touches or peals from bells other than the observation bells. He can, for instance, tell when to call the bobs at 'In' or 'Out' when the tenor is the observation, although he may be ringing any of the others. He can, in fact, call the observation bell into any position required, by noting its position in the coursing order, and he will be able, with experience, to know where every bell should be each lead.

We do not pretend that what we have said will enable the beginner to 'read' the bells right off at once. We have only endeavoured to show him what to look for when he is ringing, to help him develop his powers of observation. He must apply it when he is in the tower and make a study of it on paper at home.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

Attendance at the annual District meeting held at Acton on January 17th was in striking contrast to the average attendance at meetings during the year. The average was 45, but the number at Acton was but 25.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ellis, who gave a most interesting talk on towers and ringers with whom he had been associated, including St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and 'dear old Jim Davis.' Members learned with regret that the president, the Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton, was seriously ill.

One of the chief items of interest at the business meeting was the election of officers, who are: Master, R. E. Price; Deputy Master, F. Blagrove; secretary, F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Miss J. Bailey; Central Committee representatives elected were Messrs. Finch, Eldred and Webb.

Other items upon which decisions were taken included ringing during Coronation week, midweek practices and quarter peals for promising ringers.

The secretary's annual report covered all the activities during the year which included eight meetings, four of which were joint meetings with other Guilds, 15 peals and 44 quarter peals. It might be of general interest to record the final paragraph of the report. It said:—

'It is only possible to keep service ringing going if there is a steady flow of recruits to the art, and our thanks go to those four or five towers where a good band is maintained. Instructors will meet with a better response from their pupils and are likely to retain them more frequently if they concentrate on teaching the elementary principles of good handling, the prime necessity of learning to ring by keeping a good rhythm and continually listening to the effect above, rather than blindly following the next rope.

'Teach the learner to be a craftsman and to take a pride in being complete master of his bell. Once this is achieved, you will keep your recruit and the methods he rings will follow in good time. Too many recruits are disheartened by being taught that method ringing is mainly a matter of following ropes. They never have the real joy that comes from perfect striking. And perfect striking is the only standard we must aim at. Strive and you will achieve!'

North and East District

The annual meeting held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, attracted a fairly representative gathering of members from affiliated towers, who were pleased to know that the enthusiastic local band, helped by the Rev. Shaw-Kew, an all too rare sympathetic and encouraging incumbent, had successfully come through a trying period to keep their bells in a proper going order. An evensong service was held in church prior to an excellent tea prepared and served by the local lady ringers and their relations.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. The annual report submitted by the secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) indicated that the monthly meetings had been attended by an average of 33 ringers and had been carried out in accordance with the programme. The district had lost three members through death—H. C. Collier (Willesden), H. S. Arbin (Monken Hadley) and R. Colyer (Pinner). Seventeen new members had been elected, but an appeal was made for more members still. An additional meeting was held, at the invitation of the Essex Association, in August at Waltham Abbey.

After the report had been adopted the statement of accounts was submitted, and this showed a balance of £24 15s. 6d. to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association. In addition, a sum of £5 13s. would be paid into the Bells Restoration Fund.

Elections of district officers were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Cutler; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal; auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed; and representatives on the District Committee, Messrs. R. H. Begrie, H. G. Hart and G. R. Parsons. New members elected were R. B. Meadows (Kilburn), G. Pratchett and Miss R. Foreman (Hendon), R. Gorringe, J. Moss and Miss M. Skinner (Pinner), and J. Hales, J. A. Hales and Miss N. Hales (Upper Clapton). Miss A. E. Salter (North Minims) was elected a non-resident life member, and Mrs. V. Neil, of Willesden, was elected an honorary life member.

A programme of district meetings was arranged for the coming year, but it was decided not to nominate special methods for the meetings. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Shaw-Kew and to the local ringers for making arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.

Farnham Want a Ring of Ten as Coronation Memorial

Mr. C. W. Denyer, in presenting his report at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Farnham on January 24th, said, 'Several of us still hope that we may one day have a windfall to start a fund for recasting and rehanging our heavy-going eight into a lighter and more musical ring of ten. The massive tower is worthy of ten bells. Why not add two more bells to the present ring as a Coronation memorial for the town?'

There was an attendance of nearly 90 at the meeting, which was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who had previously conducted the Guild's form of service in the Parish Church.

Of the 14 towers in the district, stated the report, 13 had rung regularly for Sunday services and weekly practices. Crondall, the only exception, had lately been unable to muster enough ringers, and this was mainly due to the advancing age and indifferent health of Mr. W. Dimes, who had been ringing at Crondall for 50 years and had managed to keep together a band of ringers all the time.

Membership had gone up slightly, ringing members by 16 to 143 and honorary members by 8 to 18. Seven peals were rung during 1952, including one at Seale with an average age of 16 years 2 months, and this was the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. A. H. Pulling said it was obvious that the centre of ringing in the Guildford Diocese at present was the Farnham District.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary and treasurer) showed a balance of £11 5s. 3d.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master), Mr. E. J. Bragg (Assistant Ringing Master), Mr. G. S. Joyce (hon. secretary), Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. W. H. Viggers (hon. auditor). Mr. F. Cherryman (Pirbright) was added to the committee. The District decided to renominate the existing Guild officers.

New members elected were: Brian Hale (Farnham), Angela and Roger Houchin (Seale), Anita Beer and Miss A. Goodchild (Ash), Mr. G. Smith (Farnborough), Rev. P. Cole (Aldershot) Mr. W. Hall (Bagshot), Miss B. Monk and Miss J. French (Worplesdon) as ringing members, and the Rev. J. Melhuish (Bagshot) on honorary member.

SOME LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No. 3 — Meriden

It has been said that of all the counties Warwickshire is the most typically English. If this is so, then the ringers of Meriden must represent a cross-section of all the ringers throughout the country, for to them goes the privilege of ringing the bells of the church nearest to the very centre of England. Meriden Church stands high on a hill overlooking the village, and Sunday by Sunday its bells peal out over the heart of England, the wooded hills and leafy lanes of Warwickshire.

Once inside this ancient church there is much to intrigue the ringing visitor—an old chest; exquisitely carved tombs; a chained book of the time of the first Elizabeth; a unique squint arrangement; and, besides hosts of unmentioned items, a lovely chancel with stone-work by Norman, Early English and Perpendicular masons. At the entrance to the tower is a magnificent arch, lofty and commanding, while inside are staves used by past members of a local society. On the west wall are four clappers, now silent after generations of loyal service. The tower itself is 15th century and sustains a squat pyramidal spire of later date. The spiral staircase has, oddly, wooden steps as far as the belfry, at which stage the original stone steps begin their short flight upwards, although the newel is stone throughout.

From the clock chamber a door leads on to the nave roof, where there are four panels, one of which indicates that 'this roof was all of this side was all bload of Novambor the 28 1703.'

Five bells hang in the top storey of the tower. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—The Reur. Sammvell Iones Uicar 1740 W.B.

2nd.—When my first and third begin to ring, Then I was broke before all did sing. Wm. Brooke cast me. 1740.

3rd.—Hvmphry Hawksford and Edward Beck Chvrchwardens 1740 W.B.

4th.—Cast by John Warner & Sons Ltd. London 1897. I was cast in the 60th. year of Queen Victoria's reign and hung in celebration of her diamond jubilee. Albert Lewis Willett—Vicar, Charles Wriothesley Digby, George Frederick Burr, Churchwardens, 1897. Hung by G. Day & Son—Eye.

Tenor.—No inscription, but Richard II. coins on inscription-band, waist and sound-bow.

The fourth bell apparently replaced a bell said to have been lost or stolen generations ago; there were but three bells in 1883 (Brooke's), so since that time the 4th was cast and the old tenor recovered and put back in its rightful place after years of absence.

In 1552 the Commissioners reported at Meriden 'iij bells' and 'Note that the p'ishe owithe for oon of their aforsaid bells iiijli (£4).' Browne Willis, the antiquarian, quoted '4 bells' in 1750, obviously Brooke's three and the old tenor.

Some years ago there were some ringing rules in the tower. It would be well to conclude this article with them:—

'A reminder
Who rings a Bell let him look well
To Hand and Head and Heart,
The Hand for work, the Head for skill,
The Heart for worship's part.' A.A.M.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A year of progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, held at Finedon on January 13th. Some 20 towers were represented, and after tea a party of Bedfordshire ringers arrived.

The Guild service in the afternoon was conducted by the Vicar (the Rt. Rev. Gerald R. Vernon), with Mr. Hirst Cuttell as organist. The collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £2 4s. 3d.

Tea was served in the Town Hall by members of the Mothers' Union, supervised by Mrs. Pearson. Among the 80 present were the incumbents of Bozeat, Stanwick and Finedon Parish Churches.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. Knight (Bozeat) presided. The report and balance sheet for 1952, presented by Mr. A. Bigley (secretary), revealed a very satisfactory year. One life member and four honorary members contributed to offset the branch's heavy expenses during the year. Nineteen ringing members were elected and Rushden was added to the list of towers affiliated to the branch.

All officers were re-elected to serve during 1953. Two honorary members and eight ringing members were elected as follows: Rev. D. Brown (Stanwick) and Mr. W. L. Knight (Earls Barton), honorary members, and Messrs. H. Pentelow (Higham Ferrers), C. Whitworth, W. Bates, W. Dickens, W. Smith, G. Smith, G. Pateman and L. Priestley (Rushden), ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stanwick on April 18th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Bishop Vernon) and others concerned was proposed by the branch president.

After the meeting a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. M. King, J. King, P. Chapman, A. Bigley and J. Mawby, of Lavendon, who came over to meet old friends.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Society at Barnsley on January 10th was fairly well attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m. A short service was conducted in the church at 4.30 p.m. by the Rev. C. G. Woodhead, and the president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, acted as organist.

The ringers then went to the Rectory Rooms, where the Rector (Canon A. P. Morley) and Mrs. Morley with other ladies were waiting to welcome them and also to serve a very enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting the Rector, who is hon. president, presided, supported by the president. The following towers were represented: Badsworth, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley, Sprotborough, Thorne and the local company.

The balance sheets for the Society's fund and for the shield and cup contests for 1952 were adopted as satisfactory.

The balance sheet for the dinner showed a small loss, but it was the general feeling of all that it was essential to hold this function and that any loss should come out of the Society's funds.

The officials were re-elected for 1953 en bloc as follows: President, Mr. N. F. Moxon; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; secretary, Mr. D. Smith, both of Felkirk; auditors, Mr. L. Steel (Darfield) and Mr. H. Rusby (Cawthorne).

The Society decided to arrange the annual outing either on June 27th or July 4th and visit Ripon and district, and also to hold the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 10th. An invitation was received to hold a summer meeting at Meltham, near Huddersfield. Although this tower is out of radius of the Society, the invitation was accepted for a date in July. One new member was elected, Miss A. Dean (Felkirk).

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on February 14th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting at Warwick

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Warwick on January 17th. Over 50 members and friends attended. The bells of St. Mary's Collegiate Church (the heaviest ring in the diocese, tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to suit all tastes, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal being the favourite methods.

Tea was taken at the Ilex Cafe, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) taking the chair. Apologies were received from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. J. H. W. White and J. Taylor, sen.

The hon. secretary read a letter which had been sent to the secretary of the Coventry Cathedral Reconstruction Fund suggesting that the 14 bells housed in the Cathedral tower be hung for ringing within a special framework independent of the tower should that be found unsuitable to carry the weight. A reply had been received giving the opinion of the architect that the danger to the tower as it stood would be too great. The Guild Committee hopes to make further representations to the Reconstruction Committee at a later date.

Stratford-on-Avon was chosen as the meeting place for the annual meeting in April.

The following members were elected: Miss Lola Callow and Miss Thelma Bowcutt as resident members, and J. Lightfoot and A. A. Upton as non-resident members, with the ratification of the election of R. C. Ingram, Erdington, prior to a peal.

The Guild Peal Book presented by Councillor Harry Weston at last year's annual meeting was on view with the peals for 1950 and 1951 entered in Mr. C. H. Webb's own inimitable style. Grateful thanks were accorded Mr. Webb for the painstaking manner in which he had entered the peals. D. E. B.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual Meeting

At Huntingdon on January 17th the Hunts District held their annual meeting, about 40 members and friends being present. The Guild service was at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. E. Bayley), after which tea was at All Saints' Hall.

The business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair. Mr. R. F. Baker (assistant secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Mr. H. S. Peacock, district secretary, presented the report of the year's working, which was very satisfactory. Mr. F. W. Lock stated the Belfry Repair Fund was in a healthy state. Two or three £5 grants had been made in 1952.

Usual thanks brought the business meeting to a close, when further ringing took place at both St. Mary's and All Saints' Churches. Standard methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, not forgetting rounds and Doubles for those not so far advanced. F. W.

NEWS FROM WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL

The Bishop of Liverpool when he visited St. Peter's, Woolton, recently, climbed the 50 odd steps to ring with 10 of the service ringers.

In the last 18 months over 20 youths have learnt to handle a bell in this tower and some of them are now proficient in Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

By handbell ringing at Christmas this band raised over £10 10s. for the tower fund.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody, the Northern District secretary of the Irish Association and a member of the Central Council, is laid up and has had a minor operation to his leg. His friends on the Council are looking forward to seeing and hearing him at Bournemouth.

COMPOSITIONS

5,056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol

By GEORGE FREEBREY

23456	M	W	H
65432	x	x	x
46532			x
54632			x
63542		x	x
64235	2	x	x
24365		2	x
54263	2		3
34265	x		x
36524	2	x	x
52364		x	x
46325	x	x	x
63425			2
35426	x		2
43526			x
63254	x	2	x
34256	x		2
52643	x	x	3
23645	x		2
56342	x		x
35642			x
32546	2	3	x

Repeat once.

All courses are L.X.L. with leads of Bristol inserted where double or triple bobs are shown. Where x is shown the lead is optional, Superlative or Cambridge.

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By KENNETH A. ROE

23456	W	M	H	
42635	—	—		Bel, Yk, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Yorks, Bel
62534		—		Lincs, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Lind, Bel
45236		—	—	Ditto
24536			—	Ditto
52436			—	Bel, Yk, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Yorks, Bel
43526	—		—	Ditto
54326			—	Ditto
32546	—		—	Ditto
53246			—	Ditto
25346			—	Ditto
34256	—		—	Ditto
23456			—	Ditto

Bel, Belgrave; Yk, York; Pud, Pudsey; Lei, Leicestershire; Bucks, Buckinghamshire; Buckm, Buckingham; Wig, Wigston; Lind, Lindsey; Lincs, Lincolnshire; Yorks, Yorkshire.

First rung at Leicester Cathedral on December 11th 1952, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

5,024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	B	M	W	H
43526			2	—
53246		3	2	—
42635		—	—	
62534		—		
23645	X			
34256	X			
52643		—	—	
62345		—		
62453	X			—
25634	X			
25346	X			—
42356			—	
32654		—		
32546	X			—
54326			—	—
35426		3		—
23456		3	—	

First rung at Caythorpe, Lincs, July 24th, 1950.

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Luke's, Brislington (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Important business follows.—A. Bennett. 2087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew, Cromhall. 2096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 2048

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Feb. 7th, annual general meeting, 2.45–4, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street; 3.45–4.45, Southwark Cathedral; service 5; tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral afterwards. Names, please, Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 2036

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Shaw, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2067

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 7th. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. 2065

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Prittlewell, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to be followed by meeting.—P. A. Sadler. 2086

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, Feb. 7th. All Saints' (8); St. Gregory's for Minor and Doubles only at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers. Tea at Unity Club, 5 o'clock, for those who notify Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2006

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. — Annual business meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. 2060

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I.W. District. — Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Feb. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and ringing, Newport, 5 p.m.—Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 2016

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. James', Clerkenwell. 2073

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, South Kirkby, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2105

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea arranged by the local ringers in the Sunday School room at 5.15. A good company is requested.—L. H. Bywaters Hon. Sec. 2083

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Cottingham on Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. A. Mason, 49, Woods Lane, Cottingham. 2104

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea not later than Feb. 12th to Mr. F. Yates, 82, Hobson Street, Macclesfield. 2112

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bulkington (8 bells), near Nuneaton, on Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, 11th.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 2110

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — February meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. All old friends specially welcome. 2068

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the Stowey Arms. Names, please, Tuesday, Feb. 10th. — F. Wreford 24, Normandy Road Exeter. 2041

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual, Honiton Clyst, Feb. 14th. Names for tea by 10th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Service 4.30 p.m. 2076

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—Meeting, Pyworthy, Feb. 14th. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 2079

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Speldhurst (8). Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 2098

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Feb. 14th, Wilburton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 2108

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2091

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Feb. 14th. Tea. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2080

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute (2s.), followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 11th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 2056

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual, Feb. 14th. Service All Saints' 3.30. Bells All Saints' and St. Nicholas' after 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by Feb. 10th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2089

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting, Great Chart, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2070

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Bearsted, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2066

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Feb. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2039

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel Church, Everton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool 6. — J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Newhey, Feb. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. I. Kerr, 35, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow.—F. Pritchard. 2088

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual Dinner, Co-op. Hall, Burbage, Feb. 14th. Bells available 5 o'clock. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. each. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. 2093

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Names, by 11th, to Mr. R. Tonks, 87, High Street, Ibstock. 2082

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fulney bells also available in evening. 2051

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2038

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —T. J. Lock. 2092

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 12th, to F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. 2107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service St. Laurence's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting St. Mary's Church House. Bells available: St. Laurence's 3 p.m. and after meeting: St. Mary's 2-3 p.m.; St. Giles' 3-4; Caversham 7.30-8.45; Tilehurst 7.30-9. Names for tea by Feb. 12th, to A. Discrens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 2077

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 25, West Road, Oakham. 2109

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea, by 10th, to Mr. A. Ashby, 16, Boughton Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield.—H. Denman. 2061

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church, or bring your own. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Heene, Feb. 14th, 2. Service 4.15. West Tarring 2.30-3.45. Names for tea, please, by 9th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2055

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Steep (6) on Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea 5 and business meeting. Numbers for tea by 10th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 2103

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, Feb. 21st, at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, 6.30-11 p.m. Tickets priced 9s. 6d. Open ringing. All welcome. St. Luke's 3-5.30; St. Peter's 4-6 p.m.; St. Alkmund's 3-5.45 p.m. 2078

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Helmshore, Saturday, Feb. 21st. All ringers welcome. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Porter. 2081

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells of Parish Church and Foundry from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5. Names, by Wednesday, 18th, please, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—All welcome at Adderbury (8), Feb. 21st, 2.30. Service 4. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Notify for tea to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, Phone Eynsham 222. 2113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 16th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Notice to members of **General Committee.** Annual meeting will be held at Leeds Church Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, 3 p.m., on Saturday, **Feb. 28th.** Please note change of venue and date.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec. 2100

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting will be held in Guildford, April 11th. Details later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 2099

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. — The annual general meeting will be held in Bath on Easter Monday. Twelve towers open. Service 12 noon. Luncheon (5s. 6d.) and business meeting at the Christopher Hotel. It would be advisable to make early application to me for seats.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 2111

QUARTER PEALS

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Farmer 1, R. Lowe 2, Miss M. Page (first as cond.) 3, J. Button 4, H. Abrahams 5, J. Lewis 6.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bryant (first quarter) 1, W. Farmer 2, B. Thompson 3, S. Arlner 4, F. Cook (first as cond.) 5, S. Court 6. A 75th birthday compliment to W. Farmer.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,313, Grandsire Caters: W. Clare 1, S. Walklate 2, D. Walklate 3, A. E. Thompson 4, F. R. Lowe 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, H. Letts 7, C. Walklate 8, M. Barker 9, R. A. Scott 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 3, 8 and 10. Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, also as a welcome to Mr. John Wilkinson on his return from Canada.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 20th, at Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ball 1, Miss B. Cowlin 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Miss D. Luke 4, W. Eveleigh 5, H. J. Eldred 6, T. Dew 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, D. Jones 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,4440 Bourne and Norwich Surprise Major: M. Orme (first of Treble Bob) 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, E. Winters 4, D. Jones 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Payne (first quarter) 1, D. Gibbins 2, M. Burt 3, M. Tomlin 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Message (first quarter) 1, F. H. Beeney (first 'inside' in the method) 2, G. Beeney 3, B. Stepney 4, C. Booth 5, A. Ellis 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. K Parr 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Miss J. Pett 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, T. E Davies 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. E. Boam 1, J. S. Woodhouse 2, R. Hall 3, H. D Holland 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung in appreciation of Mr. F. Carless' work as hon. lay reader in this parish, who last week entered St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, to train for the ministry.

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QUARTER PEALS

BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Jan. 12th, a quarter peal of Treble Bob in three methods (Kingston, Kent and Oxford): W. Bourne 1, A. Pointon 2, F. Holdcroft 3, R. Turner 4, A. Cottrell 5, W. P. Deane (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Mr. Joseph Cumberlidge.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jennifer Marshall (first quarter) 1, R. Kenward 2, G. L. Grover 3, W. R. Morey 4, F. Oldroyd 5, A. C. Hazelden 6, R. W. Morant (cond.) 7, L. B. Luing (first quarter) 8.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Friday 1, J. Clark 2, A. Dunk (first as cond.) 3, J. Rayment 4, M. Lacey 5. First quarter for all and 2. First quarter by a local band.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Wm. Bott 1, H. L. Wykes 2, M. Roote 3, P. Pawley 4, J. Pawley (first as cond.) 5, K. Rands 6.

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'THE SIXTH RIGHT AND WRONG'

IT is probably true to say that the 6th is the most talked of bell in the scale. From Minor (where its relation to the 5th is always carefully considered) right up to Maximus this bell has some important bearing on the musical construction of compositions, and in discussions on the properties of compositions the 6th will almost certainly be mentioned. Two hundred years ago John Martin, of Leicester, was singing the praises of the 6th behind the 9th in Grandsire Caters, and a little later Shipway was pointing out how by the use of Singles more courses with the 6th in fifths could be obtained. In the great outbreak of composition fever at the end of the last century the chief aim was 'the 6th her extent right and wrong,' and most peal figures bore some reference to, and were judged by, the manipulation of this particular bell.

The function of the 6th in change ringing is indeed interesting, for although regarded to some extent as a fixed bell, yet it is in a measure independent, and may be made to attach itself to the fixed bells in a number of ways and for a number of musical purposes.

The importance of the 6th in the construction of musical compositions is indisputable, but its influence and its value are not by any means the same on all numbers of bells. For the 6th on eight bells is the Mediant of the scale, the 6th on ten bells is the Dominant, and the 6th on twelve bells is the Leading Note, the note below the Tonic. It follows, therefore, that the 6th in Triples or Major is a different bell from the 6th in Caters or Royal and in Cinques it is again a different bell. Indeed, with the increasing number of bells it will be found that it first assumes a growing importance and then suffers a decline.

In Triples the value of the 6th lies in its partnership with the 7th and the 4th to give the attractive terminations 46, 67, and their inversions 64, 76. In Major its effective places are as fifths-place bell or sixths-place bell, and the latter is the more generally useful. As fifths-place bell the 6th is perhaps at its best in a simple method like Plain Bob, where the unbroken coursing of the bells allows the inverted tittums to be very effective. In methods where the coursing order is broken inside the lead no tittum effect can be maintained, and the only value of the 6th in fifths is that 867 occurs behind at intervals. In the more involved methods, therefore, it may be argued that the 6th in sixths, or the 4th in sixths, is more generally satisfactory.

On ten bells the 6th really assumes great importance, particularly in Caters. Here, again, its placing for effect depends on the method rung. The Major plan is completely reversed, for in the simple methods the 6th at home is very effective, while in the more complex methods the 6th in fifths is the more useful. The regular coursing of Grandsire Caters will, with the 6th at home, allow a majestic rolling down to lead of 6, 7, 8, 9, but the broken work of Double Norwich Caters and Stedman Caters destroys this effect. In the latter method, it may be observed, the only value of the 6th in sixths is that an 86 termination is produced in the middle of the course, but a far better effect may be secured by fixing the 6th in seconds place, a plan inaugurated by Hubbard and strongly supported by Sir Arthur Heywood. This gives a 96 and a 68 in each course.

The finest Cater plan is admittedly to fix the 6th in fifths, for then we secure the magnificence of the 7689 terminations; and to most ringers nothing can compensate for the loss of this beauty. Of the Handstroke Home it may be said that the placing 879 without the 6th in fifths is flat, stale and unprofitable.

In Royal the 6th is still of some importance, providing, when at home, the termination 86, and also assisting at a very satisfactory rolling up of the big bells. It has not the scope or the power that it has in Caters. It is when we come to Cinques, however, that we find how the mighty has fallen. No longer does the 6th dominate the music of the peal as it did on lesser numbers. In the Handstroke Home it may, of course, be said to assist the long roll-ups at the course end, but in Stedman Cinques, at least, its tittum value is not great, and most ringers would prefer the 5th in fifths place, for the 5th on twelve bells is the Tonic note and has distinct musical possibilities.

In Maximus the musical decline of the 6th is complete, and the chief virtue of the 6th at home would appear to be in preserving one more fixed bell, and so assisting the rope-sight, and consequently the striking. There certainly can be little point in advertising the beauties of a peal of Maximus by reference to the 6th 'so many times right and wrong.'

One interesting thought remains. The ringing of Spliced Surprise Major brings a demand for compositions that are more and more mathematically complex, and it may be that these peals are paying less and less attention to the placing of the 6th. If that is so, the question of a musical decline in Major ringing provides speculation for all those interested in the matter.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	FRED NEWTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
ANTHONY AGER	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	7
LEONARD STILWELL	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	8
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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
*CEDRIC CURSON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	8
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	GEORGE SAYER	9
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Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Royal in the method 'inside.'

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On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER.
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Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*ROGER A. BEALE	*Treble*	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	JAMES BENNETT	8
HARRY D. LISTER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
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A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ANNE B. SPEED (Girt.)	*Treble*	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	6
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*R. D. EDGE (Queens')	5	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Caters.

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On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5184 TROWBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
The first peal in the method. Rung on the centenary of the birth of Dr. Charles Gore, first Bishop of Birmingham.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 WESTMINSTER IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 200th peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 203).

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
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Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*C. KEITH BREWER	*Treble*	DENNIS ROE	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HARRY PARKES	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of London. 200th peal as conductor.

UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
*ELIZABETH BROWN	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*FREDERICK WREFORD	4	†G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the 'Ilkeston' Variation. † 350th peal. The first peal in this Variation for the Guild.
Rung on the Eve of the Conversion of St. Paul.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	FREDERICK H. CROOK	6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	7
EDWIN J. UPTON	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal on eight.
Rung within the octave of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	RICHARD GRANT	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. T. S. Hele. Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,-
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung in memoriam George Hatton, 57 years a ringer at Ashby Parish Church. Interred at Packington this day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
*MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 300th peal. A compliment to John B. Bennett on his coming of age.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

DAVID A. EDWARDS	*Treble*	GORDON C. BRIGGS	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 150th peal. The conductor's first peal of Yorkshire, first peal of Surprise as conductor and 100th peal.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN W. BEST	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
*MRS. M. M. GODLEY	2	†HENRY G. KEELEY	6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
WILLIAM E. TURNER	4	J. LEONARD GLYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

RONALD I. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
WALTER A. PECK	2	ANTONY H. BATES	6
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
*DEREK W. STONE	4	JOHN GREENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to John Greenough.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY DAVIS	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
EWART A. ANDREWS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
PATRICK HARRIS	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
MRS. PATRICK HARRIS	4	ALBERT H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. V. Cook, who, through the teaching profession was connected with Great Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green for 40 years. She taught the ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor at Hampton School, and the ringers of 3rd and 4th at Hinton-on-the-Green School.

HEMSWORTH, NR. PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SANDERSON	5
ARNOLD COLE	2	*ERNEST SHORT	6
HAROLD CHANT	3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
*DOREEN SMYTHE	4	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
* First peal of Major in the method.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLTYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD I. HULBERT	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
*JEAN POWELL	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
FREDK. R. EVANS	3	JOHN A. EVANS	7
DILLYS I. HULBERT	4	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.
A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th; also a welcome to Mr. Fredk. R. Evans, Master of the North Wales Association.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
JACK BAILEY	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	DENIS CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Winnie Hodginson and Mr. Walter G. Soar on their engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

JOHN R. MUNNINGS	*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
BERT CHILVERS	2	KEITH W. WHITTELL	6
LESLIE FORSTER	3	CLAUDE W. J. WOODWARD	7
*MAX P. PAGE	4	SIDNEY W. ARBON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
* 50th peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*C. FREDERICK JUKES	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	5
RODERICK J. LEES	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
*R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
†ERNEST STITCH	4	†HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Major and in the method. † 100th peal together.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ROY V. WEBB	*Treble*	*HORACE E. WERRETT	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	FRANK W. CROFT	6
PETER CROFT	3	*JACK S. DEAR	7
*EDGAR W. WINTERS	4	*WALTER D. POOLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in method on the bells.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. JEFFS	*Treble*	*JOHN E. SKERRITT	4
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in eight methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and a 240 Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	3
FREDERICK WATSON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DAVID G. LEWIS	*Treble*	DAVID J. LEWIS	4
GWYN I. LEWIS	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	*LYNN JEFFREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal. A birthday peal for ringers of treble and 3rd. The ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th are three generations.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of St. Simon's and twelve each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*DOREEN M. SPOKES	*Treble*	*K. MARY COWLEY	3
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	2	*FREDERICK VICKERS	4
WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, recently augmented by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*KEITH E. PERRITT	*Treble*	GEORGE A. BELL	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
†FRANK J. MAUDE	3	FRANK REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SANDAL MAGNA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. NORA CHADWICK	*Treble*	†JOHN E. KIRBY	4
*JAMES REED	2	*DAVID CUBITT	5
†JAMES H. KIRBY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor, and have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Rung as a compliment to Col. and Mrs. T. Chadwick, of Sandal, on their silver wedding.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Plain Bob and Hereward Bob, (2) Fulbeck and Reverse Canterbury, (3) Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (4) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (5) London Bob and Double Court, (6) St. Clement's College and Double Oxford Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 132 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 14 methods on the bells.

HORSELL. SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANTHONY SIBBICK	*Treble*	DAVID SLEET	4
*JOHN A. MARTIN	2	ERNEST R. WARNER	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

RIPPINGALE. LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and Single Court, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
†JOHN NICHOLS	2	†NEVILLE WHITNEY	5
‡JAMES W. HAW	3	§JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. ‡ 25th peal. § 125th peal.

ST. HELENS. LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Rung on the front six.

*ERIC ROUGHLEY	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
*RICHARD G. LATHAM	2	*STUART BRACEGIRDLE	5
*FRANCIS H. HENNIN	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Kent as conductor.

FRYERNING. ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOB E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	JOHN WEST	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

First peal as conductor.



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HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DOROTHY M. PALMER	*Treble*	DOUGLAS HARRISON	4
MARY M. MIDDLEMISS	2	HARRY M. WINDSOR	5
GORDON SMITH (13)	3	ANTHONY A. UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY M. WINDSOR.
First peal by all the band, average age 18½ years.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising four extents each of: All Saints (4 callings), St. Simon (4 callings), St. Martin (4 callings). Reverse St. Bartholomew (3 callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (4 callings), Southrepps Pleasure (2 callings), Plain Bob (4 callings), April Day (3 callings), Old (3 callings), and 6 extents of Grandsire (6 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	*JOHN HARROLD	3
KENNETH D. PERKINS	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
		ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Doubles in ten methods.
Rung immediately after Confirmation Service.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods; being one extent each of: (i) Lightfoot, (ii) York, (iii) Netherseale, (iv) Bourne, (v) London, (vi.) Cambridge, (vii) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lbs.

REGINALD ROWLEY	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	4
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung in the octave of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and seven extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*SHEILAGH JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
RHODA HEMMINGS	3	WILLIAM E. MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
* First peal. First peal in eight methods by all the band.

LYNCOMBE, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*GORDON EYLES	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	4
MRS. DORA EVANS	2	†MAURICE HELPS	5
HARRY C. NEWMAN	3	REGINALD W. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE HELPS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to the Glory of God, also for the birth of a son to the conductor, and the engagement of Gordon Eyles to Miss Jill Lander.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 2, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA HALDANE (13)	*Treble*	RONNIE KENRICK	4
†DOREEN BUTTON	2	ROBERT CRITCHLEY	5
JACK POUNDS	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Mary Ackers, once a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1953, *in 2 Hours,*
AT 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

*PAULINE MANNING	1—2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3—4
		*H. JEAN HOLLOWAY	5—6

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal on handbells.

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, *in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,*
AT 26, WILLIAM STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JAMES TAYLOR (15)	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
		*JOHN HUBER	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. All ringers members of electrical profession.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in A.

ANNE B. SPEED (Girt.)	1—2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5—6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	3—4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7—8
		*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	9—10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES	1—2	FRANK E. PERVIN	7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3—4	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	9—10
ALBERT WALKER	5—6	GEORGE E. FEARN	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in 6 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 13139 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8
		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10

Composed and Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Umpire: ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
This is the longest peal of Grandsire Caters yet rung on handbells, and the greatest number of changes yet rung on either tower- or handbells by any lady ringers.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
IN SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Cantab.)	1—2	R. G. TURNER (Oxon.)	3—4
		R. J. COOK (Oxon.)	5—6

Conducted by R. G. TURNER.
* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, *in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
IN SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in A.

F. E. ROBERTS (Cantab.)	1—2	R. J. COOK (Oxon.)	5—6
R. G. TURNER (Oxon.)	3—4	E. J. LINDLEY (Cantab.)	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (Cantab.). Conducted by R. G. TURNER.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th. 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): S. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, G. Atkins 3, G. Webb 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. First in 4 methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to E. J. Lambert.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb 1st. 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. C. Ayres 2, R. Blabey 3, C. Chalwin 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 20th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, this being his first quarter of Minor.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Absolom 1, F. Smith 2, T. Bowles (first quarter) 3, J. Berry 4, J. Godman 5, R. D. Wells (first quarter) 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, J. Douglas (first quarter) 8.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob, on Jan. 22nd. 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, A. E. Reeves 3, E. J. Brown (cond.) 4, E. Chivers 5, R. G. Bryant 6, W. H. Parker 7, R. C. Seager 8. Also at St. Werburgh's, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Clash 1, Miss S. Arnold 2, E. Beddoe 3, S. Riches (cond.) 4, H. Payne 5, A. True 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. Paul's, on Jan. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Deakin 1, W. J. Leach 2, H. E. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the commemoration service for the Bishop of Lichfield.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bennett 1, H. Baber 2, P. Gallop 3, T. Rogers (first quarter) 4, A. G. Hazzard 5, R. Dudden 6, J. Bartlett (cond.) 7, D. Dando 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' on Feb. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Leaning (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, E. F. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. H. Begric (cond.) 6, W. D. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. V. I. Begric and Miss D. A. Deverell.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 27th. 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Sutton 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, Miss M. Page 3, Miss Y. Eloic 4, W. C. Shute 5, J. Mussell 6, J. Hartless (first in method as cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. First in method for all except 6 and 7.

QUARTER PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hill (14) 1, R. Crago (12) 2, A. J. Sanger (13) 3, R. March (15) 4, D. Lee 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Payne 1, F. T. Robinson 2, B. E. Frost 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, W. R. Hammons 5, F. Benfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. S. Ryder-Mitchell (Rector).

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Haynes 1, E. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, W. Yates (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, H. Batchlor 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Dr. J. C. Morrice, late Rector of the parish, whose ashes were buried at Helmdon on that day.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chew 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, J. Davies 3, T. H. Huddleston 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2 and 4. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chew 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, H. Parker (cond.) 3, J. Davies 4, J. A. Parker 5, T. H. Huddleston 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 1st. 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: F. D. Bishop 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, A. L. Pearson 6, T. E. Davies 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. E. Pugh 1, F. T. Warrington (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. W. Barr 3, A. G. Isaacson 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, Mary Wallace 6. First quarter in the method by all and on the bells.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At St. Columb's Cathedral, on Jan. 9th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Shields 1, A. Fielding 2, W. Young 3, J. J. Fielding 4, L. Hughes 5, J. Campbell (cond.) 6, D. Dunseith 7. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 3 and by a local service band.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Marks 1, V. Payne 2, L. Hine 3, C. C. Turner 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, G. Burrows 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung for Plough Sunday service.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (New, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, All Saints'): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, M. J. Martin 4, J. R. Cooper 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. First in 11 methods for all and on the bells.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Ford 1, O. Pole 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4, J. Ford 5, H. Cavill 6. First quarter by ringers of 1, 5 and 6. Believed first quarter on the bells, which have recently been rehung. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. T. Jeanes 1, Sid Baker 2, P. Tucker 3, G. Burge 4, T. Chapple (cond.) 5, Sam Baker 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on Jan. 25th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, L. Pearson 7, W. R. Winterton 8, W. Williams 9, W. Prockson 10, F. J. Matthews 11, T. J. Lock 12. First quarter on twelve for 3 and 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles (2 extents Plain and Reverse Canterbury, 3 of Plain, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 3 of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 3 of Plain and St. Martin's): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Doris Thompson. Also 1,260 Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Frith 1, A. Cooke (first 'inside') 2, G. Ingham 3, R. A. Smith 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 10th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss L. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, T. Bowles 2, F. Smith 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, J. Berry 6. Also on Jan. 11th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Jeffries (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Smith 3, R. Cobb 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Absolom 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Simms 1, W. S. Butler 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, Miss M. Godfrey (aged 14, first quarter) 5, A. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Evers (aged 74, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Simms (first of Minor) 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, S. Bones 4, W. S. Butler (cond.) 5, E. Bright 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Mrs. Nora Chadwick has the unique distinction of ringing her first peal for her own silver wedding. We doubt whether such an event has ever occurred in the Exercise before. She is a member of the Wakefield Cathedral Church Sunday service band and it was with her fellow members she rang the peal at Sandal Magna, Yorks.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs Olive Mary Jenkyn, of Caversham, Reading, widow of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who died last December, left £49,791 (duty paid £17.344). She left £500 each to the S.P.G. Medical Missions and the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, of which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was at one time Master. To her housekeeper, Miss Betty Lawrence, she left £2.000.

February 14th is the 50th anniversary of the North Wales Association.

A first peal by a whole band is a matter of warm congratulation. This took place at Hatton, Warwickshire, on January 31st at the second attempt. The average age of the band was 18¼ years.

A welcome visitor to Woodford, Essex, recently, was Mr. Nelder, of Wanstead, who is now over 80 and unable to ring very often because of his health. It was a pleasure to see him joining in the ringing at Woodford.

We are pleased to see Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, again in our peal columns. He called a peal for his 84th birthday, his 677th for the Sussex Association. 'I wonder if I am the oldest ringer living to conduct a peal?' he inquires.

We regret that through a typographical error the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Chichester on January 24th, reported in our last issue, had the name of the wrong conductor. The peal at Chichester was composed by Mr. James Topp and conducted by Mr. John H. Hunt.

The 13th issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly publication of the Maidstone District, maintains the excellence of previous numbers. Among the contributors are Mr. A. York-Bramble, who concludes his notes on 'Method Structure' and Mr. B. J. Luck, who gives some inside information as to the popularity of Canterbury District meetings.

Finchingfield (Essex) bells are now ringing again after their recent overhaul by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The work carried out includes the recasting of the seventh bell and rehanging on ball bearings. The church has recently undergone a major repair of the roof, something like £5,000 being spent. In view of this the seventh bell was dedicated after its return from the foundry whilst it stood in the church, and a service of thanksgiving for all this work will be held in April, when the former Bishop of Chelmsford will be the preacher. Details of the service will be published in our columns later.

We are asked to state that the peal of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was not rung by the Ashton Society.

Mr. H. Evers, of Witham, Essex, who, previous to his 73rd birthday had never handled a bell, has rung his first quarter at the age of 74. We think Mr. Evers must be one of the oldest starters in the Exercise and we wish him many happy years of ringing.

Miss Mildred Dwerryhouse, of Farnworth, Lancs, has accepted a teaching post in Germany. In bidding her au revoir the Parish Magazine records: 'Among the many ways in which she has helped forward the work of the church, it is especially as a bellringer that she will be missed. Most of the present team first joined through her influence, and her own enthusiasm has been an inspiration to all.'

Writes a correspondent, E. L. H.: 'We need two councils, one to meet at York and one at Winchester. Our aim should be not peals but to get all the bells ringing all over the country. Side-tracking the real problems with "What is and what isn't" is a dead loss to Sunday service ringing. A committee in London could do the real work of co-ordinating far more efficiently than the Council.'

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SERVICE TOUCH ON HANDBELLS

At Consecration of Newcastle Church

St. Peter's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the first permanent church to be built in the Diocese of Newcastle since before the late war, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle on Saturday, January 31st, in the presence of a large congregation of local clergy and laity, including the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle. This new church replaces a timber-built mission of the Parish Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, and is to serve the newly-developed urban areas of Cowgate and Blakelaw, which will eventually become the boundaries of a separate parish.

Although at present without the bell tower allowed for in the plans, the church was not without bells and ringers on this great occasion, for a service touch on handbells of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung in front of the chancel steps by the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association: J. Anderson (Newcastle Cathedral) 1–2, K. Arthur (SS. James and Basil's) 3–4, D. A. Bayles (SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street) 5–6, E. N. Harrison (SS. James and Basil's) 7–8. After the service several worshippers expressed their appreciation of the ringing, and one gentleman was so delighted by 'your harmony' that he insisted on shaking the hand of each ringer in turn.

Many of the post-war brick-built church edifices like St. Peter's, Cowgate, do not allow for the installation of rings of bells, and it is felt that the use of handbells in these churches on special occasions is more than justified. Not only does it show the desire of ringers to be recognised as church workers, but it stimulates a public interest in the ringing art, which is all too often unknown to the congregation 'downstairs.'

During the afternoon prior to the service of consecration, the ringers of the mother Church of SS. James and Basil took their part in the parish thanksgiving by ringing 1,260 Stedman Triples as follows: E. N. Harrison 1, T. W. Crowe 2, K. Arthur (conductor) 3, T. Sewell (first in the method) 4, N. H. Hewett (first in the method) 5, J. Roach 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8. K. A.

Miss Norah M. Bibby's 150 Peals

Miss Norah M. Bibby has an interesting list in her 150 peals which, as she explains, represents the result of 25 years spent by a ringer who just 'makes up the band' occasionally. The list includes record peals by four fathers and four daughters and five fathers and five daughters:—

Minor.—Bob 1, Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 8.

Major.—Bob 12, Double Norwich 5, Oswald Delight 1, Double Mancroft 1, Marlborough Bob 1, Winchester Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Loughborough Bob 1, Buckley Imperial Bob 1, Daresbury Imperial Bob 1, Grosvenor Imperial Bob 1, Liscard Imperial Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 11, Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 23, Superlative 6, Yorkshire 3, Rutland 2, London 19, Bristol 11, Liverpool 1, Cheshire 1, Rochester 1, Ipswich 1, Lincolnshire 1, Spliced Surprise (4 methods) 2, (6 methods) 1, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 3, Double Norwich 2.

Royal.—Bob 3 (1 'in hand'), Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 5, Little Bob 2 (1 'in hand').

Mr. Brian Harris points out that the composition rung at Liscard, Cheshire, to Liscard Imperial Bob was by Sir A. P. Heywood and not by H. W. Wilde.

RECORD LENGTH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 'IN HAND'

Two Ladies in 13,139 Changes Peal

A new record length in Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was established at Bournemouth on Saturday, January 31st, by the well-known local band conducted by Mr. Daniel T. Matkin. The peal rung, 13,139 changes, was composed by the conductor. The previous record of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung in 1912.

The band consisted of Mr. W. G. Young 1-2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4, Mr. D. T. Matkin 5-6, Mr. Roy C. Hurst 7-8, Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher 9-10.

The band assembled at 26, Wellington Road, and went into changes at 2.37 p.m. 'This is all' came at 9.11 p.m. The rate of changes per minute was 33.35.

The umpire, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, checked the calling and every course end throughout the peal, and the band desire to thank him for doing his job most efficiently. He also timed every four courses and there was hardly any variation.

The two ladies are to be congratulated on the way they stuck to their jobs. Neither of them was in the least perturbed and would have gone on much longer if necessary.



MR. DANIEL T. MATKIN

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who umpired the peal, writes: The bells went into changes at 2.37 p.m. and came round at 9.11 p.m., so that the performance occupied 6 hours 34 minutes. This represents an average of between 35 and 36 changes a minute and a steady pace was maintained throughout. The peal is composed of blocks of four short courses, each representing 360 changes, and the quickest time recorded for one of these blocks was ten minutes exactly and the slowest was eleven minutes.

There was no trip throughout. One or two periods (very short) of hesitancy were the only blemishes on what must rank as a first-class performance. Congratulations are due to all taking part, especially the ladies, who seemed ready for another lot at the conclusion. Some of the best ringing was heard in the concluding handstroke position, but the 'beat' was excellent throughout. I may add that I checked every call and every course-end throughout the peal and, as the composition has already been checked by competent authority, Mr. D. T. Matkin and his band may be congratulated upon a first-class performance.

Appended is the composition that was rung.

13,139 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By DANIEL T. MATKIN

		1	2	3	4	
23456789						
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35264			—	—	S	
23564		—	—	—		
42365		—	—	S		
54263		—	—	S		A
25463		—	—	—		
32564		—	—	S		
43265		—	—	S		
54362		—	—	S		B
35462		—	—	—		
43562		—	—	—		
24365		—	—	S		
32465	B					
53264		—	—	S		
45362		—	—	S		
34562		—	—	—		
23465		—	—	S		
56324			—	—		
35624		—	—	—		
43526		—	—	S		
62345			—	—		
36245978		—	S	—		
23645		—	—	—		
52346		—	—	S		
53246	A					
25346	B					
32546	B					
35246	A					
23546	B					
34526			—	—	—	
63425		—	—	S		
56324		—	—	S		
62354			—	—	—	
36254		—	—	—		
23654		—	—	—		
42356		—	—	S		
43256	A					D
24356	B					C
32456	B					
34256	A					
23456	B					
65324			—	—		
23465	C					
56324879			S	—		
23456	C					
65324			—	—		
34265	D					

Rung on handbells at Bournemouth, Saturday, January 31st, 1953, in 6 hours and 34 minutes, conducted by the composer.

The 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Worcester on January 17th (published in our issue of January 30th) was the 500th peal for the Worcestershire Association by Sidney T. Holt.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Record Attendance at Shrewsbury

WHETHER by accident or design, the Shropshire Association annual meeting at Shrewsbury on January 31st coincided with the leading article in 'The Ringing World' which was devoted to Professor Samuel Lee, at one time a Shrewsbury ringer.

The record attendance could not be ascribed to this, however, as eighty names had been sent in reply to the invitation to tea which was issued by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's.

St. Mary's ringers had their bells in readiness, and standard eight and ten bell methods were rung with some difficulty, as belfry and staircase were crowded with ringers anxious to secure a rope. Shortly afterwards the last four of St. Chad's twelve were raised in turn, and the lighter ones rung up in peal in some style. Plain Bob, Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve were heard before all assembled in church for the service.

This was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, who said how pleased he was to welcome so large a gathering on the first such occasion since his arrival in Shrewsbury. He said that the parish was very proud of its fine bells and of its church. Both were worthy successors to the old church, the dramatic end of which he described. He further remarked that the programme was a very full one, and proposed to close the service with the new bell ringers' hymn from the last edition of 'Ancient and Modern.' A tangible form of welcome had been prepared in St. Chad's Parish Room.

The ringers found this was indeed the case, eighty plates of ham and incidentals being supplemented by numerous cups of tea brought round by Mrs. Chapman, the ladies of St. Chad's band, wives and mothers.

After tea the Vicar took his leave, being due at evensoing, as the parish is temporarily without a curate. Many willing hands cleared the tables and a considerable volume of business was executed with despatch.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard: Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. H. Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer; auditor, Mr. W. H. Hughes.

The Ringing Master's report indicated that 15 peals had been rung during 1952, with 28 'firsts' of some kind. Quarter peals were not numerous, but he mentioned that at Wrockwardine by the new band. Several restorations had taken place during the year, and presumably with the Coronation in mind, several others were either in progress or pending.

Grants were immediately made to Newport, Madeley, Shifnal and Bicton, the balance sheet showing a continued increase in reserves.

A representative committee, comprising Messrs. F. Price (Market Drayton), E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet), H. Hughes (Oswestry), E. Whitehead (Ellesmere), E. Fox (Much Wenlock), J. Stanier (Madeley), L. Watson (Newport), L. Hewitt (Wellington), L. Garbett (Broseley) and officers, was appointed, with a view to arranging some ringing during the Coronation period at towers which had no band of ringers.

Mr. A. Bayley voiced the members' thanks for the reception and hospitality, which they had so much enjoyed, and the company adjourned to the belfry, where standard methods and Cambridge were rung.

No such concourse of ringers has visited Shrewsbury since the last Central Council meeting, and several stayed overnight and helped with ringing for matins on Sunday. The following towers are recorded as being represented: Claverley, Wellington, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Clive, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Stockton, Broseley, Hodnet, Wem, Madeley, in Salop, and Birmingham, Heston, Crewe, Wednesbury, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Wistaston, Coventry, Barwell, Colehill, Leicester, Wigston Magna, Nottingham, Claines, Prestwich and Newcastle-under-Lyme. Mr. A. P. Cannon also journeyed from London.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By D. PARSONS

2314567890E	5	6	14	19
21536478E90		'		A
213465				2
314265		—		2
415263		—		3
412356	—		S	2
213456		—		2
314256		—		2
312456		S		2
214356		—		2
416352		—		3
413265	—		S	2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2
2134658709E				B
314265		—		2
412365		—		2
413265		S		2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2

A = 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, S13, 15, 16, 17.
B = 2, S9, S13, S15, 18.

First rung at St. James', Trowbridge, on April 29th, 1950.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Council President Visits Bicester Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Caversfield (St. Lawrence's) on January 31st. Ringing commenced on the five bells at 2.30 p.m., and these were rung to Grandsire and Stedman. The church (of which the lower portion of the tower is Saxon) is situated on the Bicester–Banbury road surrounded by trees next to Caversfield House.

The branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) conducted the service, the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson, the new Rector of Launton (the Rev. S. Tarrent) preached a ringers' sermon, and Miss Elizabeth Sharpe was the organist.

Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, of Caversfield House, very kindly placed the library at the branch's disposal for the tea and business meeting which followed. The Deputy Master was in the chair, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Jones, of Ludgershall (Bucks). One new member for Bicester tower, Miss R. E. Stevens, was elected. The annual meeting was fixed for Kirtlington on April 25th subject to the dedication of the Cathedral bells.

The branch had very great pleasure in according the president of the Central Council a very warm and sincere welcome to the meeting. In his address, Mr. E. H. Lewis said that the Standing Committee were discussing the ringing activities for the Coronation and would be issuing a directive very shortly.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, the Rev. S. Tarrent, the branch president, the secretary and the organist.

Tunes were rung on the handbells and also courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob.

Guildford District Discuss Coronation Day Ringing

The main theme at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 31st, which was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, was ringing on Coronation Day. The Rev. A. C. Cook (Bramley) presided, supported by the hon. sec. (Mr. R. Kenward), over 50 ringers attending.

Mr. L. Hunter said that in view of television, ringing on Coronation Day would have to be arranged so as not to coincide with the service. He felt that it was very desirable that all towers should make some effort to ring on that day.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden commented that his recollection of the 1937 Coronation was that each parish church made arrangements for its own service, and ringing took place in conjunction with that service. Whatever the Guild wished to do, the decision would rest with the Vicar and the parish.

Mr. T. Mark White advocated the formation of a pool of ringers to give assistance to those towers which were short.

Mr. A. H. Pulling recalled the Coronation of King George V., when a peal of London Surprise was started at Guildford at 5 a.m. and completed by 8 a.m.

It was eventually decided to send a questionnaire to each tower to find out if they were ringing on Coronation Day and if assistance was required: and if the local company was unable to ring, would the services of visiting ringers be appreciated?

The meeting favoured the holding of a district outing, and Mr. T. Mark White agreed to act as organiser with the assistance of the officers of the Guild.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Robinson: hon. secretary, Mr. R. Kenward: assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. Morant: hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman. Mr. R. Whittington was re-elected to the committee for three years.

New members elected were: Non-resident life, Miss Sheila Collins; ringing members, Alan C. A. Hunter (Shalford), Miss Hazel Rose (Bramley), Mr. D. Redfern (Bramley), the Misses Ann Cox, Marigold Rule and Monica Collins (S. Nicolas', Guildford).

Meeting places suggested for 1953 were Haslemere, Witley, Godalming, Ewhurst, Wonersh and Shere.

The service was held in S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. A. C. Cook, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. P. Denham (Dunsfold). Singing was led by a ladies' choir. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Guildford churches.

5,031 STEDMAN CATERS

By NOLAN GOLDEN

5	16	231456789
	A	315462879
2	3	213465
—	2	314265
—	3	415263
—	—	514362
	B	415362978
—	3	512364
—	3	214365
—	2	413265
—	3	315264
S	—	315462
	C	415263978
	B	514263879
	C	214635

C = the four rows above

A = S1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18
B = 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14

Rung at Stradbroke, Suffolk, November 1st, 1952.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE 1951 PEALS ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—The letter written by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, and published in your issue of January 30th, 1953, calls for a reply.

In the first place, I do not think his simile is very apt. A judge or magistrate administers the law as he finds it, but his observations on the law, even if generally acceptable, would take many months, perhaps years, of work before they could become effective. The position at Lincoln was very different. Within a matter of hours the Council passed two resolutions, the second of which cancelled out the first. It is not a matter of paradoxes, but of ordinary committee procedure, and the common ringer (I use this term in no derogatory sense) is entitled to expect that members of the Council are familiar with this procedure.

I assure Mr. Felstead and all who think as he does that the General Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild did not regard its resolution as a bit of 'cheek.' The introductory reasons given by the Guild's representatives should have convinced all those who heard them that the Guild was seriously concerned with the present administration of change ringing by the Council. The Guild Committee looked at the problem objectively. It found that ever since the passing of the decision accepting only Plain Bob lead ends this decision had never been enforced, and regular and irregular methods alike had been published annually by the Peals Analysis Committee. The Council has, therefore, connived at this deception and even aggravated it by persuading the common ringer to buy its publications containing some of these methods with instructions for ringing them. Is it then 'cheek' to ask the Council to re-examine this question of the so-called irregular methods?

It is well known that a considerable number of ringers do not see eye to eye with the Council over the existing rule and there are weighty arguments for its abolition which the Oxford Guild thinks should be carefully examined. I am astonished that Mr. Felstead thinks the Methods Committee is competent to decide this question for the whole of the Exercise. I saw nothing in the report of the Central Council proceedings at Lincoln which suggested that the question had been remitted to the Methods Committee for a decision. I certainly saw the Methods Committee's decision published a few weeks ago, but did not attach any undue importance to it. I very much doubt if the Oxford Guild Committee would consider that such an opinion, if accepted by the Council in due course with no additional evidence, satisfied the terms of the resolution passed at Lincoln. In my view this problem is now so important that it should be remitted to each association in membership with the Council for a full discussion. The answers, when received, could be collated, and we should then have a representative opinion of the general body of ringers.—Yours sincerely, A. R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—Over 25 years ago I asked a well-known ringer and composer, who first taught me how to prove Plain and Treble Bob Major, why it was that objections were raised to irregular lead ends (heads) in Minor ringing.

His reply was that so far as he could discover there was no reason, but plenty of prejudice!

Since that time I have endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to discover one for myself. Perhaps now that the Methods Committee are unanimously agreed on the subject, Mr. K. W. H. Felstead could enlighten me?

But, please, sir, REASONS, not prejudices.—Yours faithfully, H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

B.B.C. RECORDING

Dear Sir,—I heard the new record in the B.B.C. Light Programme on Sunday, February 1st, at 7.57 a.m. for the first time. It was a real treat. If this is the recording referred to by Dr. Taylor some weeks ago, congratulations to the Evercreech band.—Yours,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

THE OXFORD GUILD RESOLUTION

Dear Sir,—I was under the impression that the Oxford Guild resolution was carried at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln.

This being so, and without resorting to Latin, it meant that peals which had been recognised for the last dozen years or so should again be so recognised, at least for 1951.

A simple and straightforward ruling which the ordinary ringer could easily understand and which the Rev. Kenneth Felstead and the members of the Methods Committee would do well to remember.—Yours sincerely.

ALBERT E. LOCK,
Oxford Diocesan Guild
representative.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch Branch

The Christchurch Branch held its annual meeting at Christchurch recently. Good use of the Priory bells (12) was made during the afternoon and evening. The service was held in the choir of the Priory, conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. P. Price, M.A.

At the business meeting held after tea all the officers were re-elected and several new members were elected.

The hon. secretary reported the loss through death of Messrs. J. M. Turner, E. Hinton (Christchurch) and E. Kerley (Lymington), and the meeting stood for a moment in respectful silence.

Mrs. J. M. Turner asked the district to accept a model bell in memory of her late husband. The members did so, thanking Mrs. Turner for the gift, and decided to house the model in the Priory tower suitably inscribed. Mr. G. Preston was elected custodian of the bell.

It was resolved to hold the 1953 quarterly meetings on March 14th, June 13th, September 12th and December 12th, and the Bournemouth Ringers' Rally and 'George Williams' Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, May 23rd, to coincide with the visit of the Central Council to Bournemouth.

Portsmouth District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on January 31st, when about 50 members, friends and visitors from a wide area attended. Range of ringing during the afternoon and evening was up to Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major, with plenty of rounds for beginners.

The service in the Parish Church of St. Mary was conducted by the Rector, Canon Windsor Roberts, and tea and business meeting took place in the Brodrick Hall.

District officers elected for the year were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Nobes (Alverstoke); secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt (Titchfield); auditor, Mr. P. Page (Titchfield); Central Committee representative, Mr. A. H. Sturgess (Fareham). Retiring officers were: Mr. W. Linter (chairman), Mr. J. H. Hunt (secretary), Mr. F. W. Burnett (auditor), Mr. S. J. Harding (C.C. representative).

New members elected were two honorary, two compounding (one a ratification) and 10 ringing.

The new three-year rota of district meetings prepared by the secretary was adopted on Mr. Hunt's proposal, seconded by Mr. Love.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Feb. 14th, 1913

RETFORD, NOTTS.

The North Notts Association
On Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 1913, in 2 hours and 43 minutes
At Alma Villa

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7,200 CHANGES

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Single and Double Court, Single and Double Oxford, Hereward, Reverse Hereward

Tapped on handbells by John Segar, jun.

[The above was one of a series of peals tapped around this time by Mr. Segar, and Mr. Olave E. Broyd, then of Gestingthorpe, Essex.]

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

The Worcestershire and Districts Association
On Thursday, February 6th, 1913, in 2 hours and 50 minutes

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury, Grandsire, and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Samuel I. Eaton ..	..Treble
Ernest E. Barber ..	2
Rev. J. F. Hastings ..	3
William Ranford ..	4
William Short	5
Ernest Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by William Short

[The Rev. J. F. Hastings was curate of Martley from 1891 to 1907, and succeeded his father to the living in that year. He resigned on account of advanced age in 1944. His great-grandfather, a relative of the famous Warren Hastings, held the living from 1797 to 1856, and was 101 when he died. Mr. Hastings' grandfather succeeded him until his death in 1875, being followed by his son. The four generations thus spanned nearly 150 years as incumbents.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Pudsey's Redecorations Impress Visitors

The Society's first meeting in 1953 was held at Pudsey on January 31st. The nation-wide gale was very much in evidence, but this did not affect the warmth of welcome extended to the Society.

The church has been recently redecorated and the tower was included in the scheme which produced many improvements. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the nearby schoolrooms.

The president (Mr. J. W. Benten) presided at the business meeting, and members were present from Armley, Calverley, Collingham, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Thorner, Woodlesford and York. Later arrivals were from Bramley, Batley, Bradford, Halifax, Idle, Tong and Ossett.

The usual business meeting details were quickly dealt with. One new member, Mr. D. Mann, of St. Chad's, Headingley, was elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by the president, who specially stressed the thanks to the members who had arranged and served tea. This was seconded by the secretary, who said he thought the visitors were too full for words, but he hoped the local ringers would not judge their shyness in giving voice to the fact that their thanks were not sincere. Mr. J. W. Gibson acknowledged the thanks and said if the visitors had enjoyed their visit the local company had enjoyed their company and in preparing for them.

The next meeting is due to be held at Birstall on February 28th.

Handbell ringing was enjoyed before a return to the tower.

RINGERS I HAVE MET

JAMES (JIMMIE) MOTTS, 1859—1923

When I was a boy and learning to ring at King's Lynn, round about 1900, James Motts was looked up to in East Anglia with veneration, and by those who had never met him, almost with awe. We had heard so much about his insistence on good striking and his insufferance of fools gladly. Yet he was always ready to help and encourage a young ringer, as I found out later when I had settled in Ipswich, for he called—to my great satisfaction—the first composition of mine ever rung.

He was born in 1879 at Fressingfield, a village in High Suffolk, that same village which had given birth to Sancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury, and to which the latter retired to end his days on his resignation in 1685. Motts came of a ringing family, his father and uncles being ringers; it was a hard school, their ringing was learned the hard way, but they made good strikers.

In those far-off days Oxford Treble Bob was the height of a man's ambition and each man vied with his neighbour in the art of placing his bell; a bad striker was simply not tolerated. Hence his demand all his life for good striking. He was a man of about average build, dark, keen-eyed and in his early days wore what used to be called 'mutton-chop' side-whiskers. (There is an engraving of him thus in 'Bell News,' January 21st, 1891.) Later he was clean-shaven. He remained a bachelor, never smoked and seldom drank more than a glass of ale.

He came to Ipswich in 1882 and was in business as a painter and decorator: he naturally gravitated to St. Mary-le-Tower's, soon became its recognised leader, and with the help of the late William L. Catchpole built the Society to a position of eminence. He was of a progressive nature and under his leadership many peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and—the crowning point—the first two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were scored. These latter undoubtedly opened up a new era in Maximus ringing.

He used to ride an old 'penny-farthing' cycle and he rode it to Debenham, a distance of 14 miles, when he called Day's 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major there on Whit Monday, 1892. He used an ordinary cycle later, which he used to push along fairly fast, as I, who have cycled many miles with him, know full well. Besides the long peal mentioned above he conducted six other peals of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob of over 7,000: he also took part in the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton in 1903.

Most of his ringing was done with the old Norwich Diocesan Association for which he rang on tower bells 530 peals, of which he conducted the extraordinary number of 417, simply explained by the fact that when he was present nobody else thought of conducting. He also rang on handbells 29 peals, conducting 22; amongst these were two of Double Norwich Major, in 1893, one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Holt's Original. He rang peals for other Associations but as he kept no peal book it is hardly possible to get his complete record. His last year of active ringing was 1921, when at St. Mary-le-Tower's he conducted peals of Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus and Stedman Cinques, the latter coming into rounds just after midnight in the New Year, and this was his last peal.

He was in poor health all the following year and passed away January 21st, 1923. He was laid to his last rest on a cold wintry day in Ipswich Cemetery, some of his companions ringing handbells at the graveside. In St. Mary-le-Tower's belfry is a handsome stone memorial, subscribed for by ringers throughout the country, to him and his ringing comrade for many year, William L. Catchpole.

Motts was a member of the Central Council for a number of years but I don't think he really felt at home in that assembly. He was too much the man of action to talk a lot. Such was he who was one of the giants of the Exercise in his day. There are not many who will remember Jimmy Motts to-day, but those who do will retain memories of a great ringer, an outstanding conductor, a kindly friend, and, withal, a quiet and most unassuming man.

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

On January 31st, the eve of the disastrous East Coast floods, five keen ringers from Lincoln and neighbouring towers spent a very enjoyable afternoon in visiting seven towers on the borders of Fenland.

The party left Lincoln about 1,15, and the first call was at the five-bell tower of Ashby-de-la-Launde (tenor 7 cwt.). Ringing here was difficult; the fourth bell took the combined efforts of two of the party to raise, and the second showed a strong propensity to slip wheel despite G. P.'s valiant efforts! However, touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round before going on to North Rauceby. Here we found a grand ring of five (tenor 12 cwt.) hung from the ground floor, which went well and sounded very fine; it was generally agreed that the tenor (a Taylor recast of 1935) 'made' the ring.

Next came a visit to the fine six-bell tower of Sempringham Abbey, which stands alone in a field remote from any houses (an ideal peal ringing tower, we felt!). After various excursions in search of the tower key, the back five (tenor 8 cwt.) were raised and further Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles sounded out across the fields. These bells sound very fine and the 'go' is excellent despite the fact that the church is disused during the winter months.

A visit to the rather tired looking tower of Horbling followed. Here the fine six (tenor 9 cwt.) are rung from the centre of the church. The walls of the tower appear to lean in one direction and the piers supporting it in another. However, this does not affect the 'go' of the bells, which went so well that the writer was able to turn in the tenor to a well-struck 120 Grandsire while seated in the back row of the choir stalls!

After a good lower, the long-suffering car carried the party on (despite a wrong turning being taken—black mark, navigator!) to the magnificent tower and spire of Helpringham. The five bells here, also rung from the ground floor with a very long draught of rope, go very well, having been rehung by the Croydon Foundry in 1946, but their tone is most peculiar: the melodic interval between the notes of the back three almost defies description! However, we felt that our striking was of quite a good standard!

A mile or two north of Helpringham stands the very fine 10 century tower of Great Hale, which contains a ring of six, tenor 10 cwt. The tone is good, but the 'go' only fair, and a visit from a bell hanger would not come amiss.

Ruskington has a fine massive tower containing a good ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), hung in a most peculiar cast-iron frame, which appears to be a cross between an 'A' and an 'H.'! The six ropes fall in two straight lines and very close together! However, despite all this, ringing on the back five was much enjoyed before the final run back into Lincoln, which was reached at 8.30 p.m.

P. N. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch at Wolborough

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Jan. 31st, when members and friends attended from Exeter, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes, Plympton and Plymouth, etc.

The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon, and the service in St. Leonard's Church was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, assistant priest, who gave a short address as well as acting as organist.

After tea in a nearby cafe, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Three apologies for absence were received, a discussion arising from one of them on the question of the clash of meetings. It was left to the representatives to raise the matter at the next general committee meeting.

The secretary's report, in printed form, was produced and adopted. The treasurer's report was adopted and this showed a decreased balance in hand in the general fund. It was subsequently recommended that treasurer's reports should if possible be in printed form in future.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Harvey; three members to serve on the General Committee, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley.

Subject to the usual permission being obtained, the next meeting is to be at Cockington and Upton, Torquay, on April 25th. Ringing arrangements for the Coronation were fully discussed, no decision being reached as to what should be done during Coronation week.

The bells of St. Leonard's tower also came up for discussion, it being mentioned that a sum of money was raised some time ago with a view to repairs being carried out.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Wolborough, to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, and to the branch officials for their past services. Further ringing took place after the meeting.

BUNBURY CHURCH, CHESHIRE

Bunbury Church, Cheshire, where a peal was rung on January 31st, is one of the most beautiful in Cheshire. Although in a rural area, writes Mr. J. W. Griffiths, it suffered severely owing to the explosion of a land mine during the war. Many of the windows were blown out and the roof was severely damaged and had to be removed in 1941. Happily, work on its restoration is proceeding and a new roof has been put over the nave, but many of the windows are wanting glass.

With the exception of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings, which has been continued in the church throughout, the services are being maintained in the Parish Room.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By EDWIN TIMBRELL

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
52436			2	2
35426			1	
52643	1		2	
54326		—	2	1
53246			1	2
36245	1			2
Repeat from 34256				
35264				
62534			2	2
65324			1	2
63254			1	2
23456	1			

Contains 4, 5, 6 extent in 6ths. No 82s in Kent and Bristol.

Rung at Sefton on December 11th, 1952.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF LEICESTERSHIRE

By ERNEST MORRIS

THERE are in the Leicester Diocese, which includes the whole county and the villages of Stanford-on-Avon (Warwickshire) and Little Bowden (Northants), 1,320 church bells. All these have now been tabulated, their history and inscriptions transcribed up to the end of 1952. In 1876 the late Thomas North, F.S.A., published his book on Leicestershire bells and at that time there were 994. Although a fine publication, it has many errors, especially as regards the inscriptions and setting of several rings. Mr. North was a cripple, consequently unable to climb up some of the very awkward —and often dangerous—ladders and other approaches to the bells. He was, therefore, forced to rely on incumbents, sextons and others to do this for him, and often their copies of inscriptions were not always correct. Nevertheless, the work is a very fine one. For the last 40 years of his ringing career the present writer has visited the bulk of the churches in the county and verified, rectified and brought up to date all the recastings, augmentations, etc., to the end of 1952. The 1,320 bells may thus be divided:—

Pre-1500	..	25
1500–1600	..	88
1600–1700	..	304
1700–1800	..	228
1800–1900	..	348
1900–1952	..	327
		1,320

and can be classified under founders thus:—

Ancient undated	58
Ancient blanks	12
Newcombe and Watts (Leicester)	233
Oldfield and Hedderley (Nottingham)	131
Hedderley and Halton (Nottingham)	6
Rudhall (Gloucester)	4
Norris (Stamford)	13
Rigby (Stamford)	3
Penn (Peterborough)	2
Brooks (Bromsgrove)	1
Osborn (Downham Market)	6
Bagley (Chacomb)	7
Eldridge (Chertsey)	2
Eayre (Kettering and St. Neots)	84
Arnold (St. Neots and Leicester)	32
Briant (Hertford)	26
Smith (Edgbaston)	1
Lester, Pack and Chapman (London)	9
C. and G. Mears (London)	1
T. Mears and Son (London)	42
Mears and Stainbank (London)	3
Barwell (Birmingham)	8
Carr (Smethwick)	3
Bowell (Ipswich)	2
Warner (London)	5
R. Taylor (St. Neots)	6
J. Taylor and Co. (Loughborough)	511
Modern odd and undated	50
Gillett and Johnston (Croydon)	29
Dated, but founders undecided	30

These are made up by:—

Single bells	..	80	80
Rings of 2	..	28	56
Rings of 3	..	66	198
Rings of 4	..	24	96
Rings of 5	..	34	170
Rings of 6	..	56	336
Rings of 8	..	41	328
Rings of 10	..	3	30
Rings of 13	..	2	26
			1,320

There are also three sets of eight tubes, the ring of ten at Loughborough Bell Foundry, and (horror of horrors!) a gramophone at Christ Church, Mountsorrel.

Owing to the enormous cost of printing, and especially the making of blocks to show the hundreds of founders' shields, initial crosses, stops, arabesques, etc., to say nothing of styles of lettering, Gothic, Old English, black letter, Roman and so on, it is very doubtful if this great work will be published. The Leicestershire Archæological Society and others have been approached and, while fully agreeing that this is a valuable and monumental work, it is beyond their means to reproduce in book form. It is of interest to note that Mr. Ernest Morris, in addition to collating this MS., has actually rung in peals of 5,000 changes and over at all the possible towers save two (St. Mary's, Leicester, and the new ring of Wanlip). The impossible towers at present are Stapleford (six hung 'dead'), the eight at Church Langton, and the two five-bell towers of Skeffington and Shawell, where the bells are unringable. Thus out of 137 towers with rings of five and over, Mr. Morris has rung peals in 131.

Besides the church bells history, inscriptions, etc., Mr. Morris has completely rewritten a full history of all the bell founders of Leicester and county from the time of 'Rog-le-Belleyetere' (1307) and 'Stephen-le-Bellyeter' (1328) down to the present John Taylor and Co. Many founders and their works have been traced and noted, and much interesting history has come to light through these researches, which elaborate and add considerably to that published by the late Mr. North.

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5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By JAMES TOPP

23456	1	4	5	6	
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26354	—	—	—		
32654				2	
62534	—			2	
23564	—			3	
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25634	—			—	'A'
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65234	—			2	
53264	—			3	
23654	—			2	
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Will conductors of peals please arrange for their peals to be submitted within a few days of the performance. Delay, which at times exceeds a month, complicates the work of the Peals Analysis Committee. There is serious consideration being given to the question whether a band ringing a peal and claiming it must submit it within a time limit.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Banks 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. M. Wickens (first in method) 4, Miss C. A. West 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, R. J. W. Jurd 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers 1, J. Chambers 2, K. E. Lovett 3, B. Corbishley 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Feb 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. J. Fry 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, K. F. Medway 6, J. Hallett 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, C. D. Linch 4, J. Udall 5, N. Abell 6, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): W. C. Shute 1, C. E. Bishop 2, Miss W. M. Cox 3, D. French 4, D. R. Reed (cond.) 5, H. I. Pitman 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Maidment 1, Miss E. Kiernan 2, J. Rea 3, A. Tyers 4, T. Taffender 5, G. Lucas (cond.) 6, B. Braine 7, J. Tonkin 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. Wood 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, N. R. Hunt (first quarter) 3, A. Bowers 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson 6.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Watkins 1, Rev. C. P. Sherwood (first 'inside') 2, L. Fogg (cond.) 3, Miss M. Hart 4, C. Smith 5, D. Drayton 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss L. R. Mitchell, sometime churchwarden.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 All Saints, 240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): E. Bawden (first in six methods) 1, M. Stone (first in more than one method 'inside') 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, W. Keirle 6. First in six methods on the bells. To mark the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

NORTH CREAKE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Couzens (first quarter) 1 D. Emerson 2, T. Owen 3, J. Couzens 4, R. Allcock (first as cond.) 5.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Lock (cond.) 1, J. G. Hall (first quarter) 2, J. E. Lofty 3, A. Sherlock 4, P. J. Coles 5. First quarter of Doubles by all.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Shadrack 1, Miss B. Payne 2, B. Bover 3, P. J. Eves 4, G. P. Sollars (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. C. Thrift 6. First quarter of Minor for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. C. Thrift.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Jan 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Moore 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, T. L. Stock 3, T. Earle (cond.) 4, A. R. Syder 5, H. E. Sibley 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Porter 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, B. P. Morris (cond.) 4, L. G. Toseland 5. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Earl of Dalkeith and Miss Jane McNeill.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, W. W. Bailey 5, R. Ducker 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. M. Harvey 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,399 Little Grandsire Caters: P. M. Mayne 1, C. C. Mayne 2, W. Wenban 3, R. G. Bell 4, D. K. Adkins 5, S. H. Hoare 6, H. G. Cashmore (cond.) 7, G. W. Seaman 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, F. H. Crook 10. First ever rung.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 London and 600 Ipswich): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First extent of London for 3 and 4.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, E. A. Parish 2, J. Cooper 3, F. Pickering 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods (Bishop of Lichfield).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Wooton (first quarter) 1, K. Mary Cowley 2, A. J. Green 3, J. Chambers (first quarter) 4, G. E. Green 5, G. W. Holland (first in method as cond.) 6, W. Yates 7, F. C. Case 8.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bebbington 1, F. W. Chapman 2, T. P. Barlow 3, T. P. Lloyd 4, J. E. Brough (cond.) 5, H. Heath 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Harry Overton, head ringer and councillor at St. Margaret's Church, Wrenbury.

OBITUARY

MR. P. A. L. STEVENSON

Mr. Peter Archibald Leonard Stevenson (80), who has died at 1, Frythe Crescent, Cranbrook, Kent, was a native of Burwash, Sussex. He was taught to handle a rope at Salehurst, Sussex, in 1888. Some years elapsed before opportunities arose for him to take up change ringing. He eventually crossed the border into Kent and rang at Hawkhurst in the days when efforts were being made to build up a change ringing party there.

In February, 1914, a local peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. It was a question whether Stevenson or Thomas Ashenden should ring the treble. A coin was tossed and Ashenden won. The ringers were T. Ashenden, F. Chapman, jun., J. H. Durrant, J. Blake, O. Waghorn, A. H. Wellard, G. Billenness, F. Chapman, sen. Six of these have passed on. Of the two survivors, Mr. G. Billenness rings regularly and Mr. T. Ashenden retired from the art some years ago.

Stevenson's chance for peal ringing did not present itself until some years after the first world war. He went to Benenden, Kent, where members of Hawkhurst tower congregated frequently and there made headway. When 58 years of age he rang his first peal, and his last in 1939. In all he rang 46 peals and conducted six. An excellent record for a man starting peal ringing late in life.

Here is his record of peals: Grandsire Doubles 1, Plain Bob Minor 10 (conducted 2), Minor (4 methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 24 (conducted 4), Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, total 46 (conducted 6).

On November 5th, 1938, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Salehurst on the 50th anniversary of his start in ringing in 1888. He rang the second, the same bell on which he was taught to handle a rope, and he also rang this bell in his first peal on December 6th, 1930.

Eventually arthritis developed in his system. A man of perseverance, he continued ringing all the time he was able to climb the belfry stairs at Benenden. He belonged to the Kent County Association, the Sussex County Association, Hastings and District Guild and Hawkhurst and District Guild. His ambition was to teach his grandson, Roy Ballard, to handle a rope. His incapacity prevented him doing this, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that his grandson entered ringing under Mr. J. Brown's tuition.

The funeral was at Benenden Church on Feb. 2nd. The Vicar (the Rev. V. B. Yearsley) officiated and played the organ for the hymn, 'Abide with me.' Mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, Miss D. Stevenson and Miss L. Stevenson (son-in-law and daughters), Mr. R. Ballard (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. F. Maybourne, Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. Onion. Mr. G. Billenness and Mr. J. Brown represented Hawkhurst and District Guild.

In the evening Benenden's bells were rung half-muffled. The following took part: Messrs. G. Billenness, J. G. Powell, A. H. Kemp, C. Baker, B. Harris, Mrs. J. Hannington and Miss A. Powell (Hawkhurst), Mr. J. Brown (Benenden) and Mr. H. Baker (Frittenden). His old friends from Hawkhurst sent a wreath, as also did Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown. Mr. W. Gorringe, who organised the ringing, and Mrs. R. Tappenden were unable to be in the ringing party.

EIGHT WORDS

The following eight words contained in a sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross before a representative gathering of ringers might well be remembered in all belfries:—

Ears open,
Eyes wide,
Feet steady,
Tongue tied.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS—MR. HARRY OVERTON

It is rather a coincidence that the obituaries of Mr. Charles Edwards and Mr. Harry Overton appeared in 'The Ringing World' side by side, and it recalled an incident which occurred while Mr. Edwards was 'mine host' at the New Inn, Fownhope.

Mr. Overton had organised a ringers' outing to the Upper Wye Valley, which included a call at the New Inn (for liquid refreshment), Harry having been brought up at Bridgnorth in the Hereford Guild and consequently knew Mr. Edwards quite well.

The motor-coach pulled into the yard of the New Inn, and after sorting ourselves out we made our way to a table, where sat mine host with twelve pints and twelve half-pints of beer ready drawn.

I sat down next to Mr. Edwards while he was waiting for someone to claim and pay for the beer. Finally he said to me, 'Who's going to pay for these?' I said I did not know and asked him who had ordered them. Mine host said, 'Why, you.' I must have looked surprised, as indeed I was, but said, 'I am sorry, it was not me. I do not drink beer when in Herefordshire.' However, intending to pay my 'footing,' or is it 'foot in?' I helped him to dispose of the refreshment and thought no more about the incident until some years after, when I was staying at Sale and went one Christmas for a pull at Bowdon, where one of the first to welcome me was Mr. Edwards, who had remembered me, although I am sorry to say I had not remembered him, until he whispered to me, 'You remember those twelve pints and twelve half-pints at the New Inn, Fownhope?'

Incidentally, he was always in my thoughts whenever I passed the ends of Fownhope Road and Fownhope Avenue, close to where I stayed in Sale. W. F. S.

5,021 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CHILCOTT

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215463			—	3
512364			—	—
213456		—		2
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412356			—	2
413256			S	2
312456			—	2
216453			—	3
612354			—	—
213465		—		2
314265			—	2
412365			—	2
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413265			—	—
412365			S	2
213465			—	2
314265			—	2

324165 . S18 .

Start with full slow six.

A = 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, S16, 17, 18, 21, 22.
B = 9, 10, S13, 15, 16, S18 22.

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, on December 10th, 1949.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques at Reading on January 31st enabled Messrs. W. Birmingham Allen D. Rivers and R. L. Sills to complete the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. Harry J. Sanger's young band at Evercreech are progressing. Five of them scored their first quarter of Stedman on January 20th.

Seven former pupils of Mrs. V. Cook, of Great Hampton, rang in a memorial peal to her at Evesham on January 31st.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SPICE.—To Dr. and Mrs. John E. Spice on Friday, January 30th, 1953, at 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool 18, a son (Nicholas John). 2139

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MAYELL.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell is now 60, Elizabeth Road, Brentwood, Essex. 2117

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practices will be resumed on the third Saturday of each month at 4.30 p.m., commencing February 21st. 2131

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PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. James', Clerkenwell. 2073

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Yates, 82, Hobson Street, Macclesfield. 2112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — February meeting, Bolsover. Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. All old friends specially welcome. 2068

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — **Cancellation.** The meeting at Honiton Clyst on February 14th will not take place.—B. H. Pidgeon. 2126

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Speldhurst (8). Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 2098

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Feb. 14th, Wilburton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 2108

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2091

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2102

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute (2s.), followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 2056

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual, Feb. 14th. Service All Saints' 3.30. Bells All Saints' and St. Nicholas' after 6 p.m. —J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2089

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Bearsted, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2066

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —T. J. Lock. 2092

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. 2107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service St. Laurence's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting St. Mary's Church House. Bells available: St. Laurence's 3 p.m. and after meeting; St. Mary's 2-3 p.m.; St. Giles' 3-4; Caversham 7.30–8.45; Tilehurst 7.30–9. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 2077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, February 21st. 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2123

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, February 21st, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox. 2130

CHESTER DIOCESAN BRANCH—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 17th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2118

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Birkenhead St. Mary's, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying, by 18th at latest, Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2135

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 2142

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 21st, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 2129

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, Feb. 21st, at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, 6.30-11 p.m. Tickets priced 9s. 6d. Open ringing. All welcome. St. Luke's 3-5.30; St. Peter's 4-6 p.m.; St. Alkmund's 3-5.45 p.m. 2078

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Feb. 21st, Consett (Christ Church), 2.30 p.m. Names by Feb. 19th, to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2127

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 19th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 2115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2114

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 17th, to W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 2021

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined meeting, Milnthorpe (6) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.50 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names to A. G. Thompson, Laburnum Cottage, Main Street, Milnthorpe, Westmorland — N. M. Newby, R. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, 3 p.m., Feb. 21st. Cups of tea provided. Buses from Victoria Bridge or Deansgate. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells of Parish Church and Foundry from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5. Names, by Wednesday, 18th, please, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2094

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Feb. 21st, St. Lawrence, Brentford (6) 3-5.15. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Stt Mary's, Ealing (8), 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. Iver 1039. 2128

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—All welcome at Adderbury (8), Feb. 21st. 2.30. Service 4. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Notify for tea to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, Phone Eynsham 222. 2113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 16th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2085

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Monthly meeting, Barnby Don, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Please notify, on or before 19th, Mr. J. Wardle, Stainforth Road, Barnby Don.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secc. 2122

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Keymer (6), Feb. 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Feb. 19th, P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 2134

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bretforton on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Feb. 18th, please, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2133

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Annual dinner, entertainment and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5.45 p.m. to midnight. A few tickets (15s. each) still available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2136

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Sawley (8) on Feb. 28th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th. 2140

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at Queen's Cafe, Baker Street. All names or numbers to be sent to me by Wednesday, Feb. 25th.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2116

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Coulsdon, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 25th, to Miss A. Read, 6, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. 2132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting Bishop's Sutton, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Monday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2090

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — The 65th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 o'clock on March 7th, in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Tickets 14s. 6d. each. Early application with remittance is essential. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2121

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Calne, May 10th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 2141

QUARTER PEALS

BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, M. Skelton 3, H. Alexander 4, W. Baggetts 5, G. Burton 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Pearson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. Jones, of Piddington.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Snowden 1, C. Snowden 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, H. Moore 4, Mrs. M. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, C. Barker 7, H. G. Snowden 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. A. Courtauld, a benefactor of St. Mary's.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Godby (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. Woollerton 3, M. Simpson 4, D. A. Frith 5, H. R. Woods (cond.) 6.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burton (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, G. Pearson 4, C. Wander (cond.) 5, S. V. Woods 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Maria Burton, grandmother of the treble ringer.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hurrell 1, F. Hurrell 2, B. Aldridge 3, G. Daynes (cond.) 4, F. Richardson 5, T. Culver 6, E. Warner 7, W. Rawlings 8. In 36 minutes, a record time for the tower. Rung for the Woolwich Deanery Mission.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Mawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrison.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Biggs 1, R. Blaby 2, A. Newton 3, D. Borcham 4, A. Cox 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Grice 2, L. Mannering 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, J. Wallis 5, R. Rich 6, B. Baker 7, F. Hogan 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, W. H. Ashby 3, T. Jennings 4, F. Burgess 5, H. Stanton (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to T. Jennings.

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—		35264
—	—	62534
	S	32564

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DO YOU KEEP LENT?

THE recent debate in the House of Commons on the subject of Sunday observance has demonstrated once more that the chief legislative assembly of the land is not prepared to throw away lightly the spiritual possessions which most of us are careless about, but which, nevertheless, give English life a dignity and purpose which must be the envy of less happy lands.

There is, of course, no doubt that the observance of Sunday in this present age is an entirely different matter from what it was in years gone by. The differences between Sunday and weekday are much less marked than they used to be—indeed, it would be difficult to tell the difference in the average pleasure resort. Church attendance is a thing of the past for the great majority.

It may perhaps be argued that the Victorian age was too stiff and rigid in these matters and that the present reaction was inevitable. Indeed, there are those who argue that our present laxity is more creditable than the humbug of which our forebears are now somewhat glibly accused, and there is no doubt something to be said for this point of view. But, anyway, what has all this to do with ringers?

The short answer is that ringers, like everyone else, are victims of the general slackening of standards and are feeling, in the exercise of their art and service, the lack of the self-discipline and sense of duty that guided and upheld the men of an earlier age whom we are wont to regard as narrow-minded. Do you doubt this?

How many churches are there left where the bells are rung for the early morning service on the great festivals? How many ringers attend for ringing twice every Sunday? Indeed, in how many churches are the bells rung for the two main services each Sunday? Is the standard of striking as good as it used to be?

The church is entering the solemn season of Lent. Older people tell us that the observance of the fast is much less strict than it used to be. Certainly, as far as ringers are concerned, there is likely to be little slackening of what we may perhaps call 'pleasure-ringing.' There will be quite as many meetings as at other times and the weekly orgy of peals will no doubt continue unabated. There will be dinners and ringing festivals during Lent and we can expect one or two peals in Holy Week. The inappropriateness of these things is usually commented upon by one lone voice or another, but usually immediately after Easter when the damage has been done and the reproof likely to be forgotten before next year.

The warning is in good time this year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and ends on Holy Saturday, April 4th. Ringers will be true to their office and calling as churchmen if they make some attempt to reflect this season of fasting in the amount of pleasure-ringing that they allow themselves. There is no need to lay down hard and fast rules—indeed to do so would be impossible in view of the great width of interpretation which is tolerated within the Church of England.

The individual conscience will be the best guide, but one or two hints may help some. Peals during the whole period are only appropriate if rung for a good reason connected with the church (not grandmother's birthday). Peals and meetings are particularly inappropriate from Passion Sunday (two weeks before Easter Day) to Holy Saturday. Peals, practices or any other ringing should definitely be taboo between Palm Sunday (the Sunday next before Easter) and Holy Saturday. The question of whether there should be ringing on Holy Saturday itself can only be decided locally. The matter has been argued several times in recent years in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and there are two definite schools of thought on the subject. It is one which could in any case be discussed more appropriately in the columns of 'The Church Times' than 'The Ringing World.' Ringers can always discuss the matter with their own incumbent.

Ringers and ringing would benefit from moderation in Lent. The bells would burst forth from their temporary silence to proclaim the matchless festival of Easter. And there will be joy in Heaven if the bells are rung for early service on Easter Sunday morning. If the custom has lapsed in your parish, why not revive it this year?

P. A. C.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of February 21st, 1913

SHREWSBURY

The Salop Archidiaconal Guild

On Monday, February 17th, 1913, in 2 hours and 50 minutes

At the Church of St. Alkmund

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

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George J. Taylor	Treble	William R. Stockdale	5
Fred. W. Taylor	2	Alfred Fullick	6
William J. Taylor	3	Charles R. Lilley	7
E. R. Trevor Corbett	4	Herbert C. Jones	Tenor

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Captain Scott and party, who perished in the Antarctic.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	7
MARJORIE F. JACKSON	2	A. RONALD LING	8
MURIEL REAY	3	*THOMAS E. DAVIES	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	10
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	11
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	6	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.
* First peal on twelve bells.
Rung in honour of the first anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II.'s Accession.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN THRELFALL	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
JOHN WORTH	4	JOHN E. BIBBY	9
ALAN A. POTTS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	6
*JOHN McDONALD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
ANTHONY AGER	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	JOHN PINFOLD	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
*RODERICK J. LEES	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	SAMUEL BIRCH	9
W. GEORGE PAGE	5	J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Birch for their 10th wedding anniversary. Mr. C. Wallater completes 50 years' membership for the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

A. MARY CARPENTER	*Treble*	†ROYSTON WILMORE	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	†ROGER G. W. SOARS	6
*GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	3	‡F. KEVON THOMPSON	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Bob Major "inside." † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EVELYN STEEL	*Treble*	DAPHNE J. HARE	5
*RICHARD W. STEPHENS	2	‡JOAN ASHTON	6
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	3	ALAN S. SMITH	7
†MARY E. STEPHENS	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. D. Gilbert, Vicar of Bromham, and an honorary member of the Association.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
ELIZABETH BATE	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	4	*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 400th peal.

LISKEARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

A. HUBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	DENIS ROE	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	R. GORDON CROSS	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
Rung to mark the installation of the Vicar, Rev. J. H. Parsons, as an Honorary Canon of Truro, which took place three days previously.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: FREDERICK G. NURDEN.
* 500th peal and the first lady to achieve this total. First peal of non-conducted Stedman by all the band and rung at the sixth attempt.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

MARGARET GIBSON	*Treble*	STANLEY PATTERSON	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
*J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	3	*NANCY I. LEA	7
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	4	KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Triples by a local band, and the first peal in the method for all ringers.
Rung in honour of the first visit to the Parish Church of the Dean of Durham.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HAROLD KILBY	6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	3	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. EDMUNDSBURY BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method (?). A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fletcher.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	*HENRY H. FEARN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 500th peal together.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	†RAYMOND WINTER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
PERCY STONE	4	THOMAS HASTING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	6
*HILDA OAKSHETT	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Guild.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
C. Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*DAVID WALKLATE	*Treble*	JOHN F. WILKINSON	5
†CHARLES WALKLATE	2	‡SAMPSON WALKLATE	6
RODNEY HARRISON	3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

REV. J. KINGDON	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
*ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	2	HENRY O. BAKER	6
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
BETTY GRIFFITHS	4	J. W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. RISHWORTH. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled to the revered memory of Robert Sperring (a native of Farndon), who died the previous day.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	JOSEPH JENNINGS	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	6
GEORGE TRENDELL	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in memoriam Samuel Augustine Courtauld, public benefactor Halstead district.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
*NANCIE E. SWANN	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, Rev. R. L. Wormald.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

A. MARY CARPENTER	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
F. KEVON THOMPSON	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
ROGER G. W. SOARS	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	7
*GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	4	†PETER SOARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung on Founders' Day of Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-upon-Soar.

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MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	5
ANNE WORTH	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOHN WORTH	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
400th peal as conductor.
In memoriam Dr. James C. E. Simpson, died February 6th, 1952.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
W. NEVILLE BROWN	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
†F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK	4	†CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. 25th peal as conductor and first peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 5th; also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Dale, daughter of a local ringer.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*BARBARA P. WILSON	*Treble*	FRED C. LYNE	5
VINCENT A. HEMMING	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
LEONARD TUFFREY	4	THOMAS GWILT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 768 of Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
MARK W. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted bw MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of six Spliced by all the band, on the bells, and in the district. Also the first of six Spliced to be rung in the county by a resident band. 50th peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung with half-muffled clappers in respect for those who lost their lives in the great floods.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

RUTH M. K. HOW	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	*PETER C. WRIGHT	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
*PHILIP A. F. CHALK	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

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

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	ALEC E. RICHARDSON	6
*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 50th peal together. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

HAROLD F. WOOD	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
*JOHN W. MEADE	2	FREDERICK PAGE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
RAYMOND P. WOOD	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a welcome peal to the Vicar, the Rev. M. C. Langton.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE L. GROVER	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	COLIN A. HOPPER	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
JACK R. WORRALL	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11. 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DAVID H. J. BODY	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	†RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
W. LESLIE WELLER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	CECIL DENYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal 'inside' † 100th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURSTWICK, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

VERA G. ALLEN	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	4
PHILIP H. SPECK	2	LEONARD RODMELL	5
JOHN M. HARROP	3	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 21¼ cwt.

SIDNEY DELVE	*Treble*	†LEONARD W. ALLEN	4
*MRS. G. J. SIMMONS	2	FRANK NEATE	5
NORMAN H. COOMBS	3	*RONALD J. GALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.
A compliment to the ringer of the treble, who completed 50 years of ringing in this tower on January 3rd, 1953.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

JEAN M. S. COOKE	*Treble*	*ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	4
IVOR R. NICHOLS	2	HENRY O. BAKER	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	BERNARD J. ONGLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal of Doubles in two methods.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	JAMES BROOKS	4
*DEREK W. STONE	2	†MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	5
†ANTONY H. BATES	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

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

Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Paget, a benefactor to the parish, interred on the same day.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents (6 callings) and five 240's Grandsire and 20 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DESMOND CLAYS	*Treble*	GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	4
ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	2	HENRY O. BAKER	5
JACK HUGHES	3	GEORGE CASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN ..	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	5
†JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, Court, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS ..	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ..	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Kenneth Mitchell on his marriage this day to Miss Brenda Moore.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
JEFFREY C. BIRT	2	JOHN M. ELLWOOD ..	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in nine Minor methods by all the band.



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On Wed., Feb. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

DENIS R. AIREY	*Treble*	RICHARD BUSBY	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE	2	THOMAS COOKE	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

M. ANNE SOFTLEY	*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARK	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	3
JOHN R. RAYMENT	2	GEORGE KENWARD	4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards, and Mrs. Joan Rayment, wife of the 2nd ringer, who is hon. sec. of the P.C.C.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	4
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	CHARLES NOTTAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Netherseale, Beverley, York, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
*KEITH GOOD	2	DEREK LATCHFORD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal in seven methods and of Surprise. First peal as conductor of seven Surprise.

Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy with the victims of the Flood Disaster, in the Eastern Counties, Belgium and Holland.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. BEST	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 100th tower bell peal. The first peal of the bells since their recent rehanging. In memoriam Robert Sperring.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 120's (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	SHIRLEY GOLDING	4
*ROSELYN CREWE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*EDWARD C. CREWE	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal 'inside.' In memoriam Robert Sperring, who conducted the first peal on these bells

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	THOMAS BEAUMONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BEAUMONT.

First peal as conductor.

MARKET WEIGHTON, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DESMOND D. LADD	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	4
PATRICIA DUFFILL	2	ERNEST F. GILBERT	5
PHILIP H. SPECK	3	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: one each of Norfolk, Primrose, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	4
ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Close, who was inducted on Thursday, February 5th, 1953.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*CLIVE LATTY	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
WYNDHAM LEWIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	*CYRIL PRIOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE SAGE	*Treble*	GORDON WALFORD	4
HENRY F. FLOYD	2	CYRIL J. STEPHENS	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Webber, a member of St. James' band, Taunton, married earlier in the day at St. James'.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK,
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

ARTHUR J. CUTHBERT	*Treble*	ALAN S. PIPE	4
ARTHUR A. LING	2	HARRY HALL	5
GEORGE R. BERRY	3	ALDERMAN G. LING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Waltho Roberts 1, Miss J. Griffiths 2, J. Dean 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. Griffiths 5, D. Russell Edwards 6. First quarter peal for 1 and 6. Rung to mark the half centenary of the North Wales Association, and a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl Reynolds (first in the method) 1, Valerie Mepham (first 'inside') 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, Wendy E. Turnbull 4, Mary W. Brown 5, H. W. Brown 6. Rung by the local band as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr G. A. Steele, who has completed 63 years' ringing in this tower.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, W. A. Stote 3, D. A. Carpenter (first of Major as cond.) 4, G. Gardner 5, J. L. Garner-Heyward 6, R. Winter (first quarter in the method) 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Alderman 1, Joan Lewis 2, Audrey Yarde 3, Phyllis Norman 4, Florrie Norman (cond.) 5, Doreen Lewis 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): P. Chambers (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. Chambers (first quarter Treble Bob) 2, F. K. Thompson 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, K. E. Lovett 5, B. Corbishley (cond.) 6.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 4th, 2,160 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob): Evelyn Killington 1, L. Lester 2, S. W. Copling 3, D. Heighton 4, R. Drane 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Rung following a peal attempt which failed through a broken rope.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Floyd 1, W. H. Tarr 2, H. Churchill 3, G. S. Coles 4, A. H. Reed 5, G. Uglow (first of Major) 6, H. Mockridge 7, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Howard 1, A. Bird 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler 4, G. Herd 5, J. Brooks (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Elliott (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Clear (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. Brown 3, P. Cannon 4, A. Read 5, A. Elkins 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8. All are members of the local band.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, F. Waymark 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds (first quarter) 3, L. Baldock 4, R. W. Pankhurst 5, F. Dallaway 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. Rung for Patronal Festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Shepherd 1, E. Armstrong 2, W. Peck 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, E. Turner 5, M. Harbott 6, N. Summerhayes (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, E. Crowder 3, F. Richardson 4, Miss M. Ashdown 5, J. Hurrell 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Ashdown.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Westminster and Allendale Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, D. Gullick 4, D. Jones 5, T. Croft (cond.) 6. First quarter in these methods by all except conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Beryl Unstead (first quarter) 1, N. Matthews 2, W. Stepney 3, E. Breed 4, G. Gadd (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Robinson 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

HEREFORD.—On Dec. 29th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Yates 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, P. Preece 3, W. Harford 4, H. Johnson 5, W. Adams 6. A farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who is leaving for Australia.

HERNE, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,272 Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob, 552 of Oxford Treble Bob): H. Jones 1, C. E. Hadlow 2, W. J. Ruck 3, F. Fyle 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, G. Hadlow 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,952 Bob Major (as in 'Ringing World'): C. Hare (75) 1, P. Croft 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Wareham 1, W. M. Masters 2, G. Gaylard (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, P. Hallett 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. A. Grace 2, F. D. Livesey 3, D. B. Cater 4, S. A. Jaine (cond.) 5, J. Cocking 6, D. E. Lodge (first quarter) 7, A. Clegg 8. Rung half-muffled, with 7, 6, 8 covering, in memory of Mr. Fred Champion, life member of the Church Operatic Society, choir and Church Council, who died suddenly January 24th, aged 51, and was interred this day.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole (cond.) 3, D. Fenn 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fletcher's silver wedding day. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob): W. Warner 1, J. Forder 2, E. Long 3, D. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Seligman 1, Miss A. S. Noble 2, P. Marriott 3, Mrs. S. H. Jones 4, A. Marriott 5, S. H. Jones 6, W. G. Soar (cond.) 7, W. E. Minor 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Turk 1, Elsie Savory 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, T. Collins (cond.) 6, W. Bunce, jun., 7, W. Picthall 8. A birthday compliment to W. Bunce, sen.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Stratford (first of Minor) 1, Rita Stratford (first of Minor) 2, R. Hall (first 'inside') 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, Allan Chapman 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band, average age 17 years 2 months.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tudgay 1, L. Hawkiss 2, E. Marlow 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. E. Mallard 5, T. Titt 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newton 1, P. Lowes 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. E. S. Ruck, wife of the captain of the Willesborough ringers.

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The Bishop of Stockport, addressing members of the Chester Guild, said when people complained to him of the non-attendance of ringers at service he usually replied: 'Would you after a strenuous half-hour at the rope-end be in a fit condition to sit in church through an hour or more of a service?'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Work at Christ Church, Oxford, on the Canon Coleridge memorial is nearing completion. Any ringer or Guild wishing to contribute should communicate with Mr. Arthur D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. The dedication will probably take place early in May.

First ringing society to support the Westminster Abbey Appeal is the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

There is to be an attempt for four peals in one day on March 14th, ringing each in a different county. Arrangements are being made by Mr. William Butler.

For the first time in the history of Aldrington, Sussex, the bells have been rung by an all ladies' local band. Their average age was 15½ years.

The high 'mortality rate' among learners, whose interest does not rise beyond the initial stages of instruction, is of concern to the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association. Practical suggestions would be welcome.

A second peal of Major has been rung at Liskeard, Cornwall, after a space of 40 years. The late William Pye rang the tenor to Cambridge in 1913. Canon Parsons, in whose honour the peal was rung, is the ex-Warwickshire county cricketer, and the ringing gave him special pleasure. The ringers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage afterwards.

Mr. S. H. Price, of Thames Ditton, has found a new way of supplementing his Rope Fund. While clearing his bell chamber he found an old matchbox with the name and date still readable—S. J. Moreland and Sons, Ltd., 1890. Mr. Price got in touch with a philumenist and was able to sell his find for 10s. He recommends to other steeplekeepers a search for similar souvenirs.

Instead of the customary ringing certificate, Bristol University Society at their annual ringing day dinner presented a stay well and truly broken to the initiate in question!

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Robert Sperring, a respected member of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

We hope to publish at an early date a new series of articles by Mr. Ernest Morris on Ringers' Rules—ancient and modern.

Oxford University Society refute the suggestion that those reading history were associated with the Guy Fawkes' Day peal. They assure us that the peal was rung by mathematicians and scientists. We assume that it was a calculated explosion!

Six of the ringers in the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on Feb. 1st, were members of the recently inaugurated North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild and of these four were sisters. Have four sisters rung a peal together before?

The peal at Easton-in-Gordano on January 24th was the first in the tower for approximately 25 years and the first in which a lady has taken part, writes a correspondent. Some 40 years ago two ladies from the Gordano Valley gained national renown by ringing in the first ladies' peal. The present generation is following in their wake.

The Church of Holy Trinity, Darlington, has a long association with Mr. W. Norman Park, who conducted a peal there on his silver wedding day. Not only was he married there, but also his parents and grandparents. For the past 18 years Mr. Park has been the church treasurer and at the present time is Vicar's warden. Mrs. Park has also been an active worker for the church. Owing to an attack of influenza Mr. Roland Park could not, to his brother's regret, take part in the peal.

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MRS. J. THOMAS FIRST LADY TO RING 500 PEALS

Epic Story of Non-Conducted Stedman Peal

BEHIND the ringing of Mrs. J. Thomas' 500th peal lies a story of sustained effort and a determination not to be beaten by circumstances. Six attempts spread over two months and nearly 12 hours' ringing before she achieved her aim.

As her peals approached the 500, one wondered, 'What will it be?' One of a service band where every member is given the opportunity to conduct, she had always declined this responsibility, so her choice of Stedman Triples 'non-conducted' was somewhat unexpected. But she had always made a habit of following the calling and, as a dutiful husband should, Jack fell for the suggestion and agreed that it was possible.

A band was arranged, including husband, brother, brother-in-law and, for the first attempt, a nephew, but after 45 minutes' ringing at Hinton-on-the-Green a rope broke. Tell it not in Whitechapel, but that rope was only put on the same morning and had passed Jack's expert examination!

Wintry conditions and bad travelling made a second start inadvisable, so a second attempt was arranged for the following Friday evening. But weather conditions were worse, and W. B. Cartwright rang up to say he was on his way on the 30-mile journey from Birmingham in thick fog, but could not hope to make it before 7 p.m. Our gratitude to him for even attempting the journey.

A suggestion to Mrs. Thomas that she should call the peal for herself was promptly vetoed. 'It can always be said,' she remarked, 'that husband or brother put in the odd call which I missed; non-conducted or nothing; ring it or leave it alone.'

GREMLINS AT WORK

And so the umpire, Ralph Harris, came into the band. With no real experience of Stedman calling but a study of the peal for his duties, it can be said to his credit that he never deviated from his path through each attempt. Pat Harris was fetched from his fireside in slippers as umpire. But four successive attempts failed when well past half-way, and it became almost an eerie experience. All calls correctly made and good ringing; then a misblow and indecision by the partner; five members of the band conscious of what was wrong and by the rules unable to make the gesture to save the trip which automatically put paid to the attempt.

After the fifth—despite the insistence of the Rector that it should be rung there—it was felt that Hinton bells were really being overdone, and Salford Priors bells were very readily made available. Fate was still unkind; an unfortunate late start, three minutes of changes and down came the 2nd rope. A search for keys; Jack aloft; Sid preparing the rope for splicing with a penknife which never would cut; anxious eyes on the clock. And the gremlins which control all lost peals had done their worst and had their final fling.

As befitted the occasion, a good peal was rung and was never in danger of being lost. Our grateful thanks to the umpires for conscientiously checking the peal and ensuring the mechanical accuracy of the ringing; to the Rev. F. C. Champion for his permission and encouragement at Hinton; to the long-suffering inhabitants of Hinton; and, by no means least, to the Rector local band at Salford Priors.

MRS. THOMAS' RINGING CAREER

Mrs. Thomas was taught to ring in 1921 by her father, the late Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, on the old five bells at Hinton. These bells had a long draught and no sally guides.

In 1923 she moved to Bromsgrove and there joined the local band. It was not until 1925 that she scored her first peal, Bob Minor, which was rung for the wedding of her brother, Mr. J. D. Johnson, at Hampton. Mrs. Thomas narrates that when she told one of the old Bromsgrove ringers of her success in scoring her first peal, and expecting to be congratulated, he remarked, 'We never did think much of Minor ringing here!' She felt very chastened.

Opportunities for peal ringing for her were very few, and for the next three years Mrs. Thomas only rang one peal a year, and then two or three a year until she returned to Hinton in 1930.

In 1936 Mrs. Thomas started handbell ringing. She and her two sisters practised Grandsire Doubles secretly after being told by her brother she would never make a handbell ringer. 'I had to prove him wrong,' she told 'The Ringing World,' 'but it was not until the ban on tower bells that I got beyond Grandsire.'

Her marriage with Mr. John Thomas took place in 1937 and they made their home at Enfield until December, 1946, when Mr. Thomas retired from the Whitechapel Foundry and they went to live at Hinton.

PEALS OF SPECIAL MEMORIES

All peal ringers have their peals of special memories and of which they are most proud. Mrs. Thomas' list includes a local band peal of Grandsire Triples at Bromsgrove; her first peal of Stedman Caters at Evesham; a family peal of Grandsire Doubles (her father, two brothers and two sisters and herself); her first on 12 bells, Bob Maximus at Cheltenham; first peal of Hinton Surprise ever rung; Minor in 14 Treble Bob methods; her first peal 'in hand' (although only Grandsire Doubles); Plain Bob Fourteen 'in hand'; two married couple peals, the first, Kent Treble Bob Major at Gulval, Cornwall, and the second, Stedman Cinques at Leicester; Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral (Mrs. Thomas is the only lady to have rung a peal so far on these bells); the non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples for her 500th.

HER PEAL LIST

Mrs. Thomas' 500 peals have been rung in 101 different towers and for 21 associations; 242 have been rung on tower bells and 258 'in hand.' Her list is appended:—

Grandsire.—Doubles, tower 2, 'in hand' 2 (conducted 2); Triples 20, 36 (non-conducted 1); Caters 7, 30; Cinques 3, 3.

Stedman.—Doubles 1; Triples 35 (non-conducted 1), 8 'in hand'; Caters 17, 36; Cinques 15, 10.

Oxford Bob Triples 2; Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples 1 'in hand.'

Plain Bob.—Minor 4, 2; Major 7, 47; Royal 4, 15; Maximus 1, 5; Fourteen In 1 'in hand.'

Minor from 2–7 methods 23, 3; in 14 Treble Bob methods 1.

Little Bob.—Major 2, 2; Royal 2 'in hand.'

Oxford Bob Major 1; Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major 1 'in hand'; Double Bob Major 1 'in hand.'

Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus 1.

Kent Treble Bob.—Major 13, 26 'in hand'; Royal 2, 9.

Oxford Treble Bob.—Major 4 'in hand'; Royal 1, 2.

Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.—Major 2, 5; Royal 2.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 18, 7.

Cambridge Surprise.—Minor 1; Major 17; Royal 2; New Cambridge Major 2.

Yorkshire Surprise.—Major 6; Royal 3.

London Surprise.—Minor 1; Major 3.

Surprise Major.—Hinton 3; Superlative 9; Bristol 5; Rutland 2; Painswick 1; Ashtead 1; Belgrave 1; Pudsey 1.

LEEDS HAS NOW TEN RINGS IN GOOD ORDER

St. Francis' Recast Bells Dedication

What is believed to have been the last remaining ring in this country by an Irish bell-founder, at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis in Holbeck, Leeds, has now been recast.

For some years this ring had seldom been heard, and the 'go' of the bells had become increasingly heavier. The old frame was lightly constructed of deal, and its design was such that it exerted the greatest possible strain on the slender brick tower, which rocked considerably during ringing. Another unusual feature was the method of supporting the bells. These were cast with a conical crown—resembling a child's sand pie—which fitted into a cast iron trough on which the wooden headstock rested, and the bells were held in position only by the central clapper bolt, so that in theory, by slackening this bolt, it would be possible to turn the bell to any position, although there is no evidence of this ever having been tried. Still another unique feature was that the wheels were made up of steel channel.

The recasting of these bells has created much local interest, including that of a scrap metal thief who stole the old treble bell whilst it was awaiting removal to the foundry last summer.

January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, marked the completion of the first stage of the replacement of the bells, when the Bishop of Leeds, Dr. J. C. Heenan, performed the consecration of the bells, which were suspended from trestles erected in the north aisle. In addition to the Bishop there were present two Vicars General and nearly sixty vested priests, and the church was crowded to capacity.

The Bishop sprinkled each bell in turn with holy water, priests then washed them and the Bishop anointed them with Oil of the Sick. Finally came the consecration of the bells inside and out, first the outside lip with Oil of the Sick, then the inside with Holy Chrism.

The bells were named as follows:—

Treble	St. Michael
2nd	St. Joseph
3rd	St. Richard
4th	St. Augustine
5th	St. John (Fisher) & St. Thomas (More)
6th	St. Teresa of the Child Jesus
7th	St. Mary (Our Lady)
Tenor	St. Francis

The consecration over, there followed High Mass sung by the Vicar General, Mgr. H. Thompson, and presided over by the Bishop, who gave a short address.

Among the visitors were Mr. J. Oldham, representing John Taylor and Co.

Sunday, February 1st, the Eve of the Purification, saw the climax, when the newly recast bells were rung. The Bishop again attended Pontifical Benediction and during the service sounded the seventh bell, after which the bells were raised in peal by eight of the Leeds Parish Church ringers and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung immediately. At the close of the service a touch of Stedman was rung by the Leeds Parish Church ringers, and afterwards, with visitors from Rothwell, a touch of Bob Major, the bells then being lowered in peal.

The bells have all been recast by Taylor's into a very musical octave, tenor nearly 10 cwt., with new fittings and a modern cast iron frame in two tiers fixed several feet lower than the old frame. While the movement of the tower has been reduced, an appreciable rock is only to be expected with a tall brick tower almost devoid of buttresses: but the bells, nevertheless, run exceedingly smoothly.

Thus all ten rings within the boundaries of the City of Leeds are now in good order, and it is interesting to note that every one (a twelve, eight octaves and a five) has been through the bell founders' hands within the past 30 years or so, five to be completely recast and five hung in new metal frames.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE

Ringing Prospects Brighter at Oxford

THE annual lunch and ringing day was held in Oxford on February 7th, with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Edwards as guests of honour. The Society was also pleased to entertain Messrs. V. Bennett, P. Walker, W. Porter, E. G. Moore and W. H. B. Wilkins and Miss M. Cross, of the Oxford Society, and Mr. P. Chalk, Mr. R. Price and Miss E. L. Roberts, Masters of the Cambridge University Guild, the London University Society and the University of Bristol Society respectively. There were in addition several visitors.

Proceedings started at 10.30 a.m., with ringing at St. Ebbe's, and continued at St. Mary Magdalen's and the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. By 12.15 most of the visitors and non-resident members had arrived, and the various bands gathered at the University Church for the service, which was conducted by the Society's president, the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

After the service the party, now numbering 53, proceeded to the Kemp Cafe for lunch. At the conclusion of the meal the president proposed the loyal toast and called upon that well-known belfryman, Mr. R. B. Meadows, to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.' This he did with his customary dry humour and references to British Railways. In reply, Mr. Edwards gave an account of the recent activities of the Society's 'second founder,' Dr. J. E. Spice, and spoke of the responsibilities of a university society.

In proposing the toast of 'The O.U.S.C.R.,' Mr. Chalk gave an illuminating account of how not to teach beginners.

RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

Replying to this toast, the Master, Mr. R. G. Turner, said that a record number of peals had been rung during the year, ten on tower bells and twenty 'in hand.' The two most notable were Stedman Caters at Banbury and a peal in five Minor methods at the University Church. Both peals were rung entirely by resident members, the latter being rung fully muffled on the occasion of the death of King George VI. A peal in 18 Minor methods had been scored, and Westminster Surprise had been rung on Guy Fawkes' Day. (Contrary to the suggestion in 'Belfry Gossip,' the band was composed of mathematicians and scientists!)

In other spheres the Society's activities had been somewhat curtailed, chiefly owing to an insufficient supply of recruits during the last two years, but this year's beginners were making good progress and the future looked brighter than it had done for some time. The Master deplored the growing tendency of young lady members to engage themselves to members of the Cambridge University Guild, and brought his speech smartly round to allow the ringing programme to continue.

The braver members then went to test their nerves on the splendid eight at Merton College, while the weaker brethren by-passed this tower where, as was once remarked, one can go all the way down at backstroke, and went direct to Magdalen College. Here, however, an unforeseen situation caused the tower-bell ringing to be cancelled, but handbells were produced and exercised in the New Room, where tea was later served to the whole party.

Ringing after tea was at the Cathedral, where a remarkable half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung, and at All Saints and St. Martin's where a touch of Spliced Surprise was not quite rung. A few indefatigables then went to sample the recently restored six at Radley, but as it was now 8.15 p.m. the majority felt that enough was as good as a feast and went their several ways.

On the following day a peal of Rutland Surprise Major was rung at Dorchester Abbey by members and guests, providing a fitting climax to a most successful gathering. K. H.

Cambridge Guild Ring 19 Peals in 1952

The fifth annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held in Clare College on January 31st. A company of 38 people, including seven guests, sat down to dinner, which was presided over by the Rev. A. C. Blyth, vice-president of Selwyn College and president of the Guild.

The Rev. E. A. Marsh, proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' said that shortly he would be leaving Over, but recalled several visits by members of the Guild when his duties as host after ringing somewhat jeopardised his position as spiritual head of the village.

Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, Master, replying, admirably compressed a year's ringing into five minutes' speaking. During the year the Guild had rung some 19 peals, among them 11 by resident members, including the first peals of Stedman and Surprise. Apparently the difficulties of finding a band are somewhat accentuated by other extra-scholastic activities of the members of the Guild, ranging from watching railway engines to breedings pigs and rounding up heifers on a Sunday morning on Burwell Fen.

Mr. C. M. P. Johnson proposed the health of 'The Guests,' somewhat diffidently comparing his speech to a rather decomposed body in a hearse.

Mr. R. G. Turner, Master of the Oxford University Society and a most welcome guest, shared the duties of replying with Mr. T. R. Dennis, who gave an excellent resume of Cambridge ringing during his lifetime, a considerable period.

After the dinner touches were rung 'in hand.' During the afternoon there was ringing at the Roman Catholic Church, Great St. Andrew's and St. Bene't's, while two peals were recorded during the week-end.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Basingstoke District

The annual district meeting was held at All Saints', Basingstoke, on January 31st, 60 members and friends attending from a very wide area. Good use was made of both St. Michael's and All Saints' bells during the afternoon and late evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the Ven. A. W. Chute, and the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, of Dean, preached the sermon.

At the business meeting 17 new members were elected. District officers elected for the year were: Chairman, the Archdeacon of Basingstoke: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Chesterman: Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler; Central Committee representatives, Mr. H. Balaam and Mr. B. Garnett; hon. auditor, Mr. R. G. Flew.

District meetings were fixed as follows: Wootton St. Lawrence, April 25th; Bramley, June 27th; Upton Grey, October 24th.

A warm vote of thanks was given to the Archdeacon of Basingstoke for the use of the bells and taking the service, also for his work as district chairman. Appreciation of the services of the ladies who had prepared such a fine tea was accorded by loud applause. Mrs. E. P. Austin suitably replied.

The attendance of so many younger ringers was commented on by the chairman, who stated that without the younger ringers Guild work would be inclined to go back. The work of the senior ringers in helping to train the younger ones was the secret of success, and future ringing of the bells throughout the land depended on this. Coronation arrangements were discussed and it was felt that ringers would be called on to play a very important part in the coming celebrations. J. C.

ENTHUSIASM BEHIND NEW WELSH BAND

Christ Church, Radyr, Bellringers' First Dinner

The Christ Church, Radyr, bell ringers held their first annual dinner on February 6th at the Louis Restaurant, Cardiff. They had as their guests the Rector of Radyr, the Rev. W. S. Pontin, Mrs. Pontin, Mrs. Franklin Jones (churchwarden), Mr. A. Edser (churchwarden), Mrs. Edser, their wives and also fellow-ringers from St. John's Church, Cardiff. The evening was a great success, and the ringers and guests are already looking forward eagerly to next year's dinner.

The Rector presided and, following the loyal toast, called upon Mr. W. Dare to give the captain's report. Mr. Dare, stressing the fact that the majority of the ringers had 'started from scratch,' pointed out that within two months the Radyr band were ringing rounds and Queen's for Sunday evening service. He felt sure that struggling through a plain course of Grandsire Doubles would soon be a thing of the past and hoped there would be an attempt for a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles or Triples for the Coronation. He took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Seymour Barker and fellow-ringers of St. John's Guild, Cardiff, for the welcome and unfailing help they always afforded the Radyr ringers.

The toast, 'Radyr Ringers,' was proposed by the well-known captain of St. John's Church, Mr. Seymour Barker, and responded to by Mr. E. Goodacre, vice-captain of Radyr.

'Our Guests' was proposed by the Rector and responded to by Mr. F. Hannington, also of St. John's.

The secretary, Mr. C. A. Purnell, spoke of the future for bell ringing at Radyr, and echoed the sentiments of the captain regarding attempts at a quarter peal for the Coronation.

Mr. Edser, who has been appointed treasurer, appealed for funds towards new bell ropes, which are urgently needed at the Radyr tower.

Mr. Heath, a St. John's ringer and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, assured the Radyr ringers of a welcome always at Cardiff, and remarked, 'To be a good ringer you must be sociable, and the Radyr boys are sociable!'

Mr. Wyn Ullah had everyone amazed at his conjuring tricks, and certainly ended the evening's entertainment delightfully.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deanery Meeting

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild, held at Spalding on Feb. 14th.

The business meeting, presided over by the Rev. M. H. R. Synge, Vicar of Spalding and branch president, covered a large range of subjects.

The officers of the branch were re-elected with the exception of the Guild representative, Mr. S. E. Bennett, replacing Mr. A. J. Farr. The secretary thanked Mr. Farr for his loyal and fearless service during his long term of office.

The Rev. A. C. Davies, Vicar of Fulney, was made a vice-president of the branch, and 12 new ringing members were also elected.

It was decided to make donations of £2 each to both the Westminster Abbey Fund and the Lord Mayor's Flood Fund.

Dates for quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: Quadring, May 9th; Fleet, June 20th: Crowland, September 26th; and Pinchbeck, November 21st.

The Rev. G. N. Heath, curate of Spalding, and himself a ringer, was given high praise for his excellent address. J. E. A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A TOWER CAPTAIN AND PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am also a tower captain and read with interest the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of February 6th.

With regard to peals, I try to arrange these to suit the resident band and have so far been only able to ring peals of Doubles with tenor covering. I have been criticised strongly for this, and in an official of the Guild's own words: 'Too many peals of Doubles on light rings of six bells, which could with a little effort just as easily be rung to peals of Minor with practically the same ringers.'

During 1952 I had three opportunities to arrange peals, viz.: (1) National (half-muffled in memoriam to King George VI.); (2) Local (resident ringer's wedding); (3) Church (dedication festival). On two occasions an odd visitor was called in to complete the band through the illness of a resident ringer, and each peal was Doubles with the tenor covering. Surely I am the one to assess the capabilities of my own ringers! I would welcome the opinion of the writer of the leader to these criticisms. Are they really justified?

I also enjoy the confidence of the Vicar, who knows the whole band are church people, and ring each Sunday morning and evening, and with this understanding, to attend at least one divine service.

'ANOTHER TOWER CAPTAIN.'

THE 13,139 GRANDSIRE CATERS 'IN HAND'

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. D. T. Matkin and his band on their fine performance. When the 8,099 was rung in 1912 I fully expected it to be excelled in length within a short space of time, and though two long peals of Caters were rung that same year in the Stedman method, it is remarkable the Grandsire peal stood for over 40 years.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD

Addlestone.

ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON

Dear Sir, — When the announcement was made in the latter part of last year that the Vicar of Wimbledon, Canon Norman Hook, had accepted the appointment to become Dean of Norwich, the opportunity was taken to arrange a peal in his honour.

The company duly assembled on Saturday, Feb. 7th, and settled down very quickly to Stedman Triples, ably conducted by the 'Wizard of Westminster.'

After 2 hours and 25 minutes of excellent striking, the chamber door was opened and in came the Vicar to offer his thanks. . . . Not unnaturally the interruption brought a complete breakdown, to the chagrin of us all, and with only eleven courses to go. The disappointment at getting so near to the achievement of 'the first peal on the bells' since being augmented to eight some 25 years ago was intense.

We would like, however, to wish Canon Hook Godspeed in his preferment, and look forward to the next attempt, when the new Vicar is inducted after Easter.—Yours faithfully,

J. TOMSETT.

Surbiton, Surrey.

WOODEN STAIRS IN CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—The wooden stairs of Meriden may have been inserted after the original stone ones became worn.

Renewing a spiral staircase is a somewhat difficult and expensive business, and I know at least one tower where the stone steps were left in position, but faced with wood.—Yours faithfully.

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

PEALS AT MALINS LEE

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating Mr. Henry Douglas on conducting and the 'first pealers' on ringing Grandsire Doubles at Malins Lee, Shropshire, on January 3rd, I would like to point out that the last part of the footnote is incorrect ('Ringing World,' Feb. 6th, page 84).

There have been at least three peals on the bells during the past 18 years, all rung for the Shropshire Association:—

December 26th, 1838, Bob Minor.

June 24th, 1939, Bob Minor.

October 28th, 1944, Minor in three methods.

I remain, yours faithfully,

E. DENNIS POOLE.

Marlow, Bucks.

PEAL OF MINOR AT HORSELL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the two first pealers, but to ensure correct records in peal books, etc., the first peals of Minor on Horsell bells were on December 11th, 1909, and May 20th, 1911. The 1909 peal was the first peal on the bells and the conductor was the late Charles Edwards. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

DEAF RINGERS AND STRIKING

Dear Sir,—If a ringer has been used to a ring of bells in his own tower before going deaf he will be able to judge and put his bell correctly. In our own tower for some years we had a good member who was so deaf that he could not tell when the service bell had ceased, but could strike the one bell he was accustomed to.

Listening outside towers in these days to rounds, I think there must be a lot of deaf ringers.

One thing change ringers can learn from Devon and Cornwall is how to ring perfect rounds, or at least they did thirty years ago and I expect they do to-day.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Bristol Rural Report Year of Progress

The annual general meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch was held at St. Ambrose's, Whitehall, Bristol, on January 31st, with an attendance of over 60 members and friends. The bells were set going at 3 p.m. to various methods up to Double Norwich, with rounds for beginners, until 4.30 p.m., when the usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Lee, who gave an inspiring address.

Tea was taken at the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, at which the branch chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding, presided, supported by the Association Master, Mr. J. G. Jefferies.

The annual reports of the branch officers showed that 1952 had been a year of progress, the membership being 174. In presenting the balance sheet, the secretary stated that the income had been £29 5s. 3d., of which £24 10s. had been paid over to the general treasurer.

The branch officers were re-elected for 1953 as follows: Mr. C. R. Harding, chairman; Mr. W. F. Scudamore, secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. Hooper, Ringing Master.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in March at St. George's, Bristol, and the 1954 annual meeting at Almondsbury.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing followed until 9 p.m. W. F. S.

SLOW COURSE DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir, — The following Slow Course Doubles have been rung at Stanwell, extents being rung on the given dates. If they have not been rung before, we wish to name them as shown.

Bedfont	Poyle	Yeoveney	Saltwood	Longford
9.1.53	16.1.53	16.1.53	7.2.53	7.2.53
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21354	21354	21435	21345
24153	23145	23145	24153	23154
42513	32415	32415	42513	32514
24531	34251.	23451	24531	23541
24351	43251	24351	25431	23451
12543	12435	12435	12354	12354
12534	12453	12453	12534	12534

Chesham	Colnbrook	Colne	Cranford	Crane
7.2.53	7.2.53	7.2.53	7.2.53	7.2.53
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21354	21354	21354
23154	23154	23154	23154	23154
32514	32514	32514	32514	32514
23541	35241	35241	23541	23541
23451	53241	53241	25341	25341
12354	12543	12543	12543	12543
12534	12453	12534	12453	12534

Runemede	Heathrow	Harmondsworth
7.2.53	7.2.53	7.2.53
12345	12345	12345
21345	21345	21345
23154	23154	23154
32514	32514	32514
35241	23541	23541
53241	25341	25341
12543	12543	12543
12534	12453	12534

These methods, together with Chearsley ('Ringing World,' 2,029), Raveningham ('Ringing World,' 2,032), Rugby and Candlesby, form all the Slow Course Doubles (not more than two blows at lead, 2nd coming home). The 'bobs' in all cases are the omission of places at treble's lead. Extents of those with 2nds at 5ths at lead are obtained in usual manner (bob every third lead). Those with 2nds and 3rds by calling any bell in and out with a double, i.e., PBBP, repeat twice; or start any lead in PBPPBBBPPBPB, giving a total of 16 callings.

Also, has the method which is New Bob with places on the front been named? We rang an extent of it on November 23rd, 1952, and if not named we would like to call it 'Stanwell.'

Doubles ringers might be interested in the following extent of spliced in seven, each with Plain Bob lead ends.

2345	St. Martin's	5324	St. Nicholas'
—5423	R. Canterbury	3452	Blackburn
2534	Place	4235	Winchendon
3245	R. Canterbury	—4253	St. Martin's
4352	Place	5432	St. Simon's
—2543	Blackburn	3524	St. Martin's
5324		2345	

For Mr. B. T. Jeanes' interest, it contains nine different blocks, three below, six above.—Yours sincerely, F. T. BLAGROVE.

West Bedfont, near Staines.

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Quarter peals.—Ruislip 2s., Eastbourne 4s., Herne 2s. 6d., Kingsdon 1s. 6d., Allesley 2s., Abergele 5s., Egham 1s. 3d., Warminster 3s.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXX.—APPLYING COURSING ORDER TO CALLING

There are two advantages in a thorough knowledge of coursing order. One is that it enables the conductor, with more certainty, to know if the bells are right and, if there is an error, to correct it. The other is, it helps him materially if he wishes to call a touch or peal from one of the 'working' bells, and that is a thing which every conductor should try to do. To ring an 'observation,' or fixed bell, is useful, particularly in the early stages of conducting, because it simplifies the task, but it is a mistake never to attempt to call from another bell and, in our opinion, the sooner the young conductor tries to do this the better. He may make mistakes at the outset, but we learn by our mistakes, and if his tower companions are eager for his progress they will encourage him and not complain when touches go wrong.

Coursing order, if closely followed, helps the beginner to call his bobs in the right place. We saw, in a previous article, how, in Bob Major, one bell in each lead moved from in front of the treble, to a position immediately behind it; that is, from coursing before the treble to coursing after it. Thus the bells in front of the treble get one place nearer to it, and those behind get one place further away each lead.

As you watch the tenor in its relation to the treble in Bob Major you can call your bobs with certainty where they are required.

The bell that courses after the treble is going to dodge in 4–3 (down) if no bob is called, the bell behind that will dodge in 6–5 (down), whether there is a bob or not; the next bell will dodge in 8–7 (down) and the next in 7–8 (up), and so on.

A bob 'Middle' is called when the tenor dodges in 6–5 (down), a bob 'Home' when it dodges in 8–7 (down), a bob 'Wrong' when it dodges in 7–8 (up).

Therefore, if you want to call a bob Middle you do so in the lead in which the tenor is coursing next but one after the treble; a bob Home comes in the next lead when the tenor has two bells between it and the treble; and a bob Wrong when there are three bells between. There should be no difficulty about seeing this, because the alert bob caller will have watched the gradually widening gap in the coursing order between the treble and tenor, but even if he has had a mental lapse he should be able quickly to pick up the position again.

As to the exact moment when the bob should be called, that again can be determined by watching the coursing. The proper place is at the handstroke lead of the bell coursing in front of the treble; and this is the position of the tenor when you have to call a bob 'Before.'

There are, of course, other guides to calling from a 'working' bell. It is often easy to know where the next bob comes from your own position. As a simple example, if you are the 6ths place bell, the Middle, or 6–5 (down) or, if a Wrong, you will be in the Home position, or 8–7 (down). If you are 5ths place bell, and thus coursing the 7th, a Middle brings you to 7–8 (up) (dodging behind with the 7th), a Home to 5–6 (up), and a Wrong causes you to make the bob.

Then, too, if you are one of the bells concerned in the bob, either running in or out or making 4ths, you can easily fix your position at the next bob. There is a cycle, which we will call I (In), O (Out), B (make the Bob). If you have bobs exactly a course apart and the first brings you to either of the places, the second will be called when you are at the next of these positions in the cycle; thus I and O, or O and B, or B and I.

It is when you have calls at less than a course apart that you have to be careful, and it is here that a close watch on coursing order helps.

Here, however, are one or two hints. Remember that at a Wrong the 5ths place bell makes the bob. If the Wrong is followed by a Middle, the same bell makes the bob at each of the two calls, and this bell, before the bob, is coursing next but one in front of the treble.

The bells concerned at a Wrong are 5.3.2, and at a Middle 2.4.6. The Wrong gives you a new 5ths place bell and Middle a new 6ths place bell, but a Home affects neither of them.

The conductor should know the 5th and 6ths place bells of his touch or peal, and he can then make certain of calling his Wrongs and Middles in the right courses.

When he has to change the 5ths place bell he watches the new bell until it runs Out at a Home. A bob Wrong (at the next lead) will then put this bell into 5ths place.

When he has to change the 6ths place bell he waits until the new bell he wants runs In at a Home, and calls the Middle in the succeeding course, when this bell will make the Bob.

When he has to change both the 5th and the 6ths place bells, he calls the Wrong as already mentioned, and the bell he thus takes away from 5ths will come into 6ths place by making the bob Middle.

Very good practice is to write out the lead-ends of a touch and examine the positions of the bells at the bobs. Any one with bobs in each of the three positions will do. For example, WMH, and H, twice repeated. Not very musical, perhaps, but it will serve the purpose and not prove too laborious, because in the courses with only the H the course-end will be sufficient, as it is the only lead with a bob in it.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Elect 21 New Members

The members met as usual for the annual meeting of the branch in Wokingham on Feb. 7th. The eight bells of All Saints' Church were rung from 3 p.m. until service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. A. Steer, who also preached the sermon. A choir formed by branch members led the singing. Tea followed in the Church House, some 65 members sitting down.

In the absence through illness of the chairman, the meeting was presided over by the vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Brooks, supported by Miss M. R. Cross and the branch secretary.

All the officers were re-elected for a further year, with the exception of Mr. J. Rance, who for health reasons did not seek re-election as a branch representative on the Guild committee. His place was filled by Mr. W. Hunt, of Twyford. A pleasing feature was the election en bloc of 21 new members.

The secretary urged all members to attend the combined practices held for their benefit on the first Saturday in each month, and thanked those visitors from neighbouring branches and guilds who came along so often and assisted with ringing the higher methods. During 1952 six members had rung their first peal and many others their first in a new method. The first peal by a local band had been rung at Twyford.

It was agreed to hold the summer meeting of the branch at Hurst on June 27th, and the Four Guilds Festival at Wokingham on August 29th.

The Guild librarian, Miss M. R. Cross, congratulated the branch on the fact that a full Sunday service band exists in every tower, and also spoke of the help she had received years ago from Mr. John Moth, of Sandhurst tower, who had recently passed away.

After the chairman had urged all towers to attempt peals or quarter peals for the Coronation, the meeting closed and members returned to the towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches for ringing until 9 p.m.

THE BELLS OF OLD WOKING, SURREY

When the railway authorities selected a spot of heather-clad common and pine wood as a halting place for trains in the early days of railways, Woking soon rose to become a modern town, built round a station 24 miles from London. The old village was left some two miles from the railway, and though it is now known as Old Woking, it still claims for its church the title of 'Parish Church of Woking.'

Four hundred years ago St. Peter's, Old Woking, had 'v gret bells in the stepull, iiij littell small bells, and a saunce bell,' which must be regarded as a sign that it was one of the important parishes. In 1684 the bells were taken to Chertsey, where William Eldridge cast them into a ring of six, and many are the items recorded in the accounts for that year, which reveal the vast difference in costs as compared with to-day. The man that did the job of 'beating the hoal in the Steepel' received 2s. 6d., and the one who did the 'helping of him' was paid 1s. A set of bell ropes and 'one odd one' cost £1 4s. 6d. Liquid refreshment to various people other than the ringers prove that tasks outside bell ringing also made people thirsty.

The ring of six was hung one above another in such a manner that in order to allow the bells being swung, great holes in the walls of the tower had to be scooped out to a depth of nearly 2ft. These holes were filled up some 65 years ago. Four of the Eldridge ring of six are still in the tower, one having been recast in 1766 and in 1933, whilst the tenor was recast in 1887. They were increased to eight in 1928.

Details of the bells are appended:—

Treble.—Mears and Stainbank, 1928.

2nd.—Mears and Stainbank, 1928.

3rd.—W. Eldridge, 1684.

4th.—W. Eldridge, 1684.

5th.—W. Eldridge, 1684.

6th.—W. Eldridge, 1684. Recast 1766 & 1933.

7th.—W. Eldridge, 1684.

Tenor.—W. Eldridge, 1684. Recast 1887. 17 cwt. 3 qr.

Probably the 6th has some historical interest, for the original bell is said to have come from Newark Abbey, but proof is lacking. It was recast by a journeyman founder near the church in 1766, the result being a 'maiden' bell. In 1933 Mears and Stainbank recast this bell and added the following inscription:—

'This bell was recast by the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in memory of their first Honorary Treasurer, Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O. A.D. 1933.'

Admiral Walker started ringing late in life, but though he rang few methods, his devotion to Old Woking, where he faithfully carried out his duties, was an inspiration, and his loyalty to a newly-formed Diocesan Guild endeared him to all ringers over the wide area he would travel, in order to ring with 'his friends, the ringers.'

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A NOTE UPON SOME ASPECTS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

By Q. E. D.

One of the oldest problems in ringing is whether or no it is possible to obtain peals of Triples by the use of common bobs only.

For such methods as Grandsire, which contain a bell in the hunt, the work of W. H. Thomson (and more recently that of Prof. Rankine) has effectively answered the question in the negative.

Whilst for methods such as New Bob, containing no hunt bell, the possibility has definitely been proved by the peals of such men as John Holt.

However, in the case of principles, such as Stedman, no answer has, as yet, been obtained. Therefore, it is to the latter that I am going to turn my attention in the hope of throwing some light upon the matter.

ARGUMENT

The basis of Stedman is, as is well known, the ringing of a Slow Six followed by the ringing of a Quick Six. Thus any study of Stedman must start with the consideration of the group:

	1234567	This is merely a Slow Six
	———	followed by a Quick Six
	2135476	with rounds put as the
	2314567	first change of the Slow
Slow	3215476	Six instead of, as is nor-
Six	3124567	mal, its being the 4th
	1325476	change of a Quick Six.
	———	This is, in fact, the unit
	3152746	which may be regarded
Quick	3517264	as a lead of the method.
Six	5312746	For a start we will de-
	5137264	note any group of this
	1532746	type, i.e., a Slow Six
	1357264	followed by a Quick Six,
	———	by the symbol (PsPq), thus
Slow Six	3175624	showing that both the

Slow and Quick Sixes are 'plained.' Obviously if we regard this group as a lead of the method we may call a Bob at the end of the group.

This will give us a group almost identical with (PsPq), but having, instead of the change 3175624, the change 3175246. This modified group we will denote by (PsBq), showing that the Slow Six is plained, whilst the Quick Six is bobbed.

The great difference between Stedman and Treble dominated methods lies in the fact that there is another 'bobbing' position other than at the unit end (we are not considering 'Real Double Methods'). This is at the Slow Six end, which, of course, may be regarded as just as much the unit end as is the Quick Six end. Thus we may obtain the modified group (BsPq) in which the Slow Six is 'bobbed' and then followed by a Plain Quick Six starting from 3152467 instead of 3152746.

Finally, of course, we may call bobs at both 'unit ends' obtaining the group (BsBq), i.e., having a Bobbed Slow Six followed by a Bobbed Quick Six.

Upon examination it will be seen that it is impossible to obtain any further types of group by merely bobbing the unit in the recognised manner. Thus if a peal of Stedman Triples is possible by the use of common bobs only it will consist of the above four groups and of those only—in future we shall drop the 'suffix-bracket' notation and shall refer to the groups as P^2; PB; BP; B^2 respectively.

Let us now suppose that it is possible to obtain the 5,040 changes which make up a peal of Triples in 60 'P-blocks,' i.e., in 60 sets of groups of the form $(P^2)^7$, where this notation denotes that the 'set' consists of 7 units P^2, following each other—i.e., a 'P-block' is of the same nature as a Plain Course. Then these 60 blocks will be mutually exclusive, i.e., no change will occur in more than one such block.

(We do not know that such a set of 60 mutually exclusive P-blocks may be obtained. However, there is no loss of validity in the assumption and the conclusions reached will still hold.)

In a similar way let us suppose that we have 60 mutually exclusive blocks $(PB)^7$, and again 60 blocks $(BP)^7$ containing the 5,040 changes. These 5,040 changes are also contained in 84 'B-blocks' of the form $(B^2)^5$. It now remains to try to obtain peals using these blocks as a basis. Obviously though blocks of the same type are mutually exclusive, some relationship must exist between blocks of different types—these relationships give, in fact, the modified Q-set laws for the method.

To examine these relationships let us once more look at the Quick and Slow Sixes. It will be seen that each of these Sixes (no matter whether Quick or Slow) contains ALL the combinations possible upon the front three bells, and, therefore, ANY repetition between Sixes may be observed by examining the position of the back four bells; more precisely, any six exhausts the rows of like nature with the same bells dodging in the same order in 4.5 and 6.7.

For example, if 4567 are the dodging bells at backstroke, then the particular six, whether Quick or Slow, will contain all the possible rows of like nature with 4567 as the four hindmost bells, no matter in which order the three front bells fall. These four hindmost bells are called the characteristic, or K, of the six.

Now consider the K's of the unit Block P^2. These are three in number: (1) 5476; (2) 7264; (3) 6542. The K 5476 remains unaltered throughout the modified blocks—hence we do not need to consider it in the following argument. And we merely consider the two K's 7264, 6524. These we will call the foundation, F, of the group. Thus we have:—

$$F(P^2) = 7264;\ 6524 — (1)$$

(where $F(P^2)$ = is read as 'the foundation of the group P^2 is').

Similarly we get:—

$$F(PB) = 7264;\ 2564 — (2)$$
$$F(B^2) = 4276;\ 7562 — (3)$$
$$F(BP) = 4276;\ 6524 — (4)$$

A comparison of these F's will give us the Q-set laws which apply.

Firstly, let us compare (1) and (2). Then we see that the Slow Six of the P^2 group may repeat with the Bobbed Quick Six of the PB block.

[Note.—By this terminology, which I am afraid is rather misleading, I mean that the first K of $F(P^2)$ may repeat with the last K of F(PB) for some blocks P^2, PB.]

Also the second K of $F(P^2)$ may repeat with the second K of F(PB), and finally the second K of $F(P^2)$ may repeat with the first K of F(PB). Thus we see that repetition between the blocks P^2 and PB may occur in three ways, i.e., there exists a Q-Set law, with three members, between them.

We will denote this by:—

$$C\ (1, 2) = Q\ (3)$$

i.e., a comparison of 1 and 2 gives a three member Q-Set law. Similarly:—

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} C\ (1, 4) = Q\ (3) \\ \text{and}\ \ C\ (3, 2) = Q\ (3) \\ C\ (3, 4) = Q\ (B) \end{array}\right\} A^*$$

Upon a further examination we find

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} C\ (1, 3) = Q\ (4) \\ C\ (2, 4) = Q\ (4) \end{array}\right\} B^*$$

For any two groups for which the relationship C (A, B) = Q (3) holds, i.e., for any of the pairs of groups in A*, it is obviously impossible to obtain a peal using only the two groups under consideration—for by arguments exactly similar to those in the case of Plain Bob Major, etc., we find that for a peal to be possible a relationship of the form

$$2n+1 = 60$$
$$\text{or } 2n+1 = 84$$

must hold—where n is an integer.

Now let us consider the combinations of groups contained in B*, i.e., groups between which a 4 member Q-Set law holds. We need only work this out in one case as mathematically the two cases are exactly similar.

If we start with the groups A, B such that

$$C\ (A, B) = Q\ (4)$$

we find that if in any A block we insert a Q-Set of the B blocks (note, do not confuse these with 'B-blocks') we join on to the A block three further A blocks and so on for all further Q-Sets.

Thus for a peal to be possible under these conditions the relationships

$$1+3n = 60$$
$$\text{or } 1+3n = 84$$

must hold where n is an integer. Hence a peal may not be obtained by the use of two groups between which a Q(4) law holds.

Thus it is impossible to obtain a peal using only two of the above groups.

It may still be possible, however, to obtain a peal by using three different types of group or even by using all four. Firstly, let us consider the case of three different types of group A, B and C. By an examination of the relationships A* and B* it will be seen that the three relationships

$$C\ (A, B) = Q\ (3)$$
$$C\ (A, C) = Q\ (4)$$
$$C\ (B, C) = Q\ (3)$$

must hold, and thus if a peal be possible using three blocks a relationship of the type

$$1+3m+2n = 60$$
$$\text{or } 1+3m+2n = 84$$

must hold, or combining these two equations:— $1+3m+2n = 0(6)$ where 0(6) means a multiple of 6.

Now, as n is governed by both a Q(3) relationship and a Q(4) relationship, it is a multiple of both 2 and 3 and is therefore a multiple of 6. Similarly for m. Hence the equation takes the form

$$1+0(6)+0(6) = 0(6)$$
$$\text{i.e., } 1+0(6) = 0(6)$$

which is absurd. Hence we cannot obtain a peal using three of the groups. An exactly similar argument holds for the case of four groups. Therefore, we see that it is impossible to obtain a peal of Stedman Triples using only the four blocks P^2, PB, BP, B^2.

But, as we saw at the beginning, any peal of Stedman Triples obtained with common bobs only must contain these four groups only. Hence it is impossible to obtain a peal of Stedman Triples with common bobs only.

AN 88th BIRTHDAY

To honour the 88th birthday of Mr. G. E. Chappell, of Wickham, Hants, who has done so much in the interest of ringing for over 60 years, five other ringers offered to make up a band to visit the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Wickham. They rang 720 of Plain Bob Minor, standing in as follows: Miss Stella Wickens 1, Alex Page 2, Miss Kathleen Knight 3, Alfred Mears 4, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 5, Pat Page 6.

Grandsire Triples was also rung on handbells by G. E. Chappell 1–2, Alex Page 3–4, Pat Page 5–6, A. Mears 7–8.

Mr. Chappell expressed his warm thanks to the ringers, who also extended birthday greetings to him and best wishes for many more years.

Mr. Chappell's first peal, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, was rung at Fareham in July, 1895, and he is the only survivor of that band.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

Fifty ringers and friends from 22 different parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk attended the annual meeting at Diss on February 7th. The new Rector of Diss and Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. W. B. Belcher, conducted the service and gave the address. Also taking part in the service were Canon T. A. Nock (Rural Dean), the Rev. F. E. Vokes and Mr. H. J. Watts (lay reader). Mrs. E. L. Woods presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Corn Hall, after which the meeting took place, the branch chairman (the Rev. F. E. Vokes) presiding. The Rector of Diss (the Rt. Rev. Dr. W. B. Belcher) was elected an honorary member. All the officers were re-elected, and the branch secretary (Mr. A. G. Harrison) gave a review of the work of the branch during the year. It was decided to visit Saxlingham for the next meeting in May.

The Rector thanked all present for the honour of being elected a member of the Association.

SUFFOLK GUILD

In spite of arctic weather conditions, the annual meeting of the Sudbury District on February 7th was well supported, 12 towers being represented.

The District Master, Mr. S. J. Twitchett (Clare), welcomed the visitors and congratulated Mr. H. J. Millatt on being elected Master of the North-East Division, Essex Association. Four excellent peals had been rung, which included 11 firsts of one kind or another and six quarter peals with two firsts. The band at Bures had rung for 112 services. Progress was reported at Cavendish, Clare, Haverhill, Poslingford and Sudbury.

The hon. secretary, Mr. L. D. Mills (Bures) reported that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 28, which could be considered fairly satisfactory, but in spite of a personal visit and a Guild meeting, Long Melford was still their black spot and he could not foresee any immediate improvement. It was decided to hold the next meeting as a joint one with the Lavenham District at Acton, reputed to be one of the best fives in the country.

Officers re-elected were: Mr. S. J. Twitchett, Master; Mr. L. D. Mills, hon. district secretary; Mr. F. Bensley, hon. assistant district secretary.

Thanks were accorded Mrs. A. Haynes, Mrs. W. Scott and Mr. L. Allington.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District at St. George's-in-the-Borough

For the first meeting of 1953 the Guild visited its well-tried favourite of St. George's-in-the-Borough on January 31st. Once again the weather was not favourable, but a fair number of stalwarts braved the elements to join in some enjoyable ringing. A short service was much appreciated and afterwards the attention of the ringers was drawn to a special point of interest in the beautiful decorated ceiling of the church, recently restored after bomb damage.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of facilities nearby, the company scattered for tea, but a business meeting was later held in the tower. Discussion centred mainly around revision of the Guild rules, and also the place for the next annual district meeting. It was finally decided that this should be held at Bushey Heath or a neighbouring tower on the last Saturday in May. Before the meeting closed the secretary was asked to send the congratulations and best wishes of the district to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher on the occasion of their silver wedding.

Ringing continued during the evening with methods ranging from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise. A. M. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The success of the quarterly meeting, held at St. George's, Beckenham, augurs well for the year's activities it inaugurated.

Fifty-five members and friends attended and enjoyed the use of a splendid ring of bells, a fine service, an adequate tea and a pleasant business session.

Ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. Boyd, and included a refreshingly different address and a warm welcome to Beckenham. The organist's help made the singing of psalm and hymns enjoyable. A collection for Association funds realised the sum of £1 0s. 4d.

Tea was served in Oliver's Restaurant, where the meeting was also held. The Rector presided at table, but other duties precluded his remaining for the business meeting. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded him before his departure, and he made an appreciative valedictory reply.

The Rev. R. N. Talbot, curate of Holy Trinity, Dartford, was elected chairman, and very efficient he proved in this role. Thirteen ringers were elected members of the Association, one of them introducing the third generation of his family to Eltham belfry.

Mr. A. S. Richards, after apologising for the enforced absence of his colleague, Mr. J. Dafters, read an excellent report of proceedings in committee at Maidstone in November. This report was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Richards for preparing it.

An invitation from Farningham to hold the spring meeting there on April 25th was gratefully accepted.

The chairman deplored the high percentage of learners whose interest was not maintained beyond the initial stages of instruction, despite the offering of every obvious encouragement, and asked for the dissemination of any schemes known by or coming to the notice of members which were effective in reducing the disproportionately high 'mortality rate.'

Votes of thanks to the chairman and to the local ringers who had made arrangements for the meeting concluded the business.

The tower bells were again put into service to round off the day's activities.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North-Western District Want New Members

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Croydon on January 31st. St. John's bells were open at 3 p.m. and 51 ringers representing 12 District towers attended. A service and address was given by the Vicar.

The tea and meeting was held in the Church Hall at which Mr. H. N. Pitstow was voted to the chair in the absence, through illness, of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins.

Officers elected for 1953 were:—District Master, F. E. Collins; District secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, R. F. Layton; committee, E. J. Lindley, A. J Adams and R. Davies.

Meetings for 1953 are:—Easter Monday, Kingston-on-Thames; July 11th, Ashtead; September 26th, Clapham Park; November 28th, Mitcham; October 10th, St. Peter's, Croydon (for the joint meeting with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association); Annual District Meeting, January 30th, 1954, Epsom.

Nine ringing members were elected. The report called for more efforts to obtain new members, also that help to various bands of learners should be arranged.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their past year's work, to the Vicar and organist, and also the ladies for providing the tea, closed the meeting.

OBITUARY

MR. H. W. STOVELL

Mr. Henry William Stovell, of Merrow Common, Guildford, who died after a long illness on February 3rd, aged 81, was a resident in Merrow for over 60 years and was at one period, for 14 years, captain of the ringers of Merrow Parish Church.

Although he had taken no active part in ringing for many years Mr. Stovell remained interested in the art up to his death and was kept in contact with the Exercise through his grandson, John Etherington, also of Merrow, who is an enthusiastic and proficient ringer.

Mr. Stovell had in earlier days rung a few peals of Minor, including one, at least, of Treble Bob (the first of Treble Bob on Merrow bells) to which he rang the fourth and which peal comprised four Surprise Minor methods and three Treble Bob.

As a tribute to his memory a half-muffled peal of Minor was attempted at Merrow on Monday following the funeral. Unfortunately this came to grief after a 720 of Cambridge Surprise had been successfully negotiated.

A quarter peal of Minor was, however, rung, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob. The ringers were:—R. Wallis 1, J. Etherington 2, Miss P. Warren 3, R. Morant 4, J. Glanville 5, G. L. Grover (conductor) 6.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 14. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major.'

From T-B now to Plain Hunt we'll return
To study 'Double Norwich'; thus to learn
First steps to method structure more complex,
With 'work' repeated — needing frequent checks!

Chief feature's 'Double Court Bob,' where you steer
A path that's 'S'-shaped — places made 'far-near' —
With Treble's plain-hunt path straight through between.
(Squared paper diagram shows what we mean.)
Then turn again, and after Treble fly
To chase it to'rds the 'lead' or to'rds the 'lie.'

In this please note the first important sign
Of 'double' in the title. Its blue line
Shows pattern quite symmetric'ly reversed
From 'lead' to 'lie' and 'lie' to 'lead.' At first
This may appear confusing. But, its aid
Will soon be realised, and progress made
In all these double types. So, simply learn
One 'quarter' of the blue line. Then 'return.'

This method's Court Bob-places shart OR end
With single dodge; 'tho which way will depend
On how they are approached. But first please see
These places all occur in columns three
And four; or five and six. Be on your guard!
Conductors (all) these places will regard,
In turn, as coming 'near' or being 'far.'
From 'front' OR 'back': depending where you are.

'Near Places' always have the dodge at **end.**
'Far Places' **start** with dodge; and then 'S'-bend!

But how to know **which** places we're to take?
For this some further probing we must make.

A. Y-B.

(To be concluded.)

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Jarvis 1, P. Jarvis 2, M. Fensome 3, C. Marshall 4, M. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. Reeves 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, E. J. Parish 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, W. Ransom 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. JOHN'S, STANMORE.—On and from Feb. 24th, practice will be on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.—E. J. Leversuch. 2159

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2127

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. 2115

HEREFORD GUILD.—Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. F. Fox, Kimbolton, Leominster, Herefordshire. 2143

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec 2114

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2021

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Feb. 21st, St. Lawrence, Brentford (6) 3-5.15. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. St. Mary's, Ealing (8), 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. Iver 1039. 2128

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Keymer (6), Feb. 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. 2134

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bretforton on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2133

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices, Wednesdays, Feb. 25th and March 25th, 7.15 p.m., St. Stephen's, West Ealing (65 bus Ealing Broadway to Terminus). No practice February and March Christ Church, Ealing. Practice, Monday, March 2nd, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2170

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Berrow, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 5 to 9 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2124

BILLINGBOROUGH, SLEAFORD, LINCS. Dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Grantham, of the two treble bells to make octave, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Persons requiring tea should send their names to me not later than Monday, 23rd. **This is most important.**—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Street, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 2157

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Guisborough, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 2173

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Sawley (8) on Feb. 28th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th. 2140

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick (6), Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb 25th, to Miss Doreen Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 2152

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Selston (6). Bells 3.45 p.m. Executive meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts. 2167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Werburgh's, Bristol, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Feb. 24th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2148

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Free tea. Names to J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2155

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea for drinking supplied. Members carry own food. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m. 2151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Star Inn 5. Notify, by Feb. 24th, Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Hinckley. 2160

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Lubenham, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by 25th, E. Carter, 57, The Green, Lubenham.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2154

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at Queen's Cafe, Baker Street. All names or numbers to be sent to me by Wednesday, Feb. 25th.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2116

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, King's Lynn. Service 4.30. Tea shops in town. Business after in belfry.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 2166

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. —Meeting at Wooburn, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2162

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild committee will meet at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 2147

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Coulsdon, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 25th, to Miss A. Read, 6, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. 2132

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by 26th, to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 2158

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting Bishop's Sutton, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Monday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover Dictrict.—Annual meeting, Andover (8), Feb. 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5.15, for those who notify by Feb. 26th only.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 2161

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Honiton Clyst, March 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by March 4th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 2156

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Boreham. 2165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By meeting, Barham (St. Laurence not available), Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Numbers for tea, together with cash, please, to me not later than Monday, March 2nd. Elham bells available after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2153

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, March 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 4th, to Mrs. M. White, 48, Cliffe Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Frances M. Laflin, H. E. Taylor. 2144

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Guildford, March 7th. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 p.m., and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A. Club, 5. Names by March 4th to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 2168

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. For tea please notify me by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2174

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — The 65th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 o'clock on March 7th, in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Tickets 14s. 6d. each. Early application with remittance is essential. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2121

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2145

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 11th. Details later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Secretary. 2169

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting, April 25th, at Dudley.—F. Colclough. 2164

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Preliminary notice.—A Ringing Day will be held on May 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m.—L. Evans, The Bronch, Eardisland 2149

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Calne on May 9th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 2171

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REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD STAGER

[Contributed]

IT often struck me as remarkable in my experiences some fifty years ago how many of the prominent conductors of those days were non-smokers. There spring to mind the names of such eminent men in this class as James Pettit, James W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Challis F. Winney, George Williams and William Pye, who none of them were smokers, and one wonders if this can have been a coincidence, for it hardly seems that it can be. I personally only came across two outstanding conductors who were in the habit of smoking, and they were neither of them cigarette addicts. Pettit held very strong views on this subject, and I remember his remarking how often he had seen a ringer turn up for a peal smoking, and he was generally the first to make a mistake in the ringing that followed. He used, I believe, occasionally to smoke a cigar, but was certainly not an habitual smoker.

Here is another peculiar thing about ringers: although it is strenuous exercise those who follow it are not what you would call men of outstanding strength. The late John Murray Hayes was undoubtedly an exception in this respect, for he was a very powerful man, as were the late William T. Cockerill and Arthur Pegler, but the others that I have come across were most of them of the wiry class. Washbrook, one of the most highly skilled of heavy bell ringers, was by no means a physically strong man, yet I have heard his performance in turning in Wells Cathedral tenor to a peal of Treble Ten as a very great heavy bell record by those who were qualified to judge, for the reason of there being such a great difference between the weights of the 9th and the tenor (30 cwt. and 57 cwt.). Incidentally, I was told by Washbrook that he had a hand in training J. M. Hayes in heavy bell ringing. His pupil certainly did him justice.

As one of the older school I feel sure that others of my time must be with me in regretting the fact that the umpiring of handbell peals has been allowed to fall into abeyance, so that it is seldom now that you see an umpire's name mentioned in the record of a peal. It was found necessary to have handbell peals umpired years ago, and as I heard remarked once when this subject was being discussed, human nature has not changed so much since those days. When you come to think of it, other forms of sport or contest are umpired or refereed, and why should a handbell peal be exempt? The difficulty of providing an umpire could easily be overcome by paying a small fee, in which the band could share, although in my day we never found this necessary. I knew a very talented ringer years ago who used to say he would as soon umpire a handbell peal as ring one, it was such an interesting experience. He was true to his word, for he umpired several of the peals in which I took part, and would always come when asked.

In the case of a tower-bell peal the case is different, for there may be several unofficial umpires listening outside. This, however, is not the case with a handbell peal. A ringer who has changed his bells over should not be subject to the temptation of putting them right. We are none of us infallible.

I do not wish to appear too critical, for I am lost in wonder at the things that are being done in the Exercise from day to day, as published in your columns, but I cannot understand the idea of ringing peals of Doubles on rings of six bells. It would be so easy with a little practice to turn the tenor in and ring Minor. I wonder that the Central Council has not made a ruling on this point, for it must sound sacrilegious outside the tower to hear the tenor being drummed in behind hour after hour when there is such an easy remedy, and the interest of the performance would be so much greater for all concerned.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of February 28th, 1913

LONDON

The Ancient Society of College Youths

On Saturday, February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours and 51 minutes

At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5,002 CHANGES

Tenor 41 cwt.

Henry Springall	Treble	John N. Oxborrow	7
Challis F. Winney	2	Frederick Dench	8
Harry R. Pasmore	3	Alfred B. Peck	9
Herbert Langdon	4	John W. Golding	10
Henry R. Newton	5	William T. Cockerill	11
Thomas Faulkner	6	William H. Pasmore	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Non-conducted.

Umpires: Henry Dains (Royal Cumberland Youths) and George W. Wild (College Youths)

This peal was rung upon strictly non-conducted principles, and was the first peal on twelve tower bells rung under these conditions.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30½ *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. MOODY	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	*PHILLIP BARNES	8
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	JACK BRAY	9
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
GEOFFREY M. MAYER	6	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	FRANK A. PENN	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	*FRANK HANSFORD	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	ROGER O. FRY	10
GILBERT H. HARDING	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	11
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG	*Treble*	*PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
ERNEST J. GOWER	2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	6
*JEAN DAWSON	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. HUBBARD. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Ernest J. Bower has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for New Zealand Day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	HARRY SQUIRES	5
CALEB L. SIMCOCK	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
LESLIE SQUIRES	4	GEORGE W. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on February 11th, 1903.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

HERBERT LASKEY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	BERT GOGLE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	WALTER FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method (?). Composition, C.C. Collection of Triples Methods, page 49, no. 2, adapted for P group method.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	*HAROLD J. POOLE	7
*ALFRED BALLARD	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 300th peal together.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

ROBERT H. BEGRIE	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
ANNE B. SPEED	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 50th Surprise method for a peal. The first peal in the method by all and for the Association.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	2	JOHN WORTH	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Sperring, for many years a ringer at this church.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 of Bristol, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	CYRIL TANSELL	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
In this composition all the bells do all the work of each method. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 ST. VALENTINE'S IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
R. GORDON CORBY	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 248).

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DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	ALBERT W. DYER	5
EDMOND C. ATYEO	2	THOMAS J. SETTER	6
*TREVOR E. MARKS	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	SIDNEY W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Triples.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
JOHN H. SITCH	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
*PERCY GREEN	4	*PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of Mr. George Green's first peal, which was rung on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1890.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

R. J. HOUSDEN (Sel.)	*Treble*	R. D. EDGE (Queens')	5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. SCOTT	5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	6
CUTHBERT W. R. POWELL	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
*†CANON C. CAREW COX	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CANON C. CAREW COX.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 125th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the conductor's 25th year as Vicar of Lyme Regis. Last peal on these bells before their removal to the foundry for recasting

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*MICHAEL LAKIN (14)	*Treble*	WALTER GLASSPOOL	5
†BETTY FAITHFULL	2	TOM CHAPMAN	6
*BERYL PITTAWAY (13)	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
†CHARLES TAYLOR	4	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Betty Denby once a ringer at this church, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Reeves' Five-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

HENRY HURST	*Treble*	RONALD BIRCH	5
H. DAVID HOLLAND	2	GEORGE R. HINER	6
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	7
WILLIAM HOLLAND	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 4th.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN WARDLE	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
CHAS. WM. KING	2	*A. H. HAWCROFT	6
S. H. STEEL	3	JOHN J. TAYLOR	7
*WILLIAM GRAVES	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on augmented ring of eight bells.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ROYSTON PURCHASE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	JAMES BROOKS	6
FREDERICK SCOTT	3	A. JAMES GLASS	7
WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	4	BRIAN TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
ARTHUR MASON	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN McDONALD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
A 21st birthday compliment to Eileen Burton, of Aylestone, Leicester.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb. in G.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	*HARRY HALL	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	PHILLIP BARNES	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PETER N. BOND	7
GEORGE W. MOODY	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	JOHN E. FOX	4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
EDWARD BARKER	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Dungay, on completing 50 years as ringer and verger at this church. Also to the ringer of the 3rd, who has completed 50 years as a ringer and conductor and is still going strong.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROY HALL	*Treble*	DENNIS ALLSOP	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*ALLAN CHAPMAN	5
PETER J. THOMAS	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal in two Doubles methods.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 48, 50, 51, 29, 34, 28 (version of) and 28. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT T. SMITH	*Treble*	FRED C. GIFFORD	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
HENRY SHARP	3	P. JOHN WILKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	*JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
H. BENJAMIN BULL	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of seven years as Rector of this church. Also to mark his Induction to the Vicarage of Great Stukeley (in plurality with All Saints'). Rung by the Sunday service band.

PRESHUTE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	*T. ARTHUR PALMER	4
*PAULINE MANNING	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5
*CYRIL SAVAGE	3	PETER ANGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the 5th.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
C. HENRY HARDING	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
ALLAN S. SMITH	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

A birthday compliment to C. H. Harding.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two blocks of 2,160 and one of 720. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM E. GREEN	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
RONALD APPLEWHITE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	MOSES BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

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

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of: 1, Double Bob; 2, Cambridge Surprise; 3, Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob; 4, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; 5, St. Clement's and Childwall; 6, Single Oxford Bob; 7, Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	BRIAN TAYLOR	4
JEFFERY C. BIRT	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in ten methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the birthday of the Rector of Clewer, the Rev. C. Dymoke-Marr.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of three extents each of All Saints, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
*JOHN HARROLD	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in fourteen methods.

Rung with clappers half-muffled in memoriam the late Mr. F. W. Dunkley, churchwarden.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Single Court, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

JOHN R. WORSDALL	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN	4
GEOFFREY PAUL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
HERBERT LOWMAN	3	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire, 4 each of Northrepps, April Day, Canterbury and Southrepps. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARY TAYLOR	*Treble*	THOMAS H. EARBY	4
†ROBERT D. FLOWERS	2	†CYRIL W. WALTON	5
†GEORGE A. JAMES	3	*T. ALAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. JAMES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods by all the band. This is the first band of ringers from Barkby to ring a peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mary Taylor.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	2	*JAMES BROOKS	5
*MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in six Minor methods. 50th peal as conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
FRANK PEARSON	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in more than one method.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	4
MRS. C. K. LEWIS	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	3	*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
*First peal in the method.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and one of St. Clement"s. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	*WILLIAM MEASURES ..	5
AMOS INGALL	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
*First peal in four methods.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*VALERIE WICKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE..	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	PETER J. RYE	5
*THOMAS A. WICKENS ..	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.
*First peal of Minor. Rung on St. Valentine's Day, and on the birthday of Miss Valerie Wicks.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOREEN DUTTON	*Treble*	RONNIE KENRICK	4
ROBERT CRITCHLEY	2	WILLIAM FARRIMOND ..	5
JACK POUNDS	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. W. Farrimond.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb, 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's Arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*MARGARET SMITH	*Treble*	DORIS SHEPPARD	4
†LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
†JOAN BUSSEY	3	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
*First peal. † 50th peal together.

HAVERHILL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROSEMARY SEABROOK ..	*Treble*	FELIX BENSLEY	4
*JOHN COOTE	2	SAMUEL TWITCHETT ..	5
*MALCOLM WEBB	3	*HARRY CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.
*First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one 720 each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	4
*ROY L. SHUTTER	2	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
*First peal in more than one method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Dominey, wife of the Vicar.



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BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods: (i) London and Wells, (ii) Beverley, Berwick, York, Hexham, Surfleet and Durham, (iii) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (iv) Lightfoot and Rossendale, (v) Beverley and Surfleet, (vi) York and Durham, (vii) Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ARTHUR WADE	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR ..	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ..	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 16 methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Rowlands, of Woodford, Essex, and grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Rowlands, of Bourne.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	*Treble*	DENIS J. WOODHAMS ..	4
MICHAEL N. BLAND ..	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
*MARIE K. ROBERTS ..	3	CYRIL A. HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	*Treble*	GEORGE CASE	4
HENRY O. BAKER	2	*JACK TILSTONE	5
JACK HUGHES	3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal in the method.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two extents of Single Oxford, three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN FISHER	*Treble*	*J. MALCOLM FRANKLIN ..	4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR	2	ROBERT J. TOYNTON ..	5
JOSEPH W. BAILY	3	RONALD PADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Rigg.

HANDBELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, five different.

JEANNETTE A. ROSE	1—2	ALAN E. PEDLER	3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	5—6		

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Parsons 1, R. Harbour (first quarter) 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8. First in the method for 1 and 3.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Phillips 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, Miss R. M. Cooper 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, P. C. Taylor 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. C. Taylor.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Hitchcock 1, T. J. V. Search 2, Miss E. M. Bridges 3, F. W. Soden 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, M. J. Collett 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. A birthday compliment to the foreman, Mr. W. J. Dixon.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hill-Baldwin 1, F. Smewing 2, J. N. Money (first as cond.) 3, G. Garlick 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Eccott 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Garlick and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fletcher.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Crook (first quarter) 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Bird 3, W. Buller 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5, R. Purchase 6. Rung on the 12th birthday of the treble ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Pipe 1, J. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. E. Lester (first quarter in method) 3, H. D. Lister 4, W. J. Button 5, C. W. Pipe 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, R. W. Steward 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roberts 1, A. W. Bond 2, Rev. A. L. Minns 3, A. Rogers 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. Rothery 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Hinchcliffe 8. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, A. Rothery 2, A. Rogers 3, F. Linfoot 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. V. Whelpton (first of Grandsire away from tenor) 1, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 2, K. H. Treweek 3, R. E. Woods 4, R. C. Turner 5, T. Page 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marshall 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, Miss Y. E. Eloie 3, Miss Ann Cox (first with a bob bell) 4, S. Breeze 5, C. Hazelden (cond.) 6, R. Kenward 7, L. B. Luing 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Margaret's, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, E. J. Parish (first quarter in method) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. D. Whitehead (first quarter of Surprise) 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. King 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss J. Smith 3, J. King 4, B. Calcombe 5, J. Brent 6, F. J. Dodson (cond.) 7, W. Massey 8. Rang half-muffled in memory of the late W. Guy, verger at the church, who was cremated earlier the same day.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Blondell 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, D. Howells (first quarter in method) 4, G. W. Morris 5, W. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Cobb, for many years a Heston ringer.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Leaning 1, R. Newman 2, E. F. Pryor 3, Miss D. A. Deverell 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, G. C. Briggs 7, M. W. Barnard 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Feb. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. D. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Albanian Surprise Royal: Miss E. Farrell 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, Mrs. C. J. Mathhews 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, J. Mayne 8, F. J. Matthews 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in the method by all.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of the Emmanuel, Everton, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E Davies 1, T. Riley 2, Mrs. W. Henshaw 3, T. Larkey 4, C. Henshaw (cond.) 5, T. E. Radcliffe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. An 80th birthday compliment to W. Larkey, father of No. 4.

LONDON.—At St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Parry 1, H. Howson 2, I. M. Parry 3, W. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5. First quarter since the rehanging of these bells. Rung by the Stamford Hill band.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Mann 1, A. Day 2, Vera Look 3, W. Bottrill 4, A. Rushton 5, J. Scott 6, A. Smith 7, H. Wood 8, H. Burton (first as cond.) 9, R. Kendall 10. First of Royal by 2 and 6. Rung as farewell to Miss Vera Look, who is going back to Somerset.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Feb 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Miss B. Poole 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, M. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, P.C. W. Wayman (first of Triples) 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, C. E. Jefferies 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Townsend (14, first of Triples) 1, T. Tebbut (cond.) 2, W. Ashby 3, F. Burgess 4, J. A. Townsend 5, T. Deacon 6, G. Roome 7, E. Baldwin 8. Arranged for J. A. and B. J. Townsend, of Armitage, Staffs.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lippiatte (13) 1, E. Connock 2, R. O. Fry 3, Miss E. Bond 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Butt 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Feb. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, Miss M. A. Swann 2, Miss N. E. Swann 3, Miss A. B. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, E. W. Colley 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 6 and 7.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Page 1, J. R. Faithfull 2, D. Brown 3, D. C. Williams 4, Miss N. Leahy 5, Miss K. Knight (first on 10) 6, W. G. Glasspool 7, J. W. Faithfull 8, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 9, M. J. Butler 10. Rung as a farewell to Dennis Brown on joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. A. Prockson, 2 Miss E. M. Fadden 3, A. W. Coles 4, W. D. Prockson 5, S. G. Peck 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, J. W. Euston 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, R. H. Begrie 10. A birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Fadden.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Anger 1, Miss P. Manning 2, C. Savage (first of Stedman) 3, G. W. Townsend 4, E. J. Berry 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, R. G. Townsend 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Hales 1, J. Hales (first 'inside') 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. First in method for 1 and 2.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): C. Cousins 1, W. Cousins 2, S. G. Elsey 3, H. Follen 4, W. R. Wiskin 5, E. H. Maslin (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pam Peel, a member of the local band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (720 York and 552 Norwich): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. Cannell 6. First extent of York for all except conductor.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Insp. J. W. Adshead 1, P.C. W. Wayman 2, P.S. N. J. Gibson 3, Ex-P.S. C. R. Harding 4, S.C. G. Mizen 5, P.C. W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a tribute to the late Mr. W. E. Wakefield, Chief Superintendent of Police, Gloucester City.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Reeves 1, F. Atkinson 2, H. Walker 3, D. Forth 4, J. E. Dews 5, H. Fordes 6, S. H. Steel (cond.) 7, J. Bower (first quarter) 8. Rung to welcome H.M. Judges of Assize to the city. Miss Reeves is the first lady to ring a quarter peal at the Minster.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Secretary for Western Division

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene on February 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 at Heene and the neighbouring tower of West Tarring. Canon Wilkinson conducted the service, at which he taught those present a new bell-ringers' hymn from the latest edition of 'Ancient and Modern,' which was very much appreciated.

An excellent tea was provided by the Canon, who was thanked in conjunction with the organist when he had to leave to take evensong.

At the meeting which followed, the Master of the County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) presided. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for William Avann and Sidney Ansell, after which six new members were elected.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a steady increase in reserves.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood; secretary, Mr. W. L. Weller; committee, Mr. E. Treagus and Mr. R. P. Wood; auditor, Miss S. Richardson.

Mr. R. P. Wood voiced the opinion of the division when he said that they were sorry that Mr. Treagus was giving up the secretaryship. He thanked Mr. Treagus for his very efficient work, which he said had been of a very high standard. The meeting was shown a toilet set in a leather case by Mr. R. G. Blackman, who proposed that it should be sent to Mr. Treagus when the latter's initials had been engraved upon it.

The meeting approved of a grant being made to Itchingfield for the renovation of their bells, and the business closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. White for arranging the tea, and to Mr. Armstrong for presiding.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 14a. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major'
(Concluded)

Analysis of D.N. will reveal
A most amazing fact. And you may feel
You've been misled; since you were told its kind
Is 'plain hunt'; when, in fact, we now shall find
All bells (save Treble) work on T-B plan.
(Let's try to put this simply, if we can !)

Arriving at the 'lie' or at the 'lead'—
(It helps to draw the blue line as you read)
Unless the Treble's there, you dodge twice. Then
A whole pull make and then dodge twice again.

But if the Treble's there, this you can't do.
So, whole pull first, then double dodge, for you !
But now suppose you'd dodged twice, (then whole pull)
And try to finish off this work, (called 'Full')
But Treble comes, last dodges to prevent,—
You'll have to leave them out, and be content !

From dodging, (whether on the front or back)
On T-B path proceed along your track.
But if the Treble's met, (save in four/five)
You'll change this T-B path; so look alive !

If, just as you've left 'Full work,' Treble's met,
Omit next dodge and to 'Far Places' get !
But if she's turned you 'off'—'Near Places' make,
(With dodge at end). Then off, to 'Full Work' take.

The Bob is sixth's place. Back bells dodge thrice more !
The Single—sixth's and seventh's. Eighth as before.

A. Y-B.

(Next: 'Cambridge Surprise.')

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one New Members Elected at Edmonton

A mixed company attended the North and East District meeting held at All Saints', Edmonton, on February 14th, as whilst there were members from seven affiliated towers present, the company welcomed ringing friends who included A. G. Cooke (Bampton, Devon), R. Currie (Winchester Cathedral) and J. Hartless (Ringwood). A very warm welcome was extended by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Knight, once an active ringer, who conducted a shortened evensong service during which he surveyed with thankfulness the amount of restoration work to the church fabric and now nearing satisfactory completion.

At the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, 21 new members were elected to the Association, they being Mr. and Mrs. W. George (Edmonton), J. M. Anthony, B. J. Graves, B. W. Huntley, J. G. Pitcher, D. J. Priest, C. W. Simpson, C. E. Slade, J. Waters, Miss M. C. Howe and Miss B. L. Huntley (Harrow), A. Fudge, N. Fudge, M. King, T. Ryman, D. T. C. Smith (Kingsbury), W. Riddleston, A. Robson, E. J. Rowe and Miss P. Lentz (Stamford Hill). An amount of 11s. 6d. was collected for the Bells Restoration Fund.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. S. W. Knight, to Mr. P. J. Coward and to his mother and other lady helpers at tea time for their parts in ensuring a successful meeting. Ringing in the tower comprised a good variety of methods and included a 'surprise' touch of Erin Triples, ably brought round by D. Beard, a promising young conductor. T. J.

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Our readers will extend their congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on ringing his 500th peal on 12 bells. It is without parallel in the annals of the Exercise.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A Scotsman, sitting in his own home in Edinburgh, overheard Newport (Salop) Parish Church bells being pealed and was so taken aback that he asked what they were. He was holding a telephone conversation with a Newport business man who lives close to the Parish Church, and the bells were being pealed at the time. What made it all the more significant was that it was Hogmanay which the Scot thought Salopians did not celebrate.

In ringing her first peal at Barkby, Leics, on February 14th, Miss M. Taylor became the first lady to ring a peal in the tower.

The use of initials instead of full names can lead to confusion. The 'G. P.' referred to in the tour of South Lincolnshire is Geoffrey Paul and not Geoffrey Parker.

The peal at Cottenham, Cambs, reported this week, was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine Dunnington, of St. Ives, Hunts. Her father is a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Ives.

In connection with the fourth centenary of the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, on May 20th, there will be special ringing for the thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. Any old boys who are interested are asked to communicate with the Editor.

A big surprise came to Michael Lakin, a 14-year-old ringer at Winchester Cathedral, on February 14th. At 11 a.m. he was asked to stand in his first peal at North Stoneham that day and, according to the conductor, Mr. R. A. Reed, he and Beryl Pittaway (13), who was also having her first introduction to peal ringing, rang extremely well. They travelled down with Mr. W. Parrott, who, during the peal, sat in the church and checked every call and part-end and also timed each part. Steady ringing was required on the fourth where there was no stay.

The first peal on the augmented eight bells at Snaith Priory Church took place on February 14th. The band included Mr. William King, who rang in the first peal on the six bells on October 14th, 1911. In addition, Mr. King, along with Messrs. W. Graves, J. J. Taylor and Leslie M. Woodhead, took part in the last peal on the six bells on May 12th, 1950.

On Candlemas Day (February 2nd) the York Minster Society commenced its centenary year.

Memorial peals appear in our columns this week to Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and Mr. S. J. Hector.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council's recommendations on Coronation Day ringing will appear in our next issue.

We have an interesting list of 200 peals in the office without the identity of the sender attached to the sheet. Any claimants?

The oldest former member of the Central Council living is probably Mr. Joseph Ashmole, of Northwich, who celebrated his 90th birthday on February 5th. He has been a ringer for 75 years.

Congratulations to Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe, Lincs, who rang the seventh to a peal of Grandsire Triples in his own tower on February 11th, as he did for his first peal 50 years before in the same method. The only other survivor is Mr. John Paley, of Timberland.

Unnecessary delay occurs when communications intended for publication are sent to the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee. These should be addressed to the Editor. Will those sending in peals please write on one side of a sheet of paper and if a quarter peal is enclosed write it on a separate sheet. There is no saving of paper as the peals and quarter peals have to be copied out.

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DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH CENTENARY

Fire of February 28th, 1853, Recalled

IT would be hard to imagine Doncaster without its Parish Church. The traveller by rail, journeying north from King's Cross, looks out from his carriage window to see its great tower dominating the town, and from the Great North Road the view is of a building magnificent and commanding. It was so in centuries past and still is to-day.

But anyone who got up late on Monday morning, February 28th, 1853, would have been greeted with the shocking news that the church had been burned down in the night. It is unlikely, however, that many people at Doncaster were up late that morning. Thousands were in the nearby streets in the small hours, where the blaze of light from the burning church was so intense that you might have seen to pick up a pin from the pavement.

It was at ten minutes past one that the cry, 'Fire!' was first raised. By four o'clock it had spent its fury and the church was in ruins. 'An immense multitude had assembled. They were awed into perfect silence. Not a voice was heard. Tears fell from many an eye. They stood with amazement, and half-frenzied with sorrow. The temple of their forefathers was gone.'

The bells had crashed into the ruins and melted in the blaze below. Four tons of melted bell metal was found in the tangled mass of masonry. The organ was totally destroyed—that noble instrument of which Dr. Edward Miller, a pupil of Dr. Burney, who was friend of the great Dr. Johnson, had been organist for 52 years. Miller was not only an organist and a composer, but a literary figure and historian of Doncaster. But he is most famous as composer of the tune 'Rockingham,' to which is sung the hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous cross.'

DECISION TO REBUILD

The sorrow at the destruction soon turned to resolution. A public meeting was held in the Guildhall on March 7th, presided over by the Mayor. The following is one resolution which was passed: 'That this meeting, deeply deploring the loss which the town has sustained by the almost total destruction of the Parish Church by fire, deem it necessary that measures be adopted for the immediate rebuilding of a Parish Church.'

At a first meeting of collectors on March 11th, it was announced that the subscriptions already promised totalled £8,050. By March 24th the total was £14,000. Gifts had been received from near and far, from the Archbishop of York and from Her Majesty the Queen. The total cost of rebuilding was £45,128 4s. 5d.

The services of the most notable church architect in the country, Sir George Gilbert Scott, were obtained, and on the first anniversary of the fire the foundation stone of the new building was laid by the Archbishop of York. Just over four and a half years later, on October 14th, 1858, he was back again to consecrate the new church.



DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH TO-DAY

FACELESS CLOCK

The new ring of eight bells, tenor 30¼ cwt., had been recast by Warner and Sons, reconstituted in part from the recovered bell metal found in the ruins. A powerful clock was placed in the tower, which, together with its unusual chimes, had been designed by Mr. Beckett Dennison (later Lord Grimthorpe), who also designed Big Ben. The Doncaster clock started striking on October 23rd, 1858, and Big Ben in November of the same year, so for a very few weeks Doncaster could claim the greatest clock in the country. But unlike Big Ben, this clock has no face.

The successor to Dr. Miller as organist, Jeremiah Rogers, was determined that the new Doncaster organ should be the best possible. So Edmund Schultze (whose work was known in England through his exhibit at the Great Exhibition of 1851) came over from Weimar to build the great five manual organ, which was for many years the largest in the country. While it was being constructed many organ builders came to Doncaster to see the work which was being done; and its influence on the development of organ building in this country has been considerable. It was first played in September, 1862.

ON THE AIR

The bells which were placed in the tower of 1858 were recast by John Taylor and Co. in 1939, and rededicated in March, 1940. All who have heard them agree that they are a magnificent ring, with a tenor of 30 cwt. 17 lb., almost exactly the same weight as the previous bells. During the past year they have been heard on the occasion of a broadcast service from Doncaster and, more recently still, for a very short space of time at the beginning of a televised service. Anyone who did not hear them on either of these occasions will have yet another opportunity in May of this year, when the service from Doncaster is again to be broadcast.



THE RUINED CHURCH AFTER THE FIRE OF FEBRUARY 28th, 1853

HALF PEAL

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 7th, in 1 hour 55 mins., 2,583 Stedman Caters: Edward J. Chivers 1, Percy W. Hall 2, Albert M. Tyler (cond.) 3, David J. King 4, George W. Massey 5, George Prescott 6, Victor Savage 7, Harry J. Sanger 8, Roger O. Fry 9, Leonard Derrick 10.

ABBEY RINGERS' PART IN CORONATION CEREMONY

Bells To Be Fired As Queen Is Crowned

By JOHN SHAND

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BELL-RINGERS will be busy on Coronation Day. The day would not seem complete without the cheerful noise of church bells ringing. It is a traditional English noise and will sound in belfries large and small from St. Paul's Cathedral to the remotest village church.

A proud band of ringers will be those London members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who serve Westminster Abbey. High up in the belfry tower, unseen, unseeing, they will patiently pass the hours from early morning awaiting the signal which will come about midday to tell them Queen Elizabeth II. has been crowned. For at the moment of crowning, the climax of the service, they must 'fire' the bells, a joyous clanging of all the bells by pulling the ropes simultaneously. After a few minutes of this exuberant noise another signal will silence the bells again until all ceremony is ended and the crowned Queen prepares to show herself to her loyal subjects in the streets. Then the Abbey bells will sound once more, roaring over the roof-tops, shouting the news to the people below: The crowned Queen is come!

That will be the moment the bell-ringers have waited for, then they will really let themselves go; nor will they stop ringing until the evening. For they will ring the bells as becomes those who belong to the oldest society of English bell-ringers. The Abbey band of eight ringers will certainly attempt to ring a complete peal, probably a peal of Stedman Triples which, if its 5,040 changes are well and truly rung, without slip or error, will be proudly recorded on a wall tablet, as are other complete peals previously rung in honour of a royal day. The tablet of April 26th, 1923, for example, records that in honour of the marriage of Prince Albert Fredk. Anthony George, Duke of York, and the Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, 'there was rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, consisting of five thousand and fifty-six changes in three hours and twenty-four minutes.'

INTO THE BELFRY

It is a long climb to the Abbey ringing chamber up a narrow, winding staircase, rather like mounting a high castle tower. If you want to see how high, without the fatigue of climbing, stand in Victoria Street and look up at the north-west tower; the ringing chamber is behind the clockface. If you then walk into the Abbey by the west door and look left as you enter the little, secretive, arched opening in the wall behind the Marquis of Salisbury's tomb and facing the huge monument to Lord Howe erected in 1759 by 'the Province of Massachusetts in New England' is the entrance to the staircase. There are 164 steps to mount.

If the eight bells of the Abbey are in motion by the time you reach the belfry the noise, of course, is deafening. But what may make you giddy is the swaying of the whole tower in obedience to the swinging tons of metal, a motion marked enough to make the stranger momentarily cling to the walls and, if he peeps through the open parapet, to give him a vertiginous sensation that the ground so far below is moving too. After being thus rocked by the bells for a few minutes, it seems altogether more comfortable in the ringing chamber.

Even more gingerly than you climbed up the dark swaying staircase, you descend, gratefully, into the lighted ringing chamber, where the noise of the bells is muted, and the tower does not seem to sway so much, to watch the friendly gentlemen at the ropes calmly ringing the bells in that fascinating ordered sequence which makes English bell-music unique in sound and composition.

The conductor of the Abbey band of ringers is Mr. H. N. Pitstow, a cashier; his seven companions are Mr. H. Belcher, draughtsman, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, printer, Mr. J. Philips, painter, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. W. S. Langdon and Mr. W. H. Pasmore, who are all three retired from business, and Mr. H. Langdon, shipping agent, who also conducts the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, and who once conducted the longest peal ever recorded, a peal of Stedman Caters, 21,363 changes, in just over twelve hours.

These bell-ringers at the Abbey have a long lineage. A Patent Roll of 1255 records the King's grant of one hundred shillings a year to the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster 'who are appointed to ring the great bells,' and the grant lays down that the Brethren are 'to enjoy all privileges and free customs they have enjoyed from the time of Edward the Confessor,' a statement that implies a respectable ancestry indeed. The descent has not been quite perfectly uninterrupted; but that is a misfortune which can happen in the best families.

While the Abbey ringers were standing recently by the bell-ropes, waiting to ring a few 'touches' after a special service, those who were present in 1937 to ring at the Coronation of King George VI. recalled the pleasures and fatigues of that memorable day, doubly memorable because 1937 was also the tercentenary year of their ancient society. For the ringers, as for the nobility and gentry, Coronation Day began at dawn when, loaded with sandwiches and flasks of hot tea, they set out from their homes to meet at St. James' underground station. From that point they pushed their way in a body to the annexe built (as it will be built again next year) against the West door of the Abbey.

GOOD CHEER

Safe upstairs in their ringing chamber the ringers made themselves as comfortable as they could, resigned to their long wait. They were cheered by the presence of a large hamper of food from Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, Sacrist of the Abbey, Superintendent of the Belfry, and its learned historian. He had not forgotten that his ringers would be hungry between seven o'clock in the morning and early evening, the period during which they could not leave the tower; a substantial meal was also provided for them at the end of the day by the Dean and Chapter. Food and conversation and visits to the tower roof to enjoy the magnificent view of the waiting crowds helped to pass the slow hours away.

About midday they got the proper signal and 'fired' the bells. Then, about three o'clock, the last signal told them that the service was over, and they set out with a will to ring a full peal. Mr. Pitstow called the peal, as he will in June, and they completed their 5,040 changes in a little over three hours. Some of them were not content with this triumph, but, tired as they were, went along to the Imperial Institute. Here, having climbed to the highest ring of bells in London, they celebrated the day with another hour at the ropes, honouring thus the request of the Australian donor that these bells should be rung only for some royal occasion.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting at Merthyr

Those who braved the cold and snow to attend the quarterly meeting at Merthyr on February 14th were rewarded with a very enjoyable gathering, about 45 visitors and friends attending. It was hoped that by holding this meeting at Merthyr, local interest would be revived as the bells had not been rung regularly for about three years. Whether this object has been achieved remains to be seen.

Th ringing arrangements were ably conducted by Miss Jacqueline Evans, the popular Master of the Association, who saw that the less advanced got their fair share of the ringing. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector through sickness the curate, the Rev. Bernard Spurry, met early arrivals and extended to them a hearty welcome.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the curate, the singing being led by the choir. A bountiful tea was provided in St. David's Hall by the local Ladies' Guild and was much appreciated. On a proposition by Mr. Arthur Hoare the ladies were duly thanked.

At the business meeting Mr. Don Clarke reported that a new band had been formed at Bassaleg and was very keen. The secretary reported that Llandaff Cathedral bells had arrived back but he had no information about when they were likely to be dedicated. New members included the newly-formed Radyr band, who, under the tuition of Mr. W. Dare, are making very good progress. Those elected numbered twelve. One familiar face was missing, and the meeting regretted that, owing to the state of his health, Mr. J. W. Jones was unable to be present. Mr. T. Roderick proposed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to him.

The bells were again available after the meeting and were made good use of. If the meeting achieves its object it can be said to have been very successful.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Meeting of N.W. Branch at Pyworthy

The annual meeting of the North-West Branch took place at Pyworthy on February 14th, when over 30 ringers from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bude, Okehampton, Plymouth (St. Andrew's & Emmanuel), Petrockstowe, Poughill, Pyworthy, Stratton and Sutcombe were present.

Many touches were rung during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. P. James), who gave the address and a hearty welcome. The Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (Rector of Sutcombe) read the lesson. Everybody was delighted to see the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) looking so well. He had come from Carbis Bay and left rather early for Ottery.

The tea, provided by local ladies, took place in the Rectory barn, after which the business of the branch was carried through with Mr. Ravenhill in the chair. The report and balance sheet were passed. The accounts showed a credit of £5 13s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected: Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (treasurer and secretary), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), with Messrs. R. Collacot, F. Sangwin and Rev. E. P. James (representatives to the General Committee). Messrs. H. Heard and D. Prouse were elected as members of the Guild.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting be held at Bradworthy on February 11th, 1954.

Mr. F. C. Smale proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. James and the local ringers, the organist and the ladies who provided such an excellent tea. Some discussion followed concerning what may be done by the branch at the time of the Coronation, and it was agreed that Messrs. J. W. and Fred Sangwin should arrange for a peal at Holsworthy within the period.

All the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and at 6.30 p.m. many ringers went to Holsworthy, where touches of Triples were brought round

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORDINGS OF EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The note of appreciation from Mr. C. A. Bassett in 'The Ringing World' and mention of our recordings by Mr. E. J. Taylor recently prompt me to write you; firstly on the principle of 'credit where credit is due' and secondly to give some indication of what may be expected.

Therefore firstly would I say that the local band did not make the recordings. Why, I will briefly explain. Our bells had been used previously by the B.B.C. and it was found that they recorded very well; in addition to this I think any of your readers who have rung on them will agree that they are a very fine ring, and the Rev. Martin Willson, of the British Broadcasting Company, also holds this view. So it was that I was approached by this gentleman regarding the making of a series of records for use on the Light and West Programmes. At the same time it was suggested by him that they should be made at a fairly slow pace so that the general public could the more easily appreciate the changing of the bells in their order as the various touches proceeded. (We finally made all the records in this way with the exception on ringing on the front six.) A series of touches on the ten, the back eight, the back six and the front six was arranged, each to be complete in itself on one side of a record. Further, the touches included Caters, Major, Triples, Minor and Doubles.

It must be fairly obvious that to complete such a programme would be no mean task and a keen, versatile band of ringers would be required. I am very proud of my own band of ringers, they are, in the main, young, and are learning—may I repeat LEARNING—to ring very well, as any who have rung with them will, I think, agree. To expect them, however, to cope with such a programme as I have outlined was quite out of the question. I therefore gathered together a band of ringing friends who had experience in ringing the methods required and could be expected to strike their bells well at the slow beat.

In the first instance I enlisted the help of Mr. J. T. Dyke who conducted all the touches; other ringers taking part were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Kimber, Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, J. Topp, G. W. Massey, E. Chivers and P. Hull, with A. J. White and myself of the local band. Two practices were made of the proposed list of recordings and finally the records were made. Unfortunately the elements did their utmost to spoil the show but we did eventually make a quite pleasing set of records. Recording was started on the higher numbers and proceeded down the scale, the light six coming last.

We all found this heavy session to be very tiring; the concentration and care that an effort of this sort involves has to be experienced to be appreciated, and I'm afraid tiredness did affect to some extent one or two of the last efforts made. The complete list of the final records made is as follows: Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Double Court Minor and Grandsire Doubles, these last two rung on both the front and back six, making nine records in all. It is probable that only the six-bell ringing will be heard on the Light Programme at 7.57 on Sunday mornings but, at the moment, I am not sure of this. Any of the records may be heard on the West Regional as interval signals or for other purposes in the future.

In conclusion I would like to say a word about the B.B.C. We in the West enjoy very much the co-operation of the Rev. Martin Willson, the West Regional Director of Religious Broadcasting, in all matters relating to the B.B.C. and bellringing, a situation which we owe in the main to the considerable amount of pioneer work put in in this direction by Mr. J. T. Dyke in building up a good relationship with the B.B.C.

We often read in 'The Ringing World' strong criticism of the B.B.C. May I say that I feel it is perhaps too easy to lay blame on their shoulders. We might do well to remember that this body is made up of individuals, each of whom has a job to do in a proper manner; moreover in many cases split-second timing is essential to perfect results and whilst the B.B.C. personnel are near perfect in this respect, we, as ringers, in many cases just haven't a clue. I'm quite sure that if we all co-operated to the full we should have little cause for grumbling. I would like to know that the excellent conditions which prevail in the West applied to the whole of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully.

H. J. SANGER.

LISCARD IMPERIAL BOB

Dear Sir,—With regard to the note at the foot of the first column of page 105 of 'The Ringing World' of February 13th, regarding the composition for the peal at Liscard, the composition, No. 13, is ascribed to Sir A. P. Heywood in the Central Council Collection of Peals of 1904, for Double Oxford, but in the new collection of Plain Major methods this composition is ascribed to H. W. Wilde. It would, however, appear that the former is correct, but perhaps the compilers of the latter book will verify this.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

PEALS OF MINOR AT HORSELL

Dear Sir,—I noticed in 'The Ringing World' of February 13th a footnote to a peal rung at Horsell on January 27th: 'Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.' A peal in seven methods was rung on June 12th, 1920, conducted by H. Chaffey, also a peal in three methods (three extents Oxford, three extents Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob) on September 3rd, 1924, conducted by G. Gilbert. I would not even claim that the seven method peal was the first. Probably S. Petter, of Worplesdon, would know of others.—Yours truly,

H. J. CHAFFEY.

Windlesham.

CALL CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When writing the notes on this subject—'The Ringing World,' November 21st last—I was fully conscious of the strictly limited confines of interest to be found in this method of change ringing.

There must have been many amongst call change ringers who have a rudimentary knowledge of method ringing and what it means, yet seem to hold back when it comes to the point of 'having a shot at it.' There is scarcely any limit of interest when the first elementary principles are mastered.

The letter of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott shows clearly the state of affairs that exist in Devon, and I offer thanks to him and Mr. Taylor for the particulars they have given. The rally was indeed a memorable occasion; the large congregation in the Cathedral and the crowd outside, after the service, were wonderful.

I find that my one and only peal in Devon, Bob Major, was rung on Saturday, December 27th, 1902, at Heavitree. Your correspondent, W. Shepherd, rang the tenor. A footnote to the peal states: 'Rung half-muffled on occasion of interment of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, formerly Bishop of Exeter.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middx.

KENT MAXIMUS AT ASHTON

Dear Sir,—It is with uneasiness that these lines are penned, for apparently I have been misunderstood yet again in my last letter.

The peal of Kent Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was rung for the local Society, as originally recorded. Under 20 peals from Minor to Maximus have been rung by the same band as rang this peal, but **only** the latter was for the Ashton official body.

I trust that this will clear up the matter, and, in view of the probability of being regarded as a general nuisance, would not have written again but for two reasons, namely:—

(1) Our wish to return the hospitality of the Ashton ringers by ringing the peal concerned for their Society. (The statement in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' may have caused some consternation.)

(2) After replying to the inquiry which you took the trouble to make, confirming that the peal in question was rung for the Ashton Society and no other besides, I should not like you, yourself, sir, to think I had gone back on this.

If I have failed again to give a clear account 'There shall be much weeping and gnashing of teeth'!!—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

W. Bridgford, Notts.

CHERWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—On perusing through last year's 'Ringing Worlds' I came across a method—Cherwell Surprise Major—in the issue of January 11th, 1952, also a composition to the method, both being the product of E. W. Tipler. I recognise the figures as being a composition of the late Henry Dains, running true to Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, New Cambridge and Painswick, and published as such in the C.C.C.'s publication of 'Popular Major Methods,' peal number eleven, page 26.

As Cherwell wasn't in existence in H. Dains' day, he couldn't possibly add it to the above list, but I very much doubt if Mr. Tipler can claim it as his original composition. Figures as under.

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Can this be clarified, please, with apologies to Mr. E. W. Tipler?—Yours faithfully,

J. CLEGG.

West Didsbury, Lancs.

'THE BRIDES OF ENDERBY'

Dear Sir,—Could any reader tell me the origin of 'The Brides of Enderby'? In Jean Ingelow's ballad 'The High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire, 1571,' this tune was played by the ringers on the bells of Boston Church to warn the countryside of impending disaster.

Is there, or was there ever, such a tune, and, if so, was the ringing of it on church bells a warning peculiar to Lincolnshire, or one used throughout the country in times of peril—or merely a Victorian 'poet's licence'?

Incidentally, was it ever recorded how many people were drowned in that other Saturday night flood, over 350 years ago?—Yours, etc.,

URSULA M. PILKINGTON.

Guildford.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson (aged 12, first quarter) 1, R. Franklin 2, A. Cross 3, W. Welling 4, A. H. Bates 5, D. W. Stone (first as cond.) 6, F. R. H. Scott 7, G. Coussins 8.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY REUNION

Facts and Fancies at Annual Dinner

The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society was held on Saturday, January 31st.

The day's ringing commenced at Keynsham (8), where we were joined by our visitors from Swindon, followed by St. Luke's, Brislington (6). Ringing was continued after lunch at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's (10), where we were pleased to welcome more visitors, and at St. Mary Redcliffe (13), where the secretary of the Redcliffe Guild (Mr. E. F. Hancock) voiced a welcome to the Society. St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without (6), the U.B.S.C.R.'s home tower, was the last of the day, and it was only with great difficulty that everyone squeezed into the rather small belfry, as also at Brislington in the morning.

The Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones conducted a short service, at which he extended a warm welcome to all present, and said how pleased he was that the Society had returned to St. Michael's. He envisaged their church becoming a 'chapel of the University' as the latter spread its 'tentacles' over the parish. Mr. Ken Pinney was at the organ and Mr. Mark Edwards read the lesson.

The venue for the dinner was the spacious Senior Common Room of the University Refectory. Unfortunately, for the second year in succession illness prevented Professor Piper, president of the Society, from attending. The chair was taken, in his place, by Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst. Forty-six visitors, members and guests were present.

After proposing the two toasts, 'The Queen' and 'The Church,' Prof. Brocklehurst welcomed the company and explained why he was in the chair again this year.

The toast of 'The Exercise' was proposed by the Rector of St. Michael's, the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones. He said his first experience of ringing and ringers was at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, when he was appointed curate there. He started to learn under the able tuition of Mr. F. Skidmore, but he never got very far. Perhaps it was the sight of someone proceeding heavenwards as the result of a broken stay that put him off. He spoke of heaving the bells at Bruges and then went on to relate a tale of a ringer looking for Chewton Mendip. Having only learnt a little, change ringing seemed very complicated to him, and people seemed to look at each other 'daggers drawn' while ringing.

THE AGONY COLUMN

His point that ringing seemed to him good for slimming was taken up by Mr. Jack R. Worrall (Master of the Society 1949-50, 1951-52), who replied to the toast. Mr. Worrall pointed out to the proposer that they had with them in the room a past master of the Society upon whose waistline ringing has had little effect! In reply to a suggestion that this might be an opportunity for him to give vent to pent up feelings over his mention in the 'agony' column of 'The Ringing World' recently, Mr. Worrall gave, for the benefit of his 'well-wishers,' an account of how he spent his time and his ringing activities. He regretted he had no schoolboy howlers this year—they did not seem to make any at his present school. He concluded by wishing that the Society would continue to flourish.

Miss Heather J. Tesson (hon. secretary) proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' She opened by thanking Prof. Brocklehurst for taking the chair again at such short notice and mentioned that the president (Prof. Piper) seemed fated as regards the dinner. To him the Society owed a great deal in one way and another, and she knew they would want her to send a letter wishing him a quick recovery. She welcomed the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones and thanked him for making them so welcome back at St. Michael's. She extended a welcome to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association present — those from Bristol and that large number from Swindon. It was rather a curious thing that so many had come that distance—and it left one wondering why! It was good to see so many old faces back again if only to show the newcomers what they had missed.

Mr. Richard J. Bowden replied to the toast. He said he was mistaken at one stage in thinking this dinner was strictly limited to members only, but was pleased to see in the notices 'All ringers welcome.' He was sure that was the reason for such a large attendance.

RETURN TO ST. MICHAEL'S

It was three years ago when he first met the Society—at Christ Church, Bristol—and he rang his first touch of Stedman Caters. Then and ever since he had found the Society very friendly. He hoped the Society would forge ahead—ring peals and teach learners, and perhaps the Rector would start to learn again, because the more ringing clergymen the Exercise had the better. He wished the Society good luck in the inevitable peal attempt at St. Michael's, where, he was glad to see, the Society had returned. But he hoped they would not entirely vanish from the other towers in the city, as their presence had a mutual benefit.

Mr. F. G. Leaker (chairman of the Bristol City Branch) proposed the toast of 'The Society.' He brought greetings from the City Branch and was glad to see so many old members present. The Society, he said, was having a very hard year. They had lost a lot of members last summer and it was impossible to bring learners up to peal standard in three years. He also was glad to see them once more back to St. Michael's. He renewed his offer of any help they ever wanted and offered St. Thomas', Bristol, any Sunday they wanted to ring there.

Mr. W. H. Trueman at this point stated that some of the Swindon party would now have to leave to catch the train. Before they left he said how proud they were in Swindon of their numerous connections with the Society and congratulated its present Master.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

The reply to the toast by the Master (Miss B. Enid Ll. Roberts) was heralded by a firework display (arranged by the chairman of the Newport (Salop) Bonfire and Fireworks Committee!) Unfortunately, my pen is unable to do justice to this speech.

She had consulted, she said, various textbooks on the subject of speech-making and consequently knew what to do and what not to do, but that did not write her speech. She had, however, turned to see what past masters had said on similar occasions.

She thanked Bristol ringers—mentioning in particular Mr. Leaker, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Cleaver—for their help and encouragement, also the Rector of St. Michael's 'for putting St. Michael's at our disposal. I hope we shall not dispose of it too soon.'

Her list of achievements contains some rather unusual features. They had not lost a peal, but hoped to go for one in the near future! But here she was comforted by a past master's words that peal ringing was not the full measure of a Society's success. They had taught some learners and she thanked them for their support and eagerness.

At their Christmas party there was an unbelievable amount of food left over for a ringers' function. A Press article convinced the Master, she said, that she was not cut out for journalism or to be a photographer's model. There had been more cream buns eaten and less handbell ringing done at the practices than ever before. Bristol City Ringing School presented certificates of proficiency to learners, so Miss Roberts concluded by presenting a stay 'well and truly broken' to its breaker.

So the formality of the evening was over and everyone trooped back into the ante-room for the more social side—so good for ringing as a whole and the area in particular.

Within a Society like ours, where people come and are gone again in three years, friendships develop and dinners like this are an opportunity to meet our friends again. This dinner was a great success—old friends turned up and memories came pouring back. Our thanks are due to the committee (80 per cent. the 'weaker sex'!) for all the organisation and all who assisted in many ways. 'Ex-K.F.'

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Hold Their First Dinner

The Society held its first annual dinner on January 31st in the Market Cross Hotel, Beverley. Ringers who arrived early took advantage of the offer to ring on the bells in St. Mary's Church during the afternoon. Standard methods were rung on six to ten.

A few guests were held up by gale damage, but managed to get to Beverley in time for dinner. Sixty-two guests and members sat down to dine.

The dinner was followed by speeches and entertainment. Mr. D. Fewster opened the speeches with a toast to 'The Church and State.' His experiences with the Church were many, going back to boyhood days in the choir, but his only experience with the State was when he had to convince two police officers that his presence in the belfry, with two young learners, was not a lead stealing operation!

Canon T. H. Tardrew, Vicar of St. Mary's, spoke of the fine chance that was offered by the Corporation for the Church and State to work in harmony in the country's greatest ceremony.

Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master, welcomed visitors and other ringing societies. Responding for the visitors, the Mayor, Alderman H. R. Godbold, told the local ringers that their services would be required for the town's Coronation festivities to help with the rest of the community to make a loud and joyful noise.

Mr. J. Procter, Liverpool, responding for the ringing societies, spoke of his war-time activities with the Beverley and District ringers and read a humorous poem he had composed about various characters in the local towers.

A country without bells to call people to worship was a terrible thought to the Minster Vicar, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves. He hoped the day was not far away when every tower in the country would be fully manned and ring out simultaneously on Sunday mornings and evenings. Handbells were always a pleasure to him, especially when rung in church for service.

The Rev. G. Storer, Hutton Cranswick, toasted the chairman, Mr. A. E. Sellers, and quoted passages from a letter written some years ago, when Mr. Sellers first started the Society's interest in the ring that now hangs in Hutton Cranswick Church.

Grandsire Caters on handbells, musical items by Mr. J. Procter and selections on a mandolin harp by Mr. F. Scholey provided the entertainment.

Community singing and dancing by the younger members while the older members were reminiscent about past peals and bells ended a very pleasant first event.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bishop's Appreciation of Ringers' Difficulties

On Wednesday, February 4th, a hot pot supper with social evening was held in the Co-operative Hall, Hazel Grove, when 103 members and friends were present. The guests included the Lord Bishop of Stockport, the Rev. E. Taylor (Vicar of Norbury), the Rev. T. Lever, M.C. (Vicar of St. Mary's, Newton, formerly of St. Peter's, Macclesfield) and the Rev. J. Kingdon (general secretary of the Guild).

Speeches were limited to two, one from the chairman, who welcomed the guests, members from other branches and the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Dunkerley, and a reply from the Lord Bishop, who referred to the work of the ringers in the Church and said how he in his visits in the diocese noted the serious manner in which the ringers approached their task, an attitude which might well be emulated by others.

As regards the attendance at service after ringing, the Bishop rather surprised the gathering by saying that he usually replied in the following terms to people who complained of the non-attendance of ringers at service: 'Would you after a strenuous half-hour at the rope-end be in a fit condition to sit in church through an hour or more of a service?' This appreciation of one of the ringers' difficulties in attending service after ringing from a high dignitary of the Church must surely evoke a response in his hearers to an appreciation of the difficulties of the parish priest.

The evening proceeded in an informal manner with tune ringing by the Norbury handbell ringers, party games, dancing, change ringing on handbells, etc. A course of Bob Major on a set of handbells, tenor size 29, caused some amusement and not a little hard work on the part of the four performers.

The organisation was jointly undertaken by members of the Bowdon, Mottram and Stockport, and Macclesfield branches of the Guild and was aimed at providing the younger members with an opportunity for a social evening such as their elders enjoy on such occasions as the annual dinner. Since the age of members ranged from the eighties down to the very early 'teens and all professed to have enjoyed the evening and no youth seemed to have prematurely aged, it seems reasonable to suppose that the older members have solved the problem of perennial youth. In essence it is: be a ringer and associate with young people and then you can never grow old. To see one member of the Guild with a long and distinguished ringing career behind him strenuously 'flapping a kipper' one could believe it.

A function of this nature could not succeed without the unstinted help of the staff of the hall, the local ringers, the entertainers (the Norbury handbell ringers) and other friends who attended to one or two needs, and before the National Anthem was sung the secretary of the Stockport Branch expressed thanks to them all.

Some Thoughts on Coronation Day Ringing

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on January 31st, when more than sixty members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed from early in the afternoon until service in church conducted by the Bishop of Stockport, who also gave a very inspiring address. Tea followed at a nearby cafe and then followed the usual business meeting.

Pressure of engagements prevented the Bishop from being present at the meeting, so before he left he was thanked for his assistance and interest in the work of the branch. At the business meeting the officers of the branch were re-elected, with the Bishop of Stockport as branch president in place of the Rev. W. Garlick.

In his report the secretary made reference to the passing of King George VI. and to the forthcoming Coronation and suggested that as many rings of bells as possible should be rung on that occasion, but care should be taken to fit in with the local celebrations, and in particular he recommended that no ringing take place during the time the Abbey service was being televised and broadcast. To distract attention from this solemn service would do a grave disservice to the art and bring discredit upon the band. Local peals might be attempted where the band was capable of doing so, but methods well within the capability of the band should be chosen.

The report showed a decrease in the membership despite the election of a large number of new members, but as the figure did not include those whose subscriptions were in arrear it was expected that the figure would be better when these delayed subscriptions were received. In the 28 peals rung in the branch area 48 branch members and 24 members resident outside the branch took part.

There were ten conductors, one ringing his first peal as conductor and eight members rang their first peal. Youth continued to be to the fore in the branch, and the report applauded this and urged members to hand on the tradition they inherited from the founders of the branch enhanced to the young members on whom depended its future. One of the members of the branch, Councillor P. Walton, of Stalybridge, had been honoured by his town by being elected Mayor, and a meeting of the branch was held at his church during the year.

Six new members were elected: Mrs. Hawksford, Robert Brown, Kenneth Barker, Graham Rogers, Fred McDowell and Colin Jones, and the election of David A. Edwards prior to a peal attempt was confirmed. The members stood for a moment in memory of Mr. Charles Edwards, who had been a member of the branch for the last 14 years, and whose work in Hereford would always be remembered.

The meeting congratulated Mr. S. Hough, sen., on the recent family peal at Knutsford, and commiserated with Mr. John Wheadon, who had lost a peal for his 81st birthday through no fault of his own when within a hundred changes of the end.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop, wardens, organist and the local band for all their efforts to make the meeting a success. Ringing was enjoyed until a late hour, ranging from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hunts District was held at Great Staughton on February 14th, and members were present from Blunham, Brampton, Eynesbury, Godmanster, Holywell, Huntingdon, Leighton Bromswold, Little Staughton, Little Stukeley, St. Ives and Turvey.

Ringing was fairly good, London, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Annable's, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and in a lesser degree Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being rung.

The visitors were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lack for tea, which was much appreciated. The business meeting followed, Mr. F. Warrington (District Ringing Master) being in the chair. Mr. R. F. Baker read the minutes of the previous Warboys and St. Ives meetings, which were duly confirmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lack were thanked for their kindness in seeing to the bodily needs of the company. The next meeting is at Gamlingay in April.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS

Rehung On Ball Bearings

Hereford Cathedral bells, which have had little or nothing done to them for 60 years, are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it is expected that the work will be completed well before Easter.

A ring of ten since 1698, it still contains three pre-Reformation bells, the sixth, ninth and tenor, and four by Rudhall of 1697/8.

On taking the headstock off the eighth (a Mears of 1810), the bell was found to be cracked in the crown and has been recast at Whitechapel. The new bell, the gift of a friend who desires to remain anonymous, was dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford at choral evensong on February 16th and later was lifted to its position in the tower.

The opportunity has been taken to verify the legendary weight of 41 cwt. of the tenor. Those whose business or interest it is to take note of such details may like to know that the stripped weight is a few pounds under 34 cwt.

The work has been made possible by the response made to the Dean's appeal for subscriptions, and in particular by a generous donation from the Friends of the Cathedral.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District's Annual Social

The Southern District of the Coventry Guild held their annual social at Harbury on February 7th, with Southam and Ladbroke bells available in the afternoon. The service was held at Harbury and taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Haitcheson, his address being very appropriate for such a meetting. About 30 ringers and friends sat down to a grand tea provided by ladies of the village.

Further ringing took place after tea in a variety of methods. Apologies were read from Mr. Burt, of Leamington, and also from the Tysoe tower for non-attendance.

The young band who rang their first peal at Hatton were congratulated and thanks extended to the Vicar and all who helped to make the tea and social such a glorious success.

With the aid of Mr. Holder at the piano, games and dancing went with a swing. Community hymn singing was also enjoyed with Mr. Holden (organist and ringer at Ladbroke) at the piano.

Great pleasure was accorded by the presence of some members of the Banbury District and also the old band of Harbury ringers. A collection was made to defray expenses and after these were deducted it was found that a little over £1 would be available for the Flood Distress Fund. R. J. E.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Secretary for 20 Years Resigns

The annual meeting of the Rutland Branch was held at Uppingham on February 14th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Woodward, and this was followed by tea in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. Scott (Market Overton); secretary, Mr. E. E. Gibson (Market Overton); Guild committee, Messrs. Stevens, Green and Tibbutt; Branch committee, Messrs. E. A. Stevens, H. Ward and R. Scott.

The accounts showed a balance of £6 15s.

Although there is a revival of interest in the Branch, an all-out effort is going to be made to get all ringers from every tower in the Branch to become members.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. S. Towell, who resigned from the position of secretary after 20 years. E. E. G.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT SPERRING

It was with great regret that his many friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild heard of the death of Mr. Robert Sperring, which took place on February 6th. For many years he was one of the foremost conductors in the Exercise and had rung 592 peals, most of which he had conducted.

Mr. Sperring was a native of Farndon, Cheshire, and it was here that he learned to ring. About 60 years ago he moved to Chester and attached himself to the band at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, where the bells had just been rehung with the addition of two trebles. Here Archdeacon Barber, founder and first Master of the Chester Guild, was rector, and Mr. Sperring could tell many stories of this forceful gentleman who so effectively directed its affairs. But it was to his native heath that 'Bob' went to ring and call his first peal, one of Grandsire Doubles, at Holt, which is separated from Farndon only by the River Dee. This was in 1902.

It was soon apparent that his skill as a ringer and conductor was very much beyond the ordinary and later he took part in many notable performances. He conducted the first peal of Holt's Original in the district in 1904 and called the first peal of Stedman Triples in Chester in 1906. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal for the North Wales Association at St. Giles', Wrexham, in 1909. His greatest achievement, however, was 17,280 Kent Major at St. Chad's Over, on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours. This he conducted from the treble. In 1938 he rang his 500th peal for the Chester Guild at Farndon, and became the first to reach that total.

Mr. Sperring's ringing career virtually came to an end in 1939. After the war the doctor advised him to give it up and very reluctantly he followed this advice and resigned his position as captain at St. Mary's. But he continued to attend meetings, where he was warmly welcomed, and occasionally rang in short touches. He was a life member of the Chester Guild and for 12 years held office as secretary of the Chester Branch. He also represented the Guild at the Central Council meetings on several occasions.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church and many who had known and admired his outstanding skill were present to pay their last respects. The Rev. J. Kingdon, secretary of the Guild, took the service, which was choral, and the bells with which he had been so long associated were rung half-muffled. Peals were rung to his memory at Farndon and at St. Mary's. 'Bob' Sperring will long be remembered by all those who knew him, and especially by the older members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. J. W. C.

EX-SERVICEMAN'S APPRECIATION

It was with profound regret that I heard of the passing of Robert Sperring, of Chester. Especially do I remember the welcome he gave to me as a young soldier stationed at Chester during the late war.

I know I always looked forward to service ringing and practice night at Old St. Mary's so that I could see the quick movements and hear the good advice from this marvellous little man. I am sure that I speak for many ex-Service men when I say that the memory of Bob Sperring will always be in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

JOSEPH THORNLEY.

Farnworth.

MR. FREDERICK RICHARDSON

Mr. Frederick Richardson died on Thursday, February 19th, at Milton Hospital, after a long illness. Fred learned to ring in Oxfordshire with his old friend, Mr. Joe Hawkins, a past Master of the College Youths. Later, on coming to London, he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and London County Association. He came to Chatham about 1914 and started ringing after the 1914-18 war until 1925.

I first met him about 1938, when I came here to reside in this district. The last time we met was in 1943, when the ban was lifted. Through some of his ringing pals he became a member of Rochester Cathedral and Chatham bands. Fred's peals totalled over 100. He never kept any account of them but they ranged from Minor to Royal, including Superlative Surprise Major. He also was one of the few to conduct Double Norwich in this district. His last 22 peals for the Kent County were mostly conducted by myself.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Saturday, and a wreath sent on behalf of the Chatham ringers.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members attended the January meeting at St. Mary's Church, Beverley. This fine ring of ten was kept going in standard methods during the afternoon, learners getting a pull on the front six.

The Rev. G. Storer, R.D., conducted the service and gave a short address. The Rev. A. E. Keyes was at the organ, with the Vicar (Canon Tardrew) acting as prompter to ensure continuation of the 150th Psalm after the course on the handbells.

The tea and business meeting were held in the King's Head Hotel, presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers. Votes of thanks were accorded the three clergymen for their combined efforts with the local ringers to make the meeting successful and enjoyable. Canon Tardrew replied with some witty remarks on wandering clergy and wandering ringers and an honest appreciation of the ringing he had heard during the afternoon.

Further ringing took place in the evening but this was brought to a sudden close when fog blanketed the town and stopped the bus services. Most of the members managed to get home that night but a few had to wait till Sunday.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Henley-in-Arden, Saturday, March 7th. 3 p.m. Wootton Wawen in the evening. Names for tea to Miss H. Purkiss, 61, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 2213

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; ringers please bring own food. Notify, by Thursday, March 5th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 2207

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, March 7th, 2.30. Names for tea, not later than March 5th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 2182

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6) March 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by March 3rd, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2200

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2163

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Halifax Archdeaconry inaugural meeting at Almondbury (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting to follow and bells until 8.30 p.m. 2178

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By meeting, Barham (St. Laurence not available), Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Numbers for tea, together with cash, please, to me not later than Monday, March 2nd. Elham bells available after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20 Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2153

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, March 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 4th, to Mrs. M. White, 48, Cliffe Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Frances M. Laflin, H. E. Taylor. 2144

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Guildford, March 7th. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 p.m., and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A. Club, 5. Names by March 4th to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 2168

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District — Meeting at Bedworth on March 7th. Bells (8) at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd.—Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 2189

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lancaster Priory (8) on March 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to me.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 2192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2212

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Aylestone (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2187

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names, by March 5th, to Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose.—J. H. Cook. 2206

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Wolstanton, Saturday, March 7th. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. G. E. Kettle, 1, Albert Terrace, Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting after tea—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. 2174

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2209

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, March 7th. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday previous.—E. Orland, 11, High Street, Buckby, Rugby. 2179

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch — Meeting at Hilperton, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2191

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch — Practice meeting at Martin March 7th. Bells (6) 2.15, also Damerham (6) in evening. Tea at Martin for those who send names, by March 4th, to C. J. Kimber, Tidpit, Martin, Fordingbridge. 2180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell (8), Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas 5 p.m., light or substantial, at cafe close by. Come and enjoy these rehung bells. 2146

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, March 7th. Ringing arrangements: Friday, March 6th, Erdington Abbey (8) 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, March 7th, St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m.; Aston (12) 3.30 p.m. 2204

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION — Northern. — Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by March 4th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2198

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2145

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow, March 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Vicar's Clubroom 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2210

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—Dedication of rehung ring of five (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. North Notts meeting afterwards. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1, 3.15 and 4.45 p.m. Lincolnshire bus at 3 p.m. from East Retford Church.—H. Denman. 2193

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Small Parish Hall. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Canteluppe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 2194

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting, Feering (8), March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to J. C. Newman London Road, Feering, Colchester. 2188

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me by March 10th.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 2184

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District — Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Cottage Pantry. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, before March 10th. All welcome.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. 2202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Tenterden, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2199

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, Reading, March 14th, 3 p.m., meeting place later. Also preliminary notice of Canon Coleridge Memorial Service, Christ Church, Oxford, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 2203

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea, by Saturday, March 7th, to Mr. D. Gibbons, Lyndene, Upper High Street, Harpole.—F. W. Hancock. 2196

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, near Wolverhampton, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than March 11th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2185

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea, by March 7th, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 14th, at Walton-on-Thames. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5 p.m. Oatlands Park (8) also available after meeting. Names for tea, by March 13th, to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2197

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held on Easter Monday at Gloucester. Details later.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Sec 2190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Canterbury, Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 2214

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner will be held at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Further arrangements will be announced later.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2208

QUARTER PEALS

MARGATE, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. L. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Dalby Reeve, hon. member of the K.C.A., on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Miss J. A. Chennour (first quarter) 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, E. J. Walker 3, G. F. Gray 4, M. J. Martin 5, Miss R. A. Longhurst 6. First quarter in more than five methods for 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Miss M. Page 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. Marlow 7, E. Doel 8. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Chalk, vice-chairman of the branch.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, A. Mary Carpenter 2, Glenys R. Bodycote (first of Grandsire) 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, Winifred M. Burton 5, T. Bolingbroke 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. Norman 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Jelley 1, A. Mary Carpenter 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, E. J. Jelley 4, S. Cox 5, H. Kilby 6, Winifred M. Burton (cond.) 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. Rung for the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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CORONATION DAY RINGING

THE Standing Committee of the Central Council have considered what advice should be offered to any who are in doubt as to what ringing should take place on Coronation Day, and they feel that they can do no better than reproduce a leading article by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith on the occasion of the last Coronation in May, 1937. The committee realise that some small details of the article are not entirely up to date, and allowance should be made for changed circumstances.

Mr. Goldsmith's article, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of April 9th, 1937, was as follows:—

'Numerous inquiries have come to us on the subject of Coronation Day ringing. There are many towers, apparently, where ringers are desirous of knowing if there is to be any general plan for celebrating this event, so far as the church bells are concerned. There can, we think, be no general rule laid down. Obviously there must be widely varying local circumstances into which the ringing of the church bells must be made to fit, and one of the first things, we suggest, ringers should do is to ascertain what the local programme of festivities is to be and come to some arrangement to fit the ringing in with the town or village scheme.

'On this occasion there is another extremely important point to bear in mind—one which has never arisen in connection with previous Coronations. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey is to be broadcast. Nearly everyone who can do so will be listening, at their wireless receivers, to the service, and that makes it essential that nowhere should ringers, however loyal and enthusiastic, ply their art to the disturbance of those who are listening to the proceedings in the Abbey. To do so would be not only an annoyance, but a breach of good manners, and would recoil on the ringers' heads. No doubt the desire of the majority of ringers themselves to listen to the historic ceremony will be sufficient to ensure the silence of the towers during the service, and the bells will come with all the more dignity and effect if they are heard at a more apt time.

'It has been suggested in high quarters that ringers might take their cue from the bells of the Abbey itself, which will be heard as their Majesties leave the building. That seems to us very useful guidance, and ringers who are anxious to get to work as soon as possible after the ceremony can lay their plans accordingly. Apart from this, however, we feel that ringers, wherever they can, should herald the great and auspicious day by ringing as early as convenient in the morning. It would give an appropriate and cheerful start to the local celebrations, it would distinctively mark the festival and would not interfere in any way with broadcast reception.

'Whatever ringing is done, however, it should be the aim of every responsible ringer to see that it is the best that the band can produce. Ringing for the Coronation should not be made the opportunity of a practice, or even of a peal for ringers who are not capable of putting up a good performance. The ringing of the bells on that day will be expected by the public; they will be listening more critically than is usual with them, and it is a mistake to run away with the idea that the public do not know the difference between good ringing and bad. There may be some who, having heard nothing but bad ringing, say little about it, but the public do appreciate good ringing, and if a band is not capable of ringing bells well in changes, they should, for this occasion, be content to do something less ambitious. If every ringer will go into the belfry on Coronation Day realising that his reputation is at stake, the public will appreciate the bells, and a good turn will be done for the art, by helping to remove opposition, where there is any, to ringing on other occasions.'

The committee suggest that ringers should approach the local authorities as soon as possible with their plans, so that they attain recognition as one of the public activities fitting in with the general programme. Especially is it suggested that, where the local arrangements include a church or open-air service, the bells should be rung beforehand, apart from at any other times during the day. Ringers should also see that their part in the celebrations is fully and correctly reported in the Press.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of March 7th, 1913

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association

On Thursday, February 27th, 1913, in 3 hours and 12 minutes

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Harry Page	Treble	Thomas Hamlin	5
George Cross	2	William Page	6
Tom Page	3	James Cross	7
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Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harry Page.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 200th peal for the Guild. Albert Walker's 500th peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
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*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Cinques.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 METROPOLIS SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
E. ALAN JACQUES	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal to be rung in this method.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
*BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
In memoriam Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, who died February 6th, 1952, and who rang his last peal in the method on these bells on December 1st, 1951.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri.. Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Treble*	FREDERICK JAMES	5
*RICHARD CORDEROY	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	JAMES BLOND	7
CHARLES ALDRIDGE	4	TIM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal 'inside.'

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On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5288 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM PRATT	*Treble*	JAMES EDGAR	5
*HARRY CHASTY (19)	2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	6
†JEAN STEWART (18)	3	‡JOHN CAMPBELL	7
*WILLIAM HALL (16)	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN GRACE	*Treble*	FREDERICK JAMES	5
HENRY BISHOP	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
*CHARLES ALDRIDGE	4	TIM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 CREWE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
JOHN KING	2	JOHN E. SKERRITT	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
Rung as a farewell peal to Brian Austin, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*PETER R. ASLET	*Treble*	E. DENNIS POOLE	5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD	2	BERNARD C. CASTLE	6
CYRIL A. BURGESS	3	RONALD BARLOW, R.A.O.C.	7
†GEOFF. H. G. LISTER	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
A birthday peal for Reg W. Rex, who was prevented at the last minute from taking part.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	HARRY PARKES	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
A wedding compliment to Alan J. Rymer and Miss Margaret Shoesmith, who were married at Colombo, Ceylon, on February 12th.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN MCDONALD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal with Treble Bob hunt.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DONALD WHEAT	*Treble*	RONALD J. SANDERSON	5
ERNEST J. PADGETT	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
ERNEST SHORT	4	EDGAR C. STACEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. G. L. A. Hick, who is leaving the parish. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*WILLIAM P. GARNER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. 100th peal as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	*JOHN WARNER	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
JEAN M. HARRIS	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the Dean, the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, O.B.E.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
WILLIAM J. LEACH	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
EDMUND MALIN	4	ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*CECIL C. BISHOP	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	RALPH BIRD	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
PETER F. BORER	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Richardson, a member of the local band, who died on February 19th.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

A. D. R. KER (Clare)	*Treble*	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5
*R. J. HOUSDEN (Sel.)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity).
Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal 'inside.'

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
In memoriam William Shilvock, for many years ringer at this church.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE	5
*PETER C. WRIGHT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method.
An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., and to Mr. J. Beach, both old ringers of Horsmonden, whose birthdays were on the above date.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 3,072 of Plain Bob, and 2,112 of Little Bob, 95 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

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HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb.

*JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	*Treble*	PETER J. SMALL	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	THOMAS H. HOLMES	6
ALLAN E. BUTLER	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
WALTER C. CHANDLER	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	A. RONALD LING	5
*MARJORIE F. JACKSON	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	4	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
CHARLES CLEGG	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
VICTOR J. C. WOOD	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	*JAMES SKEATS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.
C. Clegg has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	*JOHN A. BROUGHTON	5
*PATRICIA DUFFILL	2	JOHN G. HOBSON	6
*C. THOMAS BARKER	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	7
*JOHN M. HARROP	4	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, and 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
LESLIE G. FOSTER	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
G. A. Blaxcell's 50th peal on Stowmarket bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Fisher, vice-president of the Suffolk Guild.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	DAVID S. HARRIS	6
*JEAN A. BROOKS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
HARRY M. PAYNE	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday peal for Miss Jean A. Brooks.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	*RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	*WALTER W. MILLER	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 37). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Superlative.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
EDGAR MARLOW	3	W. GEORGE PAGE	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, viz., (1) Morning Star, (2) Ockley, (3) Norbury, (4) College Exercise, (5) Duke of Norfolk, (6) Spliced Capel, Kingston. London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Oxford, (7) Kent.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CHALLENS	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
MARION BRADLEY	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in 11 methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
DAVID GODFREY	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
REGINALD W. WORRALL	3	DAVID SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.
Reginald W. Worrall has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Ashmole on his 90th birthday.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. M. M. GODLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN B. POWLESLAND	4
A. JOHN GRAY	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
H. JIM RALPH	3	D. W. CHARLES CHANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to Canon Coley on completing 25 years as Vicar of the combined churches of St. Peter and Holy Trinity. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	MRS. H. W. MOORE	4
HAROLD W. MOORE	2	TERRY EARLE	5
TERRY L. STOCK	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.
First peal as conductor.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	4
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	RICHARD G. BELL	5
RONALD W. R. PICTON	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	4
KATHLEEN FLETCHER	2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
*JOAN M. GRAY	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PETER J. RYMAN	*Treble*	†PETER J. SMITH	4
*JANE COATES	2	†DAVID S. HARRIS	5
ROBERT D. WILSON	3	BARRY CORBISHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal for the Society and by members now present at the College.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Treble*	A. JOHN HOBLEY	4
PERCY AMOS	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
*MALCOLM R. TOMLIN	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal 'inside.'

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
MICHAEL J. DYER	2	WILLIAM A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	R. FRANK BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon A. R. South-Phillips, Rector of Eynesbury 1912-1940.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. GOLDSTONE	*Treble*	ROY COLLINS	4
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	*ROBERT J. ANDREWS	5
*CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	3	*E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in the method.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN (14)	*Treble*	PETER WOOD (15)	4
SHIRLEY BARRINGER (17)	2	ALAN SYDER (15)	5
TERRY STOCK (15)	3	TERRY EARLE (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
At 26, St. Margaret's Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 13 methods in seven extents: (1) Spliced Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (2) Spliced London Bob, Lytham Bob, College Bob and Wavertree College Bob, (3) and (4) Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5) Spliced Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. 107 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Kathleen Higgins .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
Peter Border .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

The first handbell peal in 13 Minor methods by all the band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
In Hertford College,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods in seven extents: (1) Spliced Double Court and Single Court, (2) Spliced Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (3) Spliced London Bob, Lytham Bob, College Bob and Wavertree College Bob, (4) Spliced Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (5) Spliced Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (6) Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob. 92 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

R. James Cook .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
Peter Border .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

25th peal as conductor. The first handbell peal in 17 Minor methods by all the band and for the Society.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At Sunny View, Woodditton Road, Newmarket,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged by A. E. Austin. Conducted by John A. Acres.

* First peal. 25th peal in hand as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5076 SPLICED MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 576 Little Bob, 1,116 Gainsborough Little Bob, 336 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 408 Crayford Little Bob, 816 Reverse Bob, and 1,488 Plain Bob, with 403 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. .. 5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3—4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 7—8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

A compliment to Mr. Francis S. Wilson for his 78th birthday, this being the nearest date to the actual day, February 20th, on which the band could meet for a peal attempt.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Room,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Valerie Willard .. 1—2 | Philip M. J. Gray .. 5—6
Joan Gray .. .. .. 3—4 | †Christopher Billington 7—8
†John B. Willis .. .. 9—10

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First handbell peal of Royal in Australia.

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 22, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 26, William Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Roy Huber (15) .. .. 1—2 | Frederick E. Dukes .. 3—4
*James Dolan (15) .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.

* First peal.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. J. C. Clothier 1, H. J. Gladwyn 2, J. H. Hayne 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. J. Staple (first quarter) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Reynolds 1, E. E. Trusler 2, J. F. Sexton 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Mary W. Brown 6.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Tilley 1, Miss B. Vass 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele (first in method) 3, F. W. Lewis 4, L. Hall 5, B. C. Castle (cond.) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. E. Wilson 1, S. Burton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson (first in method) 3, Miss E. Burton 4, Miss W. Burton 5, T. Bolingbroke 6, E. Morris (cond.) 7, B. G. Warwick 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Burton.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 120 each Northrepps, April Day, Canterbury and Southrepps, 300 Grandsire): Miss M. Taylor 1, R. D. Flowers 2, G. A. James (cond.) 3, T. H. Earby 4, C. W. Walton 5, A. James (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard Pick, aged 90

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: K. Grahame (first quarter) 1, B. Corbishley 2, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 3, J. Chambers 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, P. Soars (first quarter) 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss Reid 3, Miss Solly 4, H. Luck 4, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, L. Everest (cond.) 8. Rung for Ash Wednesday service.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. M. White 1, N. H. L. Round-Turner 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, H. Bird 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clark 7, E. Rochester 8. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, E. Garbett 2, H. M. White 3, H. Watts 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Garbett, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Hayden, daughter of Mr. R. Hayden.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chew 1, T. H. Huddleston (first of Triples) 2, J. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. B. Ibbotson 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Borley (first in the method) 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker (first quarter as cond.) 3, W. Benton 4, A. Armstrong 5, G. Bradbury 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bryant (first away from tenor) 1, Jacqueline Evans (cond.) 2, Pat Jones (first 'inside') 3, M. K. King (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Sims 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King 7, M. Hallam (first quarter) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 1st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. W. Oatway (first quarter of Stedman) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss P. Steere 3, E. Razzell 4, S. Dearden 5, W. Rawlings 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, W. Oatway 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each Canterbury, April Day, 480 Plain Bob): E. Nobles 1, R. Old (first 'inside') 2, J. Nash (first 'inside') 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Bushell 6.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,344 London Surprise Major: M. Hatch 1, D. Marshall 2, F. R. Lowe 3, A. E. Thompson 4, H. Taylor 5, G. Briggs 6, J. E. Turley 7, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 8.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Marchant (13) 1, W. Selley (first 'inside') 2, C. Marchant (16) 3, D. Miller (15) 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. First quarter by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jones 1, M. Orme (first 'inside') 2, E. Winters 3, P. Croft 4, G. Cherry 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Walker 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, J. Parsons 3, F. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Huband, for many years churchwarden at Heddington.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mayes 1, Miss D. J. Hare 2, A. Dilley 3, J. Harland 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, P. W. Tompkins 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. G. Ward, a chorister and church worker, interred on February 12th.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Orme 1, L. Fidler 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, W. Todd 5, E. Winters 6, D. Jones (first of Triples as cond.) 7, K. C. Timbury (first quarter) 8. First of Bob Triples by all except 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Wood 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, E. C. Axford (first quarter Treble Bob) 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Axford 5, E. Atkinson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,280 Spliced Major (comprising 512 Plain Bob and 768 Little Bob, with 64 changes of method): A. J. Salisbury 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. H. Worboys 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter on these bells?

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, R. Marshall (first in method) 3, P. Bradshaw 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, E. Wilson 6. A wedding compliment to Walter E. Bishop, married at Corfe Castle, Dorset, this day.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,344 Bob Major: E. Gilbert 1, Miss A. Smith 2, R. Freeman 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner (cond.) 5, P. Inskip 6, C. Izzard 7, M. Stephens 8. Rung by Kempston ringers to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beard, of Bell End, Kempston. Mr. Beard being for many years a ringer at the church.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, V. Ambrose 3, F. Day 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, F. Borcham 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Ambrose 1, S. H. Symonds 2, Mrs. F. Day 3, F. Mortlock 4, W. Jarvis 5, S. Smith 6, M. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Offord 8. First of Grandsire by 1 and 3. Rung as birthday compliments to the Rev. W. S. Cotton, Rector of Lavenham, and the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. Smith 3, H. V. Youngs 4, Alan Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. Peters 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sang Hing (first quarter) 1, G. Olliffe 2, T. Bent 3, J. B. Bennett 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, P. Davis 6. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara A. Endall (first quarter) 1, J. B. Bennett 2, T. Bent 3, E. Morris 4, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 5, P. Davis 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss R. L. Hopkins 1, T. H. Taffender 2, R. Smith 3, J. Armstrong 4, C. W. Ottley 5, R. Ducker 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Bullock 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by 1, 4 and 6.

LLANELLY, BRECON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jeynes 1, T. Stephens 2, R. Alsop 3, R. Stephens 4, A. Evans 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney Rackham, a ringer at this church for nearly 50 years, and a former master of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, interred this day.

LONDON.—At St. George's in the Borough, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, W. D. Grainger 5, E. D. Smith 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ball (first quarter) 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Miss R. M. Barwell 3, P. W. Campling (first 'inside') 4, P. G. Butler (cond.) 5. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Harris 1, Shirley Golding 2, Mary Walshaw 3, H. Longden 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, G. Pye 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bishop Guy Warman, former Bishop of Manchester. Also at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hall 1, K. Hartley 2, Marjorie Brown 3, J. Thornley 4, R. Johnson 5, N. Tompkins (cond.) 6, A. Pendlebury 7, G. Pearson 8. Rung to the honoured memory of Dr. Guy Warman, late Bishop of Manchester, and Robert Sperring, of Chester.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Kortright 1, M. Horseman 2, M. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, E. Shearn 5, E. Baker 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to John George, churchwarden for many years, interred on this day.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Punt 1, F. Robbins 2, Marion Skinner 3, C. C. Mayne 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, R. Wilkinson 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. F. Pring-Rowe.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, A. Fever 2, J. Wybew 3, R. Chambers 4, B. Lester 5, H. Hollocks 6. First quarter by 2 and 3.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Nicholas, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss D. Charley 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams 3, L. J. Malings 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Way, captain of the ringers, who died on February 21st, aged 76.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Feb 6th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss B. Speake 1, W. R. Speake (cond.) 2, M. M. Reid 3, R. C. Lucas 4, W. A. Jerrett 5, F. G. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the life and example of Eric John Jenkins, school teacher, Scout and friend of the ringers, who died in his 28th year and was laid to rest at St. Mellons on February 2nd.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Richards (first quarter) 1, Jean Harding (first 'inside') 2, P. Harding 3, K. Brewer 4, C. Jose (cond.) 5, B. Sandercock (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Sowell, widow of a late Vicar of St. Kea.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (7 extents of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): Mrs. W. E. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, W. E. Simpson 3, O. J. Cripps 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, M. F. Marshall 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Andrews 1, Miss R. Bending 2, H. A. Shadrack 3, W. Glover 4, Miss M. E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, J. Andrews 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shadrack.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles (600 Plain and Reverse Canterbury, 720 Plain and Candlesby): D. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, G. Ingham 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. Smith 5, A. Cooke 6.

STRATFORD, E.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Weddell 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. R. Smith 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bullock 8. First quarter of Major on the bells.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kiddle (first quarter) 1, S. J. Pound (aged 76) 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. Doel (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Chilcott 6.

SLOW COURSE DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since sending in the Slow Course Doubles methods, Mr. A. Pink has informed me that Saltwood S.C. has been rung as St. Edmund S.C. and that New Bob with places on the front has been rung as Huntspill. I, therefore, wish to withdraw our two names for these methods.

The following extent of Doubles enables all the Plain Bob lead end Doubles (no more than two blows at lead, places at treble's lead) with exception of Plain Bob, to be spliced into two extents. Can anyone find a way of splicing in Plain Bob as well?

2345 Huntspill	2534 Accrington
3524 New	—2543 Accrington
5432 St. Nicholas'	5324 New
—5423 St. Nicholas'	3452 Blackburn
4352 Blackburn	4235 Winchendon
3245 Huntspill	—4253 Winchendon
2534	2345

(For the other extent see 'Ringing World,' 2186)

A similar case arises with the 17 Slow Course methods, Rugby S.C. being the odd method. The two extents are:—

2345 Chesham	5432 Cranford
2534 Longford	5324 Colnbrook
2453 Cheasley	5243 Cranford
—4253 Candlesby	—3524 Raveningham
4325 St. Edmund	3245 Heathrow
4532 St. Edmund	3452 Heathrow
—5432	—2345
2345 Bedfont	5342 Harmondsw'th
—5234 Harmondsworth	—2534 Bedfont
—4523 Colne	2453 Bedfont
4352 Crane	—3245 Yeoveney
4235 Crane	3452 Poyle
—5423 Runemede	3524 Yeoveney
5342	—2345

I would be glad to hear of any way of 'tucking in' Plain and Rugby into these four extents.

—Yours sincerely,
F. T. BLAGROVE.

Bedfont, near Staines.

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Congratulations to the Leicester Cathedral band, who by succeeding with the peal of Metropolis Surprise Maximus have now rung peals in a twelve-bell extension both to London and Bristol Surprise Major. The latest achievement proved a headache to more than one member of the band, indeed the continuous backward hunting and wrong-way dodging and leading brought forth the following question from one of the band after the peal: 'Does the composer of this one write corky handed?'

BELFRY GOSSIP

It was a big disappointment to Birmingham Cathedral ringers that the broadcast of their bells last Sunday at 9.30 a.m. consisted only of the back six. The B.B.C. had not mentioned bells to the Provost, and it was only by chance that shortly before the broadcast was due Mr. George Fearn read the announcer's script referring to the bells, which necessitated hasty arrangements. This lack of co-ordination is most unfortunate, as a broadcast from Birmingham, if only for three minutes, is of national interest to the Exercise.

Mr. Mark S. Lancefield has rung his 100th peal as conductor. Congratulations!

Progress is being made by the Southwell Diocesan Guild in Treble Bob Minor. A peal in 11 methods, the first for the Guild, was rung at Gamston, conducted by Mr. H. T. Rooke.

Mr. W. H. Cavill, of Ashcott, Somerset, has met with considerable success with his All Saints' Doubles. Copies have been sent to over 200 different parts of the country, and peals and quarter peals with this method included have been rung in many places.

A letter received by the Editor this week from Ballarat, Victoria, states that the local band are progressing slowly but surely. At St. Peter's a 720 Plain Bob Doubles has been rung and a start has been made on Stedman Doubles. At the City Hall the ringers can manage a plain course of Grandsire Doubles.

By the ringing of the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Diseworth Parish Church on Wednesday, February 25th, the Loughborough College Society have passed their first milestone. The Society was formed just over one year ago and their activities include handbell ringing twice a week. These handbells were bought for the Society by the college and have helped to stimulate ringing among the other students.

The first handbell peal of Royal in Australia was rung at Melbourne on February 20th, conducted by Mr. Philip M. J. Gray. Two of the band were attempting their first peal on ten bells.

Mr. B. C. Sadler is the new Master of the Southend and District Guild of Ringers.

The last peal has been rung on the bells of Lyme Regis Parish Church before their removal to a foundry for recasting.

In connection with the jubilee of the North Wales Association, a history of the Association written by Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, will appear in our next issue.

How many ringing societies hold a 'mardle'? From East Harling, Norfolk, we have received a report of such a gathering. Incidentally, the word 'mardle' does not appear in Webster's Dictionary or the Oxford Concise Dictionary. Is it peculiar to East Anglia? Its accepted sense is a gossip or friendly chat.

Congratulations to the band of youngsters who rang a very well-struck peal of Bob Minor at Stisted. Three of the band were local lads taught during the past year by Mr. Albert Saunders. Albert stood outside the tower during the whole of the peal and felt justly proud of his three pupils at the end.

Mr. William Henry Slee, captain of the Pyworth ringers, Devon, has had an association of 62 years with this tower. He started ringing as a boy of 14 in 1891. For the past 20 years he has been hon. secretary of the Tamar Valley Guild. For pure beauty of tone Mr. Slee places the following rings in order of merit: Stratton, Werrington and St. Stephen's, Launceston, out of more than 100 churches throughout Devon and Cornwall on which he has rung during his long career.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Success Attends First Annual Dinner

The day, brightened by sunshine, was heralded by two peal attempts, Grandsire Triples at Sawley and London Surprise Major at Duffield, both of which came to grief, due, directly in one case and indirectly in the other, to illness. A face-saving quarter peal of London was, however, achieved.

Derby is well endowed with good bells, and the three eight-bell towers were made available for ringing in the afternoon. These were St. Peter's (tenor 11 cwt.), St. Luke's (30 cwt.) and St. Alkmund's (16 cwt.). Thanks are due to the incumbents of these churches and also particularly to Mr. H. Taylor and Mr. P. Whitaker, who worked very hard for several evenings in bad conditions to make St. Alkmund's bells fit for ringing.

The dinner was the Association's first venture of this nature and the committee's were anxious for its success. Unfortunately, a mistake was made in selecting the date, as it was the first Saturday in Lent, a point which had escaped notice when it was fixed last November. As a result the president, the Rt. Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferral, Assistant Bishop of Derby, felt reluctantly unable to attend.

The keynote of the function, held at the Corporation Hotel, was informality and only one speech after dinner was allowed—this by the vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster. He welcomed the 76 guests and particularly the members of neighbouring societies, the Midland Counties Guild, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The object of the dinner, he explained, was to foster the friendly spirit prevailing in the Association and to extend friendships with neighbours. He did not miss the opportunity of flattering the ladies.

After dinner entertainment was provided by the guests themselves and included handbell ringing and tune ringing by the Ilkeston ringers. An item of particular interest was when Mr. Clement Glenn accompanied a course of Stedman Triples on the piano.

Other items were a piano duet by Mr. P. Castledine and Miss M. Buck, songs by Mr. W. Lancaster and Mr. R. E. Carlisle, community singing, a rather whimsical 'odd ode' by Mr. P. Castledine, a monologue in Yorkshire dialect by Mr. C. Glenn. The rest of the time was filled in with dancing and games, which were greatly enjoyed.

Neighbouring societies were represented by: Messrs. C. Glenn, R. E. Carlisle and B. Buswell, Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. Soar and Mr. W. Curzon, Midland Counties Guild; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Sheffield and District Society.

It was generally agreed that the first Derbyshire Association dinner was a great success.

THE PRINCE OF TWELVE-BELL RINGERS

Mr. Albert Walker's 500 Peals

Mr. Albert Walker, the doyen of Birmingham ringers, established a new record on Thursday, Feb. 19th, when he rang his 500th peal on twelve bells. We feel certain the Exercise will extend its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on this fine achievement, and offer its felicitations to him to-morrow at the Henry Johnson Dinner.

It was on January 31st, 1899, at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, that Mr. Walker rang his first twelve-bell peal, and the list has taken 54 years to complete, as in the early days opportunities to ring twelve-bell peals were infrequent. Of Mr. Walker's total of 500, 370 have been rung on tower bells, of which he has conducted 162, and there have been 130 'in hand' (conducted 59). Two of the tower-bell peals and three on handbells have been non-conducted.



MR. ALBERT WALKER

Mr. Walker has rung twelve-bell peals in 43 different towers, the list including St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where he rang a peal in 1928.

An interesting point about his 500th twelve-bell peal was that the band who participated had between them rung 1,956 peals on twelve bells. Individual totals of the ringers participating are:— Muriel Reay 28, T. Hampton 54, A. V. Pearson 87, W. C. Dowding 117, E. C. Shepherd 129, J. Penfold 130, H. H. Fearn 135, F. W. Perrens 147, F. E. Haynes 160, F. E. Pervin 216, G. E. Fearn 253, A. Walker 500.

MR. WALKER'S LIST

Mr. Walker's list of peals on 12 bells is as follows:—

Tower bells. — Stedman Cinques 306 (147 conducted) — 1 non-conducted: Grandsire Cinques 3; Erin Cinques 1: Plain Bob Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 5 (3); Forward Maximus 2; Yorkshire Maximus 7 (1); Cambridge Maximus 33 (10)—1 non-conducted: New Cambridge Maximus 1 (1): Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1: Pudsey 2; Little Bob 1; Belgrave 1; Lincolnshire 1; Lindsey 1; Prittlewell 1; Solihull 1; Albanian 1; Pontefract 1; total 370 (162).

Handbells. — Stedman Cinques 125 (57)—3 non-conducted; Grandsire Cinques 1; Erin Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3 (2); total 130 (59).

'FIVE HUNDREDS'

Dear Sir,—No doubt many readers will wish to congratulate Mr. Albert Walker on bringing his total of twelve-bell peals to 500. Another notable 500th milestone in a different field had been reached on the previous day, reported in 'The Birmingham Mail' of 19th February as follows: 'The achievement of Joe Davis in scoring 500 century snooker breaks must surely be one of those phenomenal sporting performances which will remain on the record books for all time.' If for 'Joe Davis' we read 'Albert Walker,' for 'century snooker breaks' 'twelve-bell peals,' and for 'sporting' 'ringing,' we have a comment eminently applicable to Mr. Walker. And in addition to the two performances both being the first of their kind, there are other similarities worthy of notice.

Both have demanded a high degree of skill and concentration throughout a period of years, in Mr. Walker's case one of more than fifty. In the pursuit of both objectives there have been some failures and disappointments: sometimes a break has come to an end in the '90's, sometimes a peal has been lost after over three hours' ringing. I can remember, for instance, a broken clapper bringing some excellent Cambridge Maximus to an unfortunate end only a few leads from 'That's all.' Moreover, just as Mr. Davis can no doubt recall certain of his centuries with greater pride than others, so Mr. Walker can look back on some of his peals with particular satisfaction, among them the 5,000 Stedman Cinques that completed the tale, which was indeed worthy of the occasion.

Another 'five hundred,' reported in the Feb. 13th 'Ringing World,' while admittedly notable, is not so remarkable as the foregoing, since it is more likely to be followed by others similar in due course, a contingency by no means probable in the previous cases. Mrs. Thomas will, of course, be widely congratulated on being the first lady to ring 500 peals; but there must be others, in addition to myself, who regret that her confidence in the goodwill of the ringing fraternity is apparently not equal to that in her own ability. If anyone were inclined to say, as Mrs. Thomas suggests, 'her husband or brother put in the odd call which she missed,' he would be just as likely to say, 'I suppose brother Joseph winked at her a couple of sixes before the half-way single was due'! I am certain that I can assure Mrs. Thomas that had she called the peal herself no such query as she fears would have been raised.

A fourth '500th' recently achieved, also appearing in the same 'Ringing World,' is the 500th peal together by the brothers George and Henry Fearn. It had been hoped to arrange this to coincide with Mr. Walker's peal, and had not unforeseen circumstances prevented a proposed attempt at St. Martin's, it might well have done so. It would be interesting to recall the records of previous famous ringing brothers, e.g., George and William Pye.—Yours, etc.,

F. E. HAYNES.

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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

FROM the earliest times of 'organised' ringing of bells, rules were of necessity drawn up for the use and observance of those concerned. These were often enshrined in verse or quaint language, and I propose to give a selection of these, many of which are still to be seen in our belfries, although a great number are now lost. The formation of authorised and well-conducted diocesan and county guilds and associations have altered these observances somewhat in the progress of social and ecclesiastical needs. To write up the growth and progress of change-ringing and the activities of ringers from the time of its inception in late 16th and early 17th centuries would in itself form a vast amount of interesting data, which to a small extent I have already collected in my book, 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (published 1931).

In the present series I therefore must simply give some of the most quaint and historic examples of these rules; and wherever possible show the source from which I have gathered them.

Ringing societies of one sort or another have long existed. In the early days the ringers or 'campanarii' formed a distinct order. It is indeed stated that the ringing of bells was originally assigned to priests as part of their duties (Ellacombe: 'Bells of the Church,' p. 291) and in later times to the 'ostiarius' (sextons or virgers), but this is probably a foreign custom. In England the duty was allotted to deacons or clerks in minor orders. Of such we hear as early as the twelfth century at Barnwell Priory, Cambs, and later at Tong College, Shropshire, and elsewhere.

In the reign of Henry III. (1254) a royal grant was made to the Brethren of the Guild at Westminster—'who were appointed to ring the great bells'—of 100s. annually from the Exchequer ('Bells of the Church,' p. 226: cf. Toulmin Smith, 'English Gilds,' p. 295). The Gild of Saddlers (sellarii) in the City of London were granted the right of ringing the bells of St. Martin-le-Grand, and for doing so at the death of a brother they were to pay 8d. to the church (ibid. p. 492).

At Holy Trinity, Coventry, some constitutions of 1462 give instructions to the deacons when to ring and how to look after the bells. At Ludlow in 1551 there is in the Churchwardens' accounts a payment 'to the dekyns for rynging of day belle.' Bishop Oldham of Exeter in his Statutes of 1511 directs the 'annualarii' of chantry priests to sound or toll a certain number of times with one bell then a full tolling of all the bells at the Canonical Hours after the accustomed manner ('Church Bells of Devon,' p. 75).

LINCOLN'S EARLY MASTERS

Of ringing societies proper, one of the very earliest known is that of Lincoln Cathedral. On the walls of the south-west tower are painted in black lettering the names of several Masters from 1614 to 1635, and above are the words: 'The names of the Compeanie of Ringers of our Blessed Virgin Marie of Lincolne.' A company of ringers was formed here on October 18th 1612, with Robert Sandie the scrivener, as its first Master 'forever hereafter for the Ringing of St. Hugh's Bells and Our Lady's Bells' for the encouragement of which Dean Parker and the Chapter granted on September 20th, 1614, a yearly annuity of forty shillings. 'The Ordinances of the Society of Ringers of St. Hugh of Lincoln,' dated October 18th, 1612, are preserved among the muniments of the Cathedral. They are illuminated on five folios of vellum and are accompanied, at the end, by a schedule of the ringers' names illuminated in a similar manner It is unnecessary to give a copy of these Ordinances in full as I give below a somewhat similar set from Bristol.

Of the famous Society of College Youths of London (of which I have the honour to be a member) it was stated that Sir Richard Whittington, the well-known Lord Mayor, founded a College of the Holy Spirit and St. Mary, near the Church of St. Martin Vintry, College Hill, London, which was burned in the fire of 1666. That church contained a ring of six bells, and the neighbouring gentry used to amuse themselves by chiming them in rounds. This was said to be the origin of the name 'College Youths' and the traditional date of the founding of the Society in 1637.

Subsequently the title of 'Ancient' was added. On Noverber 5th in that year, Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, and other 'nobility and gentry' founded the Society for the purpose of practising and promoting the art of ringing. Next in importance is the Cumberland Society or 'Cumberland Youths,' said to be the successors of the 'London Scholars' who were formerly friendly rivals of the College Youths. It is stated that they adopted their new name in 1746 after the enthusiasm aroused by the Duke of Cumberland's victory at Culloden, when he entered London in triumph and bells were rung.

THE ESQUIRE YOUTHS

At the Restoration of King Charles II. in 1660, a great revival in ringing took place and many local societies were founded often consisting of a single band. These were short-lived as a rule, and many disappeared without leaving any records behind. One company, however—the Esquire Youths—was founded in 1662 and was an exclusive body composed of lawyers, and probably of persons holding minor appointments in the royal court, and apparently did not admit anyone beneath the rank of esquire—in those days a real rank and not merely a polite form of address. The rules of this Company and the names of the original members are extant, and the reason they have survived is curious and romantic.

The late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope gives a full description of his 'find' of this Society's records in an article in the 'Ringing World,' August 5th 1932, so I will content myself in giving brief extracts of their rules. These are in two distinct handwritings and partly in English, partly in Latin with an occasional sentence in Greek. The officers consist of a General or Principal, Treasurer, Clericus or Clerke, senior and junior Stewards, senior and junior Wardens. Under each officer is a description of his duties. The Treasurer was to gather steepleage at all 'extraordinary peals and forfeitures for the use of ye Company.' The Stewards were to prepare for the yearly feast, and to consult the Treasurer on what moneys he can spare and what can be gathered.

Mention is also made of a Warner, who, amongst other duties, had to give notice to the members on the marriage or death of any member, so that suitable peals could be rung. Candidates for admission to the Society were required to sign 'an engagement for all those that are desirous to be instituted members of the Society to be subscribed unto:

> 'I doe declare and promise to keep and maintain all these orders to my full power and utmost endeavour as they are now established by the whole Society, and further engage to have not now or hereafter any interest in any company but this of esquires.'

Provision was made for monthly and quarter (i.e., quarterly) peals and the following form was provided to summon the members on these occasions:—

> 'Form of a Warrent.
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> 'Whereas it is ye pleasure of the generall and his assistants to appoint the next monthly meeting place for the Company at B. These are therefore to will and require you upon sight hereof to make yr. personall appearance at the aforesaid church on Tuesday next, the 12th day of July, between 4 and 5 of ye clock by the same Church Clocke in the afternoon there to help and perform the sd. Peale to your best skill and utmost Indeavour and hereof you are not to fail on pain of forfeiture.
>
> A. B. Generall.'

Two of the rules are as follows:—

> 'None shall find fault with another's ringing but the generall or whom he shall appoint. None shall prate or make any noise at peals.'
>
> 'None shall engage the Company in a challenge without the Generall's consent on pain of being amerced 2s. 6d., and in case the Company shall be engaged every man shall lend his best assistance if required and contribute his equal share to the rest of his fellow-members.'

The following rules are unusual, and may mean that politics were barred from ringing meetings, or may mean that nobody was to repeat anything that the King had said, or what had come to his ears in the course of his official duties:—

> 'None shall offer to talke or occasion ye talke of his majestie or any state affairs on pain of being fined 8d.'
>
> 'None shall offer to talke or occasion ye talke of his majestie or any state affairs, or none concerning ye same amony all ye Company to the disturbance of any on pain of being amerced 8d.'

The above rules are very reminiscent of the Scholars of Cheapside, so much so that it is evident that the compilers had the old code before them. The Esquire Youths did not survive for long—Stedman gives a peal on six bells which he calls 'The Twelve Score Long Hunts or the Esquires' Twelve Score,' possibly a favourite one of the Esquire Youths.

Another famous Society was that of the Union Scholars founded in 1713 (Osborn MSS. add. 39-368). In 1749 their Master was John Holt the author of some famous compositions of Grandsire Triples, etc. Their last peal was in 1757 and the society became merged into others: the Society of Eastern Scholars, formed in 1733, the London Youths in 1753, and the Westminster Youths in 1780. Earlier there were in other parts of the country ringing societies such as the Saffron Waldron Society, founded 1623, the Painswick Youths established 1686, the Sherwood Youths of Nottingham, 1672, the Leicester Scholars, supposed to have been formed after a visit to Leicester by the famous Fabian Stedman in 1669, the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham established 1755, Kettering Society, who rang a peal in 1729, Ashton-under-Lyne, and many others too numerous here to mention.

(To be continued.)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

A most successful start for 1953 was made at Harpenden on February 21st. The meeting was very well attended, and about 34 ringers sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Harpenden band, who very generously presented the proceeds of £2 18s. 6d. to the General Fund of the Association. After a short meeting the company returned to the tower for further ringing.

The younger section was very well represented, and we were pleased to receive visitors from Lincoln, Essex, Beds, Middlesex and Surrey.

Ringing was of a high standard, varying from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise in six methods, and was concluded at 8.30 p.m. with a good 'run-down.' Altogether a very pleasant day and one which augurs well for the future. W. J. S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'ILLEGITIMATE' METHODS

Dear Sir,—I don't think my simile was inapt. The length of time taken to change the law is immaterial and I still maintain that the Council did not act illogically by administering its laws and then almost immediately recommending that the law be investigated—it did not recommend that it should be changed. I think my comparison with a judge is quite a close one. There was nothing wrong with the Council's procedure either.

I agree with Mr. Pink that it has been very unfortunate that a blind eye has been used in the past to these 'illegitimate' methods and also that such appear in official Council publications, from whence they should be removed. But it should have been obvious that in recent years the Council has been trying to put its house in order—revising its rules, etc., and that nobody ought to have been surprised that this particular decision should have been enforced at last.

It was not the fact that the matter was brought up that, to me, savoured of 'cheek' (for it has been discussed every now and again throughout the history of the Council), it was the actual wording of it that did. Nobody could have quarrelled with a plain resolution to investigate the decision concerning Plain Bob lead heads, but it was the reasons given for so doing which spoiled the proposition.

As a point of fact, the Methods Committee was given the job of investigating the matter—Mr. Pink errs in thinking that it wasn't. We would not otherwise have made a pronouncement on the subject. (I fear the poor old Methods Committee seems to get all the awkward subjects thrust upon it followed by the brickbats of those who disagree with its conclusions!)

I sympathise with Mr. Chant in his desire to know 'why.' I hope we shall be able to set out the reasons later on for the benefit of the Exercise, but meanwhile may I suggest that all interested read the long discussion the Council had on the subject as reported in 'The Ringing World' of June 14th and 21st, 1912, or in 'Bell News,' June 22nd, 1912 (not so full an account)? The subject was also prominent at the beginning of the century and also in the early 1920's. It is certainly not a new thing!

Finally, in reply to Mr. Lock's letter, I do not agree that the passing of the Oxford Guild's resolution meant that the controversial peals be recognised. The Council had already voted against them (with more thought than was given to the afternoon resolution, I believe), and passed the latter through the desire to give the Oxford Guild a sympathetic consideration. I do not believe the members of the Council had any idea that this vote would be interpreted as contradicting their decision of a few hours earlier.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

WOOD SPIRAL STAIRCASES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in 'The Ringing World' about wooden stairs replacing spiral stone staircases, I have seen quite a number, or alternatively the badly worn parts cut out and filled in with other stone, as is the case at St. Mary's, Bathwick.

Repairs are now in progress at Bath Abbey which will cost £80,000, and of these the tower has been finished at a cost of £8,000. Here the staircase to the belfry is not under the tower, but at the north-east corner of the east end. This spiral staircase is about the best I have ever climbed, consisting of 121 steps. They are a nice gradual slope all the way up. A number of years ago when the stairs became worn the authorities had them entirely encased in wood. They have now been taken out and the steps made up of concrete.—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK.

Lower Weston, Bath.

STRIKING OF TONE-DEAF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—It is with some diffidence that I venture to give an opinion on this subject as the best qualified to answer Miss Pam Clements' query would obviously be experienced ringers similarly handicapped.

I understand that tone-deaf pianists can give excellent performances, and can listen to and appreciate a polished performance by another expert musician. Though they cannot pitch a particular note, or keep in tune when singing, I believe (from conversation with tone-deaf people) they can follow and enjoy a melody and immediately detect a faulty note. This seems to suggest that a tone-deaf ringer need not be a bad striker, as the bell and not himself produces the note. What is required to make a good striker appears to be a perfect sense of rhythm.

Although we are not consciously aware of it, do we not count every blow in every row throughout a peal and place our bell in its correct numerical position in each row? Most of us, after some peal ringing experience, begin to enjoy the 'music' of the bells as well as the rhythm; perhaps the tone-deaf miss something of the former—only they can answer that.

I would suggest that a good striker could place his bell accurately if every bell sounded the same note, in which case tone-deafness doesn't enter into the question at all. To your correspondent, then, I would say, 'Don't despair, even if you are tone-deaf.'

Unfortunately, there are many ringers who completely lack a sense of rhythm, and no amount of perseverance seems to improve their striking, and other ringers have to endure hours of mental torment while trying not to be unkind to these unfortunate people, but at the same time endeavour to get them to raise their standard, especially where service ringing is concerned.

It is unfortunate that it takes so long to train a competent change ringer, as, by the time one has discovered that an individual will never be a good striker, it is too late to advise against taking up the art—apart from the loss of a loyal Sunday service ringer upon whom one has spent much valuable time and patience. —Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

AN EXAMPLE FROM WALES

Dear Sir,—A paragraph in 'The Ringing World' of February 22nd by P. A. C. struck me as worthy of a reply where the following questions were asked:—

(1) Ringing early morning for festivals.
(2) Number of ringers attending twice on a Sunday.
(3) Ringing for main services on Sunday.
(4) Standard of striking.

At St. Matthew's Church, Dyffryn, near Neath, South Wales, we have a six-bell tower (tenor 15¼ cwt.) with eight ringers on a register which is marked every Sunday.

In reply to the above questions, I have to state that—

(1) The bells are rung on festivals at 7.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m.
(2) Out of a total eight ringers, six attend twice each Sunday.
(3) Bells are rung for morning and evening service every Sunday.
(4) The standard of striking compares favourably with any other tower in the locality.

Also a muffled peal is rung on New Year's Eve and, by request, for any parishioner who passes away.

R. TREMAIN (Tower Captain).

Bryncoch, near Neath, South Wales.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 'Q.E.D.'

Dear Sir,—Our contributor, 'Q.E.D.,' is to be congratulated on having presented his argument (about the impossibility of obtaining peals of Stedman Triples with the Stedman standard Bobs only) in a not too mathematical form for the average ringer interested in composition-theory. Not an easy task!

The late W. H. Thompson also employed ingenious reasonings of like nature in his treatment of common-bob peal composition in Grandsire Triples. But Dr. Rankin's similar dissertation resorted to the application of principles of Group Theory—a branch of mathematics which is, of course, not exactly elementary.

With this acknowledgment, perhaps Q.E.D. will permit a small measure of comment, intentionally helpful.

Some writers on the Stedman method suggest that his reason for placing rounds as the fourth row of a six is not apparent, and others, that perhaps it was to give a start like that of Grandsire. The reason, however, seems fairly evident. As the founder of the method-form which remains basic to-day, Stedman no doubt realised the value of symmetry in the construction of the DIVISIONS ('leads' in a hunt-controlled method) of a plain course. In other words, the pattern of the successive permutations throughout the change-rows is a mirror-reflection about the half-division.

The Stedman division consists of 12 change-rows, to include both forms of 'six'—Quick and Slow. But since the grid-patterns of these two sixes are different, symmetry of a Stedman division can only be obtained by sandwiching one type of six between the two halves of the other type — it does not matter, technically, which way. This means that rounds must be placed at the middle of a six. The 'snag' about starting from the middle of a SLOW six is the retrograde hunting therein, which would cause the treble to behave in an unusual fashion at the go-off, by remaining on the lead for another blow.

So the start is made from the middle of a QUICK six (after the third row) where the direct hunting allows No. 1 bell to run straight up.

At the opening of his argument Q.E.D. cites a block of 12 Stedman rows) consisting of a slow six followed by a quick six. This is not, of course, a true Stedman 'division,' and is not a symmetrical row-block. Consequently a little later (middle of second column) it has to be explained that the first of the three 'K's' arising from this exemplary block is not needed for consideration.

If, however, the true Stedman division be cited instead, and the head-rows of the sixes therein be signalled instead of the end-rows, there are only two 'K's' arising for consideration. The whole argument is in no way violated. And the effect of the calls may thus be theoretically considered where they are felt in practice, i.e., at the ensuing hand-stroke row after the call is made. (Calls being orthodox in Stedman, of course, at both the Link and the Junction, of its divisions.)

Later (bottom of second column of the article), when comparison of groups is begun, i.e., 'C(A, B)=Q (3),' and again in column three where further group comparisons are considered, it is suggested that for 'A,' 'B' and 'C,' other letters, e.g., 'X,' 'Y,' 'Z,' might be preferable to avoid possible confusion.

Two minor points may be misprints: One at the bottom of the second column where in the last equivalent of A the r.h. side should apparently be 'Q(3)' instead of 'Q(B).' The other, at the close of the article, in the last-quoted equation, where the right-hand side should apparently be zero.

'Q.E.D.' will surely have earned the thanks of all students of composition theory.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey.

LETTERS—Continued

THE BRIDES OF ENDERBY

Dear Sir,—I was rather interested to read Miss Pilkington's letter in 'The Ringing World' concerning the origin of Jean Ingelow's ballad, 'High Tide on the Lincolnshire Coast,' and the reference to 'The Brides of Enderby.' North's 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire' gives quite a lot of interesting information about this, and the following adapted extract may help to answer Miss Pilkington's query.

It seems certain that the reference to this tune in the ballad is entirely without foundation in fact, and is certainly a case of poetic licence! As a matter of fact, as will be seen from the extract from North, a local amateur composer was later asked to compose a tune of this name to be played by the carillon at Boston, which was cast about 1865 by Van Aerschodt, of Louvain; the tune was not a success and was soon abandoned.

The following is the extract from North:—

Jean Ingelow in a poem . . . . relates how the bells in the grand old tower of this church rang out the alarm called the Brides of Enderby. . . . When chimes were first introduced here is not known (for the above allusion to them was only a poetic fancy and not founded on fact); they are mentioned in the Corporation records of 1614. . . . Having seen that Jean Ingelow's mention of the chimes in her poem had no foundation in fact, it may cause some surprise to find the name of the tune she mentions . . . . in the list of the new chimes. Its presence there is well explained by a gentleman writing from Boston in 'Notes and Queries' (6th S. ii. p. 435): 'Some of the most active promoters of the new chimes, after receiving Miss Ingelow's answer (saying that there was no foundation in fact for her poetic fancy), wrote to "Claribel," who lived at Louth, and asked her to compose a tune called the Brides of Enderby. She objected, very wisely as I think. A local music master was next applied to. He composed one, but on trial it was found so florid, and otherwise unsuitable to the carillons, that after a short trial it was very wisely abandoned. . . .

North also gives a few further details, but none of any real interest. I think the matter can best be summarised by saying (a) that the tune, and in fact that the very existence of a carillon at Boston in 1571, is purely an invention of the poet; (b) that although the tune was subsequently composed, it was only played on the carillon for a very short time during the mid-nineteenth century; and (c) that the tune could never, therefore, have been used to give a flood warning at Boston or elsewhere. I am afraid I have no record of the number of people who lost their lives in the flood of 1571, but perhaps our Boston friends could help us.—Yours sincerely, PETER N. BOND.

Lincoln.

THE STORM OF 1703

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw attention to my last article (Warwickshire churches series), which was written before the recent flood disasters. I refer to the roof of Meriden Church, which was 'bload of Novamber 28, 1703,' storms being a current topic.

As a matter of interest to those who care to search in old records, it will be found that in that year 'ye greatest hurricane and storme that ever was knowne in England: many churches and houses were extreamely shattered.' This storm caused nation-wide havoc, and was so great that Queen Anne ordered a fast.

Meriden Church was one which suffered in the gale; it would be interesting to know if ringing was affected anywhere through falling towers, spires, etc., breaking bells which had to be recast as a result. Those ringers who may be interested will find churchwardens' accounts useful and informative material.—Yours faithfully, ANTHONY A. UPTON.

Knowle, Warwickshire.

THE SHEPHERD POET'S LONG LENGTH

Sir,—I do not remember seeing any reference to the following record in 'The Ringing World,' but it may be of interest to readers not only for the fine ringing performance, but also for the remarkable ages to which the performers lived. Thomas Post was the Shepherd Poet, and I think this is the peal referred to in his book of poems.

On May 4th, 1846, a Peal of Plain Bob Major, 13,440 changes, was rung at St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent,

in 7 hours 55 minutes, started at 7 a.m.

Charles Fowler (Hythe) Treble, d. Aug. 1875, at 74.
Henry Down (Hythe) 2, d. Mch, 1885, at 80.
James Harrisson (Folkestone) 3, d. April, 1887, at 79.
Joseph Stokes (Aldington) 4, d. Mar. 1887, at 71.
Joseph Chapple (Hythe) 5, d. Jany, 1869, at 82.
John Friend (Hythe) 6, d. Oct. 1881, at 77.
Edward Hyder (Aldington) 7, d. Nov, 1896, at 84.
Thomas Post (Aldington) Tenor, d. April, 1906, at 87.

John Friend conducted.

Yours, etc.

GEO. H. HEAD.

THE TOWER CAPTAIN

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Another Tower Captain,' I would like to say that the first peals by my own band were Doubles with tenor covering.

The three peals he mentions were for special occasions, and therefore I consider he was quite right in arranging them to suit the resident band.

As the ringers are keen enough to ring twice each Sunday I am sure they will soon be ringing peals of Minor, and 'Another Tower Captain' will be amply rewarded for thinking of his own band's interests.

I would like to say that, far from any criticism, my own Association (Norwich Diocesan) gave me every encouragement. C. F. W. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

Ringers of the West Dorset Branch held their quarterly meeting at Netherbury on February 21st. The bells (Dorset's heaviest six) were rung up in peal at 3 p.m. Call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung before the Guild service.

The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. J. M. McAnaly, the address given by Canon Lovett, and the lesson read by the chairman of the branch and Master of the Guild, Canon C. C. Cox.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, 25 members sitting down to an excellent meal served by wives and sisters of the Netherbury ringers.

The business meeting that followed showed the accounts had a balance in hand of £39. It was decided to run a coach to Calne for the Guild Festival, and to try and fix a monthly practice for the branch.

Mr. Bishop told the meeting that Melbury Osmond were trying to raise funds to rehang their bells, and he asked the branch to consider making a grant. Mr. W. Godfrey asked if Powerstock might also be considered. These were left to be dealt with at a later date.

Roger Dowle, John Hallett and Robert Moores, of Netherbury, were elected members of the Guild.

Canon Cox proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon Lovett for his address, to Rev. J. McAnaly for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the ladies for the tea, and Mr. Elsworth, the organist.

The chairman then declared the meeting closed and handbells were rung to Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, and 'rise and fall' by the Lyme Regis band and Mr. W. Poole from Hardington Mandeville. J. T. B.

MR. JOSEPH ASHMOLE — 90 YEARS

The Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Minor on Feb. 10th as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Ashmole, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Thursday, February 5th.

Mr. Ashmole has been a ringer for some 75 years—he was taught to ring at the early age of 15 at Winshill. One of his contemporaries was John Austin, with whom he was associated for many years. He rang his first peal at King's Norton some 70 years ago, and took part in 7,000 Grandsire Major in Birmingham, which was lost in the last five minutes' ringing.

After a few years in Sandbach Mr. Ashmole moved to Northwich in 1888, where he opened his business as coach painter and body repairer. He was instrumental in introducing change ringing to the Davenham tower, for at the time of his arrival the local men were on 'strike' and Mr. Ashmole was persuaded to form a new band. Starting from scratch after Easter, he had his band ringing for the Whitsun services and before long they were ringing Plain Bob and Grandsire.

For many years Mr. Ashmole represented the Chester Guild on the Central Council and he was the Northwich Branch representative on the Guild Committee for many years.

He is a past chairman of the branch, an office he relinquished when he was no longer able to ring regularly every Sunday due to his increasing years preventing him from climbing the belfry steps. He is still to be seen at those towers where ringing is done from the ground level and, occasionally, when the weather is favourable, listening in the churchyard at other towers.

Mr. Ashmole has not been a prolific peal ringer—he rang only 14 peals—but he has given regular and faithful service to his church by being a constant Sunday service ringer.

His friends in the Northwich Branch wish him well and hope he will be with them for many more years to come and join together in congratulating him on reaching this grand old age.

HERTFORD COUNTY

Northern District at Norton

The monthly district meeting was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Norton, on February 21st. This small church, with the lightest octave in the county (tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.), is in the parish which consists of half of the ever-growing Letchworth Garden City. Five new bells were added in 1946, and since then a very keen young band has been going strong.

The bells were set going at 3.30 to various methods, including the special method of Double Oxford.

In the absence of the Vicar, Canon R. Edwards conducted the service, with Mr. R. Baldwin at the organ. A grand tea was provided by the local ringers' wives and friends in the school.

The Association's treasurer was elected to the chair for the business meeting. He first thanked everyone for all they had done to make the meeting such a happy one. The Misses Ivy Werrett and Juliet Merrel, of Norton, were elected ringing members, and Mr. G. Wyman, of Baldock, an honorary member.

The chairman gave the meeting a few facts about the Association's finances, and of prospects of a brighter year. The next meeting will be at Stevenage on March 28th and the special method will be Little Bob.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock with methods up to Yorkshire; Bristol would not go. The collection for the General Fund amounted to 17s. 6d.

Towers represented were Baldock, Betchworth, Chichester, Colchester, Great Wymondley, Henlow, Hitchin, Knebworth, Stevenage, St. Ippolyts, Stotfold, Welwyn and the local tower.

RETAINING BEGINNERS' INTEREST

By MENTOR

The despairing cry goes up from Guildford, 'How can we retain our beginners?' And many ringing instructors echo the cry.

THE PROBLEM

The ringing instructor's biggest headache in this age of change and unrest is that young recruits lack discipline and concentration—two essentials in the belfry. How much of this is due to a surfeit of 'free activity' ('Let Johnny learn to write when he wants to') only schoolmasters can say. Perhaps the latest cry ('Johnny can't spell—let's simplify the spelling!') will force the teaching profession to re-examine the disadvantages of 'free activity' and the advantages of a judicious use of the cane.

In the belfry, however, much as some of us at times might like to use the rope-end for purposes other than for setting a bell at backstroke, we have to foster the pupil's desire to learn by maintaining his interest at every stage. Therein lies the secret of successful teaching, be it of arithmetic, of piano-playing or of bell-ringing. Note that word 'stage.' Too many ringing pupils are forced to proceed at once from rounds to the plain course. No pianoforte teacher would place a Beethoven sonata before a pupil who had just learnt his notes. No, the pupil proceeds step by step, from five finger exercises to easy pieces, from easy pieces to more difficult pieces. As each step is mastered, the pupil feels he is 'getting somewhere' and proceeds to the next step with more confidence.

I made this point in your correspondence columns in 1948, but was disappointed to find that none of our leading conductors would lend the weight of his authority and come forward with a system based on the principle of 'step by step.' So, from my lowly position of instructor in a village tower I give my system for what it is worth. In passing, it would seem that village towers supply the bulk of our ringers; I quote a local conductor—'Town ringers want ready-made ringers—they won't teach.'

THE SOLUTION

Say the beginner learns to ring the treble of a six. Now, what is sacrosanct about rounds? Nothing. His first exercise with the other ringers is, therefore, 321456, the 3rd to give a definite lead, the 2nd to set the beat. He is then called into 2nds place and told to watch the tenor as well as the 3rd (the beginnings of ropesight). Next he is told to lead in the change 132456. The next change is important. Called back into 3rds place, he dodges hand and back with the 4th and then back and hand.

H 321456	B 321456
B 324156	H 324156
H 321456	B 321456
etc.	etc.

Two variations of the three-bell extent follow:—

132546	123456
314256	213546
134526	231456
315426	321546
135246	312456
312546	132546
132456	123456

Note: From now on avoid call changes at all times. Well struck, these two extents are preferable to 'Churchyard Bob' when nothing better can be rung for Sunday.

During the weeks he is learning bell control the pupil should be learning the rule at home and standing by the treble ringer in all plain touches in the tower. The choice of method should be governed by future needs. In five-bell towers, and in towers where the tenor is rarely turned in, naturally Grandsire will be the first method. In six-bell towers Plain Bob Doubles is the obvious choice. Whatever the method, never let the pupil begin to memorise, but vary the calling (or change his bell) at every practice. Never let the pupil feel himself neglected. Ringers should not grudge the time spent in teaching a beginner nor in ringing 'kindergarten stuff' for his speedier advancement. Nothing 'browns off' the average man more than sitting out an entire evening's practice after only a few rounds with the experts.

If the pupil shows signs of not grasping the theory, a home session with the instructor is not a waste of time.

Don't hurry the remaining steps. From Doubles proceed to Minor, from Minor to Triples and then Major, always taking care to see that the beginner's theory is ahead of his practice. Never let the individual or the band as a whole get into a rut. 'Something fresh every practice' should be the motto. An early quarter peal is a good fillip to enthusiasm. ('Nothing like seeing one's name in print!)

Finally, within the framework of the diocesan or other guild, let each band maintain its own guild of ringers, to which the beginner is formally elected after qualifying. A record book of elections and performances should be kept in every tower. All this, with a periodical corporate Holy Communion, will give ringers that feeling of 'belonging' which, more than anything else, will foster the team spirit that holds a band together.

50 YEARS' SERVICE TO LINCOLN TOWER

Presentation to Mr. H. Hurst

On Sunday evening, February 22nd, in the ringing chamber of St. Peter-at-Gowts' Parish Church, Lincoln, the ringers and friends made a presentation to the Ringing Master, Mr. Horace Hurst, who completed 50 years' service in the tower towards the end of January.

In the presence of the Vicar (Canon G. Holden), the people's warden (Mr. W. Kealey), the ringers and friends, Mr. Jack Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, presented Mr. Hurst with a tobacco pouch.

On presenting it, Mr. Freeman spoke of Mr. Hurst's 'wonderful record' in bell-ringing and said that the local ringers could not let such an event pass without recognition.

Mr. Hurst replied by saying the past 50 years had been very happy ones, and he hoped to be able to complete 60 years' ringing service.

The Vicar (Canon G. Holden) said that bells had been rung in the tower for over 1,000 years, but thought Mr. Hurst was the first ringer to accomplish 50 years' service.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob was rung as a compliment to Mr. Hurst on Tuesday, February 3rd, on the bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln. Those taking part were D. Simpson (first quarter) 1, C. Popple (first quarter away from the treble) 2, A. Melton 3, V. Briggs 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe 6. Conducted jointly by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

Oxfordshire Surprise Major

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5,056 CHANGES
By E. W. TIPLER

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23456	x			3

False course end 24365

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Fifth Annual Reunion

On February 7th, the Society met at The George, Reading, for its fifth annual reunion. Twenty-seven members and friends attended the dinner that evening.

Mr. Raymond Parsons was elected to the chair at the business meeting which followed. The secretary, Mr. George Evenden, in a most comprehensive report, said the 1952 tour had been a success despite difficulties encountered in arranging accommodation in Devon. The Society was fortunate in having rung three peals during the past year, including a peal of Stedman Triples at Guildford Cathedral in honour of the wedding of Mark and Audrey White. All the members would join in wishing Mark and Audrey the best of fortune in the future.

It was decided that this year's tour be held in the Shrewsbury area and that August Bank Holiday week-end be spent in Shrewsbury if this could be arranged. In future notices of tours and meetings would be published in 'The Ringing World,' and members would not receive individual notifications.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: John Hill, Ringing Master; John and Michael Chilcott, joint secretaries; David Parsons, assistant secretary and treasurer; Audrey Bailey, recorder.

Thanks were accorded to Miss Bailey for her efforts in producing the book telling the Society's story in such an accurate and entertaining manner.

In reply, Miss Bailey said it had been a very interesting and enjoyable task, and she was most grateful to those members who had assisted in so many ways.

Mr. Tony Oliver (Guildford) was elected a member, and honorary membership was conferred upon Mrs. Audrey White (Guildford) and Mr. John A. Freeman (Lincoln).

The evening concluded with handbell ringing, in which the general secretary of the Oxford Guild joined, and music. Unfortunately, the tune of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was less familiar than the traditional songs which were lustily rendered.

Ringing took place during the week-end at Tilehurst, Arborfield, Caversham and Reading (St. Mary's and St. Laurence's), and ranged from Double Erin Minor to Cambridge Twelve.

The members' best thanks are due to Messrs. A. Diserens and R. G. Burton and all Reading friends for their generous hospitality and welcome.

RINGERS I REMEMBER

WILLIAM WAKLEY

No ringer did more to make Surprise ringing popular than William Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent; a fine ringer and conductor. After his first peal in 1876 he became head of the famous Burton band pioneers of Surprise peals. Before Wakley's band became famous throughout the land for great performances it was possible to count the recorded peals of Superlative on the fingers of one hand, and from 1883 onward if any ringer desired varied Surprise method ringing Burton was the place to go for it.

It was a great task to develop Surprise ringing from its infancy and it was mainly due to his personality, his intrepid conducting and his strenuous life in the cause of ringing that made it possible.

He was great company and would relate many interesting anecdotes with a merry twinkle in his eye. When he died, in April, 1906, at the age of 53, he was buried with full military honours.

W. S.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The monthly practice meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Nailsea on Feb. 14th. Between 20 and 30 ringers from various towers attended, and ringing up to London Minor was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

OBITUARY

MR. S. T. RACKHAM

We regret to record the death on February 17th of Mr. Sidney Thomas Rackham, of Gilwern, nr. Abergavenny, at the age of 76 years. He had been in failing health for some time, never having regained his former robustness after the death of his wife two years ago.

He was a Man of Kent, coming from the Canterbury district to Breconshire in 1900 with his father and brothers to undertake business at the local mills. In the realm of achievement he certainly earned the title of a great churchman, for he had been choirmaster for 48 years, ringer for 45 years and churchwarden for 20 years. He was one of three brothers well known in the ringing circles of South Wales and West of England, and rang about 90 peals ranging from Doubles to Caters.

He was a founder member, past master and district secretary of Swansea and Brecon Guild and a very active member of the Hereford and Llandaff Guilds after the first world war, when he rang peals under the conductorship of Messrs. W. Short, W. Williams, W. H. Fussell and C. Edwards.

A millwright by trade, he was a remarkable craftsman and able to turn his hand to any trade or machine in metal or wood, a fine example to be found in the Parish Church of St. Eli in the altar rails, choir stalls and pulpit.

At the interment on February 21st friends and ringers were present, and the Rector, the Rev. Parry Jones, spoke appreciatively of the useful but unobtrusive services which the deceased had rendered to the church he loved.

As a last tribute a course of Grandsire was rung at the graveside and a quarter-peal of Minor half-muffled in the late afternoon by his Ebbw Vale friends. R. S.

A 'MARDLE' AT EAST HARLING

The East Harling ringers' second annual dinner Mardle was held on January 31st at the Swan Hotel, East Harling. Eighteen ringers sampled the really excellently cooked roast fowl for which the East Harling 'Swan' is so justly famous. A short grace was said by the Rector, the Rev. T. Child, and the company set to. Informality was maintained throughout the dinner in order to conform with the title 'Mardle.' Dr. Jonason, who organised the meeting, announced with regret that Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden, the Rev. E. T. Thurlow, Dr. and Mrs. Frewen Moore and Mr. Wm. Eagling had sent letters of apology and were unable to be present owing to previous engagements.

A word of welcome was extended to all ringers present, especially Mr. Frank Phillippo and his party from Bunwell, Mr. 'Todd' Saunders who came from New Buckenham with his wife, and the indomitable Charlie Banham, who cycled the ten miles with a 14-year-old ringer from Caston.

The gale which blew with such ferocity that night necessitated these two being taken home by car with their bicycles lashed on the back.

Handbell ringing was the highlight of the evening—several new young ringers in Harling hearing change ringing carried out in several methods for the very first time. An attempt at Plain Bob Maximus broke down after several very hilarious 'bobs' had been called. The evening was an unqualified success, and it is hoped by more publicity to have an even bigger and better Mardle next year. P. J.

JUDGING STRIKING COMPETITIONS

From the 'Irish Bell News'

IN our issue published early last year we expressed our views on the standard which, in our opinion, should be attained in the striking competitions. We believe that the various points mentioned were taken into consideration by the judges in the preliminary rounds and the final, and that efforts were made by the teams to put them into operation.

On examining the results of each contest we find that the marks given by the district and final judges do not bear any relation to each other. Even those judging more than one competition adopted different methods. It is our opinion, therefore, that some recognised system should be evolved and that the judges in the district and final competitions will adopt it, thus giving those interested a fair idea of he standard reached by the various teams.

The rules for the competition state that each team will be allowed the bells for ten minutes, in which time they should, on an average, ring about 260 changes or rows. Therefore, it is possible for any team through clipping, clashing or gaps to accrue over 2,000 faults. If a bell leads badly or the tenor keeps clashing or making gaps throughout the test the team can accrue 260 faults.

The whole essence of good ringing is good rhythm, whether it be fast or slow, with an open handstroke lead. One bell leaving a gap or clipping will upset the rhythm and should lose one mark for each faulty pull. The judges might distinguish between clashing, clipping and gaps and deduct a whole mark for a clash, half a mark for a clip and a quarter of a mark for a gap.

Should such a system be adopted it would be necessary for the judges to break down their efforts to each individual stroke.

This, we believe, is the fairest way of judging a competition, especially if the standard of some or all of the teams is high or at about the same level.

It would be helpful to the teams if they and the judges came to a clear understanding. The judges should emphasise to the teams that the open lead, clean changing and good rhythm will be looked for. In the past the open lead has caused uncertainty amongst some of the competing teams. Nevertheless, the Murphy Cup has been won on more than one occasion by teams ringing 'Cartwheel' (we are not disputing the results). These teams made up for the closed leads with perfect rhythm. Whereas teams ringing with open leads had incurred so many rhythm faults as to cancel the 'Cartwheel' faults of the winners. We must not be construed as trying to prove that open leads cause bad rhythm, in fact, the reverse is the case. If those teams which ring so well with closed leads will try open leads they will realise that there is a better finish to their ringing, especially in change ringing, whether it be Plain Hunt, Plain Course or touches.

[We should like the views of other judges of competitions.—Ed.]

LATE NOTICE

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The meeting at Hadlow which was to have been held on April 4th is postponed until April 11th. A further notice will appear in due course. 2260

NOTICES

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BIRTH

THOMPSETT. — To William and Vivien Thompsett, on Feb. 25th, 1953, a son (Julian).

DEATHS

DAWSON.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, after long illness, on February 26th, 1953, George Dawson, aged 79 years. 2237

PITMAN, S. E.—On Feb. 18th, 1953, at Port Talbot General Hospital, Evelyn, the beloved wife of A. J. Pitman. R.I.P. 2251

SYMONDS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1953, following a very short illness, William H. Symonds, in his 88th year, after 50 years' faithful service at Hereford Cathedral. 2223

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. STANIFORTH have now left the familiar Wayside and their new address is 126a, London Road, Leicester. 2233

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

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PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2163

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Guildford, March 7th. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 p.m., and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A. Club, 5. Names to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 2168

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District.—Meeting at Bedworth on March 7th. Bells (8) at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Martin March 7th. Bells (6) 2.15, also Damerham (6) in evening. 2180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell (8), Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas 5 p.m., light or substantial, at cafe close by. Come and enjoy these rehung bells. 2146

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD BIRMINGHAM — Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, March 7th. Ringing arrangements: Friday, March 6th.

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Erdington Abbey (8) 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, March 7th, St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m.; Aston (12) 3.30 p.m. 2204

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION — Northern. — Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. 2198

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, March 7th, 6.30 p.m., at The Rising Sun, Tottenham Court Road. Ringing at St. Catherine's, Feltham, 11.30 a.m.; St. Mary's, Twickenham, 2 p.m.; All Hallows', Twickenham, 3.15 p.m.—Miss H. Shaw, Secretary, 24, Wedderburn Road, Hampstead N.W.3.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify the Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham, not later than March 11th. Park Lane trolley buses leave Rotherham every few minutes.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2258

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Chedzoy, March 14th, 6.30 p.m. Quarterly at Spaxton on May 2nd.—R. Short. 2243

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — Meeting at Henlow, March 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Vicar's Clubroom 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2210

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirk Ella on March 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Memorial Hall 5. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 11th, to Miss V. Allen, 41, Elms Drive, Kirk Ella. 2218

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, Saturday, March 14th. Service 4.30. Special method, Lincolnshire Surprise. Names for tea to H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington. 2231

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. 2242

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Ide (6), near Exeter, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at cafe nearby; more ringing after. All ringers welcome.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 2239

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—Dedication of rehung ring of five (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. North Notts meeting afterwards. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1, 3.15 and 4.45 p.m. Lincolnshire bus at 3 p.m. from East Retford Church.—H. Denman.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at St. James', Benwell, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 12th, to G. Carse, 51, Lanercost Drive, Fenham, Newcastle 5. 2226

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Small Parish Hall. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 2194

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2259

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting, Feering (8), March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to J. C. Newman London Road, Feering, Colchester. 2188

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me by March 10th. —J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 2184

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Cottage Pantry. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, before March 10th. All welcome.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. 2202

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 2241

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Brockworth (6), March 14th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Numbers to secretary by March 11th. — Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 2225

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), March 14th. Tea. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2219

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Standon (6 bells) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 2240

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Apsley End (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cartwright, Manor Croft, Manor Street, Berkhamsted, by March 11th.—P. A. Martin. 2249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Tenterden, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2199

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2205

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Warminster on March 14th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Minster Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, Bath. 2238

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch. — Annual meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2255

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 2254

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.45. Service 5. Tea 5.30. ALL names to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2257

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, March 14th. Bring own food. No. 327 bus from Chorley 1.26 p.m., change Lydiate Lane; 106 bus from Standish via Eccleston, 1.30 p.m.; 101 bus from Preston, 2 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 2234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', East Crompton, March 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meat tea. Names, please, to T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham.—F. Pritchard. 2227

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Kegworth, March 14th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bondgate Cafe, 5. Names to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville, by March 11th.—C. W. Hall. 2247

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 14th. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3–4.30. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6–7.30. Business, Clapham Park, 7.30.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 2232

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road (5 minutes Holloway Road tube station), on Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 2248

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by March 11th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton. 2253

NORTH DORSET RINGERS.—Guild meeting at Hazelbury Bryan, March 14th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 2216

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Long Crendon, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2252

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Very important business, good attendance requested. Names for tea without fail to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11. — J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 2220

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 14th, at Walton-on-Thames. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5 p.m. Oatlands Park (8) also available after meeting. Names for tea, by March 13th, to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2197

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Felpham (6), March 14th, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, please, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 2222

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District—Quarterly meeting at Fordingbridge (8) on Saturday, March 14th. Tea in Fordingbridge followed by meeting. Ringwood bells (8) after tea.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2224

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting at Malvern Link, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 10th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2256

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop (Dr. Brook) of the one recast and all rehung bells on Sunday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. For tea notify L. D. Mills, Colchester Road, Bures, not later than March 9th. 2221

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland, by March 19th.—D. A. Bayles. 2229

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, March 16th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2244

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Heston supper, Church Hall, 6 for 6.30 p.m., March 21st. Tickets 5/- each. Heston bells available from 5 p.m. Tickets available until previous Monday from Miss J. S. Bailey (assistant secretary), J. B. Sansom (Heston) and F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. All ringers and friends welcome. 2250

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Boddington, on Saturday, March 21st. Names by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 2246

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 21st, 2.30 p.m. NAMES for tea to reach me by Tuesday prior. — P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 2217

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SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.— Quarterly meeting, Charlwood, March 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bus 426 leaves Horley Police Station 3.10. Notifications to A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood, by March 18th. 2235

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Ossett on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 3.15 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by Wednesday, March 18th. The hon. district secretary and three committee members are due to retire from office at this meeting, but are eligible for re-election. Any new nominations for these positions must reach me five days prior to the meeting. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. District Sec. 2230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Annual meeting at Canterbury, Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 2214

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner will be held at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Further arrangements will be announced later.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2208

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TEAM SPIRIT OF PULLING TOGETHER

FEW would quarrel with the suggestion that team spirit is one of the chief essentials for good ringing, whether it be for Sunday services, practices or peals. Indeed, the very strong bond of fellowship which is so frequently and so manifestly witnessed in the Sunday service bands is the outcome of regular association together encouraged and strengthened by the spirit of goodwill. So with peal ringing, unless there is reciprocal confidence one with the other and a general desire to team together and assist each other, the chances of success or progress will not be very bright. It is more than likely that one might be correct in suggesting that it is the local ringing practices where the necessity for team spirit is so very pronounced. It is utterly impossible for all to see things in the same light or for all to make progress at the same rate, and to bridge the gap successfully requires earnest endeavour, a great amount of tact, coupled with the spirit of goodwill and co-operation from all quarters. The unenviable task of the Ringing Master or Captain can be made so much easier if the ringers will put first the interest of the band and the other members of it and second their own individual ambitions.

From the very early stages each and every ringer is dependent upon the team spirit or co-operation of other ringers to enable him to ring rounds, to allow him to gain experience in striking and hearing his bell and, above all, to instruct him in assessing the relative dependency of one ringer upon another if good ringing is to result. Seldom does one stop to think of this dependence upon others, and the position never changes from the start to the finish of a ringing career, and it applies equally to the expert and the novice.

It is quite true that the progress of any band must stand or fall on the ability of each individual member and, like unto a chain, the strongest point is the weakest link. The standard reached must depend on the collective ability of the team and not on the individual attainments of some of its members, who, as members of the incomplete band, are rendered helpless.

Every ringer will at some time or other have experienced the period of waiting for just the odd ringer. All too frequently it may well be the same individual, but what a difference in the capability of the band his presence or absence makes. Could there be a clearer instance of lack of team spirit in keeping waiting five or seven other ringers who may have much less time to waste than the culprit?

Another typical instance of lack of team spirit is the case of the capable ringer with very definite likes and dislikes in his choice of methods. The one who refuses, without any legitimate reason, to ring a particular method and so often it happens that the method he will not ring is the only one another member of the band is capable of ringing.

Sometimes it happens that two very capable members of a band do not see eye to eye with each other's opinion—often due to a misunderstanding. Sides are taken by others in the band, which, as a result, is completely broken up. Such instances, to say the least, are most unfortunate and reveal a very deplorable state of affairs. If, on facing problems of this kind, those concerned would pause to think of the team spirit and bear in mind the disastrous consequences on the band, many like catastrophes could be avoided.

Perhaps the lack of team spirit which deserves the utmost censure is that of the more experienced ringer who, having realised his own many ambitions, just sits back, puts everything else in front of his ringing and refuses point-blank to put himself about to make up a band for any purpose. How quickly he has forgotten the team spirit and assistance of others in the days of his abundant enthusiasm when he was ascending the ladder of progress. Could there be a clearer instance of lack of appreciation? Maybe his progress was made too easily and too quickly to allow him to think of the tireless efforts of others on his behalf.

One could find other instances of lack of team spirit, but let us turn over the page and look at the other side of the picture and think of those ringers up and down the country who so regularly and unstintingly give the major portion of their spare time and energy to ringing. Of those ever willing to fall in with the wishes of others, eager to assist wherever possible, ready to stand in or sit out as the state of the roll demands. Those long distance people, as opposed to those who flash in and flash out, who throughout the years carry on the good work. What an asset to any band and how fortunate is the Ringing Master or Captain to have such people around him.

Could we do better than ask ourselves to which of our choice would we belong and to which in point of fact do we belong?

H. J. P.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5047 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Roydon Davies	*Treble*	John Phillips	6
David E. Parsons	2	Michael V. Chilcott	7
Robert G. Lay	3	John Chilcott	8
Selwyn H. Dearden	4	Wilfred Williams	9
Arthur S. Richards	5	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
A birthday compliment to the composer.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Dorothy M. Udale	*Treble*	†Peter C. Wright	6
Winifred M. Burton	2	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Harold J. Poole	3	John Hill	8
*Brian G. Warwick	4	John R. Smith	9
Ernest Morris	5	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 200th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung on the Queen Victoria Memorial bells.

LONDON, E.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints, West Ham,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt.

Squire Croft	*Treble*	Thomas E. Davies	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	Charles W. Ottley	7
Wilfrid G. Wilson	3	Francis D. Bishop	8
*Charles A. Hughes	4	John R. Mayne	9
A. John Boyack	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
In memoriam Mr. George Dawson, of Leytonstone, who passed away earlier in the week.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., March 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	*Philip H. Speck	7
Muriel Reay	3	Henry H. Fearn	8
William C. Dowding	4	George E. Fearn	9
John Pinfold	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

*John A. Robertshaw	*Treble*	Harold Spencer	5
†Douglas Elwick	2	*Harold Parker	6
Herbert Rowsby	3	Bert Sutton	7
‡James A. Parker	4	George Beach	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the centenary of the bells, which were opened December 22nd, 1852. First peal on the bells since being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	John Pinfold	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	George E. Fearn	7
Frank E. Haynes	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 London, 640 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

John McDonald	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
*Muriel Reay	2	Henry H. Fearn	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of four Spliced methods. First of Spliced as conductor.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5088 VERULAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas W. Hammond	*Treble*	Thomas S. Horridge	5
William H. Deacon	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
Brian D. Threlfall	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
First peal in the method by the band, for the Association and on the bells.
In memoriam Mrs. Butler, who was interred at Sefton the same day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEASDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Robert H. Begrie	*Treble*	Richard F. B. Speed	5
John R. Mayne	2	Thomas H. Francis	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
This is the first peal in the method, which is E. W. Tipler's F4/6.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles	*Treble*	Douglas O. Wilks	5
William H. B. Wilkins	2	Robin G. Turner	6
M. Angela Carter	3	*Thomas S. Bowles	7
Malcolm S. Cloke	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Denis R. Airey	*Treble*	Thomas Hill	5
*Rohilla M. Cooke	2	Thomas Senior	6
†Mary Reed	3	George F. Newton	7
†Douglas Dimond	4	Thomas Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.
This is the first peal to be rung on the bells by a Sunday service band.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. John C. Hudson, assistant curate at this church for the past four years.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 VICTORIA LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*EILEEN S. WYLES	*Treble*	*WILFRID S. PALIN	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
PETER F. BORER	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. Harmer, Ringing Master at this tower.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY
(POCAHONTAS MEMORIAL).
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	†ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*ARTHUR G. MASON	4	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 150th peal. † 50th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. Dr. Daunton-Fear and Mrs. Daunton-Fear, who are leaving Gravesend for Bromley.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	EDWIN NEWBURY	5
FREDERICK NURDEN	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
GORDON CRAINE	4	ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MALPAS IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. 99 Pl. B).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 276).

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
In memoriam John W. Glew, for 50 years Ringing Master at St. Peter's Church, Derby.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
FRANCIS KIRK	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. David Cunningham and Miss Eileen Cashmore, which took place the same day at St. James' Church, Watford.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	CHARLES CATCHPOLE	5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	HARRY MOSS	6
ALBERT G. HARRISON	3	*ARTHUR E. COOK	7
*JAMES B. MORLEY	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	*ARTHUR J. SCOTT	6
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung on the eve of St. David's Day.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

CYRIL TANSELL	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Bristol.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS E. TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	6
†PATRICIA SMEE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

(1) Reverse Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob: 84 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROYSTON P. PURCHASE ..*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 4
*JEFFERY C. BIRT 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal in eleven Minor methods.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

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

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDMUND MALIN .. ..*Treble*	*CLIVE M. SMITH 4
JOAN BERESFORD 2	WALTER J. COPE 5
ANTHONY AGER 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED OXFORD BOB AND SINGLE COURT MINOR

Being seven extents with 168 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES W. HAW .. ..*Treble*	*HENRY P. COLLIN 4
*JOHN NICHOLS 2	*NEVILLE WHITNEY 5
*LEONARD P. WILSON .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Spliced Minor. First peal of Spliced as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY 4
HAROLD WORRALL 2	HENRY PARKER 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth Parker, son of the conductor, and to Mr. H. W. Howard.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..*Treble*	GEORGE CASE 4
JACK HUGHES 2	JACK TILSTON 5
HENRY O. BAKER 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH .. ..*Treble*	*OSCAR G. SMART 4
RICHARD SMITH 2	*ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL 5
*JOHN R. TOLMAN 3	*NORMAN V. ANDREWS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. S. Gidlow, for many years chairman of the Andover district of the above Guild.

SNODLAND. KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD .. 4
*PETER F. BORER 2	†VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 5
†CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.
* First peal in five methods. † 50th peal together.

CALDECOTE. RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Martin, St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and 18 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. ..*Treble*	J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS .. ..*Treble*	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
*DEREK W. STONE 2	†WILLIAM BUTLER 5
*ROYSTON P. PURCHASE .. 3	†REGINALD L. SILLS .. *Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

C. JOHN GIBBS .. ..*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS .. 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	STANLEY M. EVANS 5
RICHARD W. STEVENS .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

EASTRY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being fourteen extents each of April Day and Plain Bob, ten extents of Grandsire, and 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's Arrangements.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

M. JOHN MARTIN .. ..*Treble*	JOHN E. CHITTENDEN .. 3
*JOHN L. MORRIS 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Doubles in three methods.
The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1740. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. G. Wratten, father of the ringer of the 4th, and a ringer at Windsor, Berks.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	ROBERT SWIFT	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in five Minor methods by all the band.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN HARROLD	*Treble*	BERNARD E. FROST	4
†ALAN C. COZENS	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	5
*WALTER MAWBY	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Minor with Treble Bob included. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung for the Festivals of SS. Valentine and David.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
*ARTHUR HUBBLE	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
†JOHN WEST	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. STANNARD	*Treble*	A. F. BALLAM	4
F. COOPER	2	F. BUCKLE	5
J. G. STANNARD	3	J. W. BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4
*JOHN S. WYBREW	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
*ALAN FEVER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal.



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HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 1—2 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3—4 | ROGER R. SAVORY .. .. 7—8
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At 29, Goswell Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty extents and Morris's 240. Tenor size 15 in C.
*REGINALD L. SILLS .. 1—2 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3—4
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5—6
Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal on handbells.

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Greengates,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .. 1—2 | JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
PHILIP BARNES .. .. 3—4 | C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7—8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | *J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5—6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 3—4 | *GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 7—8
Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Harry Poyner.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
At 26, St. Margaret's Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 1—2 | PETER BORDER .. .. 3—4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. 5—6
Conducted by KATHLEEN HIGGINS.
First handbell peal as conductor.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .. 1—2 | JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3—4 | *C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7—8
Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tues., March 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At 160, Brockwell Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG (80) .. 1—2 | ALBERT H. WARD (79) .. 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN (70) .. 3—4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER (78) .. 7—8
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire: SIDNEY BRIGGS.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to the conductor, 70 on the above date. Average age of band 77 years.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., March 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1—2 | PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3—4 | LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 7—8
Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
Witness: GRAHAM J. STODD.

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Parker 1, E. Booth 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Gilian Rea 4, B. Rogers 5, M. Bazeley 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire and 240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's and All Saints): Maureen Allen (first quarter) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Miss E. Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker 5. Rung to the glory of God and as a welcome to the Rev. W. O. Allison, who was collated to the parish this day.

BUCKERELL, NR. HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Parr 1, R. J. Bakke 2, R. M. Broadhurst 3, R. J. Fox 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. E. J. Parr (first quarter, 15) 6.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lucy Badcock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G Swift 2, P. Badcock (first quarter) 3, T. W. S. Taylor (first 'inside') 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, K. C. Vickers 6. Rung as a farewell to Peter Badcock, about to join H.M. Forces.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Higgins 1, R. Crago 2, A. J. Sanger 3, W. Higdon 4, R. Higgins 5, R. S. Tucker 6, H. J. Sanger (Branch Ringing Master, cond.) 7, H. C. Lintern 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. M. E. Greenwood, of Ditcheat Priory.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,259 Stedman Caters: R. E. Price 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, M. Prockson 3, R. Mackerill 4, J. Bailey 5, H. Ellis 6, S. H. Dearden 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, R. Linsell 10. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Sansom 4, M. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6, R. Deal 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Mar. 1st, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. M. Mann 1, C. Sweeney 2, J. F. Bryant 3, K. Palmer 4, R. Beaumont 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. First quarter in method by all except 1 and 8.

HEREFORD.—On Feb. 26th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Jaine 1, Mrs. E. Chandler 2, W. T. Poston 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. P. Moreton 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. Half-muffled in farewell to William H. Symonds after his funeral earlier in the day.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Nenna 1, Mrs. O. Manship 2, T. G. Bannister 3, T. Collins 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. Corke (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Carr, M.A.).

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. E. Cox 2, I. Biggs 3, N. Cornwall (first in method) 4, A. Newton 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, K. Biggs 3, A. Newton 4, N. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, A. Cox (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. H. Busby 1, Mrs. Busby (first of Minor) 2, H. Mair 3, C. Bennett 4, W. Fern 5, T. S. Bowles (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 1st 1,440 Albanian Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, F. J. Matthews 5, S. Croft 6, T. E. Davies 7, F. D. Bishop 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in method for 2 and 7.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Robinson (first quarter) 1, A. J. Backshall 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Desbrow (first quarter away from tenor) 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, P. Desbrow (first 'inside') 3, D. Woodley 4, G. Olliffe 5, F. Wilson 6, E. Jelly 7, J. Jelly 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, on Mar. 1st, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, R. Keeley 3, H. J. Keeley 4, A. J. Scott 5, G. W. Poell 6, G. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all and on the bells. Last touch prior to removal of bells to foundry.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 14th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Great Brington, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beasley 1, G. Neale (first quarter 'inside') 2, E. Baldwin 3, T. Deacon 4, R. Eady (cond.) 5, R. Manton 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. All members of Moulton band and first quarter together.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. M. White 1, H. Bird 2, F. Bird (cond.) 3, W. Wheeler 4, L. Beale 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Aley 7. Tenor covering. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Hayden, daughter of Mr. R. Hayden, a member of the Bishop's Stortford band.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Boucher 1, W. Ronford 2, W. Hinksman 3, C. Wall 4, F. Merrick 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Lawson Watkins, a former ringer in this parish.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hales 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss N. Hales (first 'inside') 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond) 6, C. F. Neal 7.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Perry 1, C. H. Smart 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. H. Hayne 5, H. J. Ford (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, D. M. Bellamy 3, A. J. North 4, G. J. Gammon 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, F. W. Slocombe 8. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, G. Salter 4, D. T. North 5, G. J. Gammon 6, D. M. Bellamy 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. C. S. Thomas and Miss R. Hutchings.

WINDSOR CASTLE.—At the Curfew Tower, on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, B. Taylor 2, A. Cross 3, J. Glass 4, K. Buckingham 5, W. Butler 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, J. Painter 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Adcock, 50 years ringer at this tower and 22 years steward.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): F. Hall 1, A. Weare 2, G. Salmon 3, V. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. Gardiner 5, A. Carver 6. Rung for Confirmation.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Miles 1, Mrs. I. Beechey 2, R. H. Brice 3, L. W. Pullin 4, E. A. Price 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, R. J. Gard 8. First quarter for the ringer of 8, and first quarter 'inside' for ringer of 2.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at Birstall

The Society's February meeting was held at Birstall. This church and tower date back to 1712, and during successive restorations and additions a very fine structure has emerged. The ring of bells (tenor 22 cwt.) is one of the best in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The very fine weather (in direct contrast to the last meeting day) brought ringers early and the bells were quickly in use at the advertised time. Tea was taken in two parties and the bells were kept going until the business meeting at 7 p.m.

The president (Mr. J. W. Benten) was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Birstall, Drighlington, Collingham, Guiseley, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Northowram, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell and Tong, also a ringing friend from Normanton.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the other usual business details were dealt with, including the election of new members, as follows:—Miss D. Rhodes, Messrs. D. North, G. Bromley and R. Bromley, all of the Birstall tower.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company and the verger for the other arrangements was proposed by Mr. I. Slack and seconded by Mr. G. Jones.

The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 28th. This will be the annual nomination meeting for the officers for the next financial year and a good attendance is requested.

The meeting was informed that the tower of Cleckheaton is now available for meetings. The Society has recently lost two members by death —Mr. J. Bowers, of St. Chad's, Headingley, and Mr. J. Broadley, of Bradford Cathedral.

SOME LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No. 4—HARBURY

NOT far from Southam, a busy little town in the south-east of the county, is the village of Harbury, now quiet and peaceful in its rural setting. Yet, long before man inhabited the earth, a gigantic monster lay down to die in this neighbourhood. Its remains now rest in the South Kensington Museum after being found forty feet below the ground—at Harbury!

The church has no outstanding features, but in the nave are some beautifully moulded capitals and a modern chancel screen. Perhaps the oldest remaining part of the church is the tower, which is Early English, while the nave is Decorated and the chancel of the Perpendicular style. At the west end of the south aisle are massive pillars supporting the tower, an arrangement similar to that of St. Mary de Castro, in Leicester. The space provided by the tower is now used as a baptistery.

A spiral staircase in the south-west corner gives access to the spacious ringing chamber, up to which the tower is old, but above there, for some reason, a brick belfry has been added, much to the detriment of the church. A sketch of about 1820 clearly shows that the tower was but two storeys high, surmounted by a low pyramidal spire. The present ringing chamber was until the addition of the brick belfry, the actual belfry of former days, the bells then being rung from ground level.

In one corner of the ringing chamber is the old clock with its two weights of stone, made by a blacksmith long before mass production was known.

A ring of five bells hangs in the belfry, although there is enough room for a full octave. The inscriptions on the bells are: Treble: T. Mears of London Fecit 1811. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, ditto. Tenor: Revd. G. Newsam, Vicar. R. Gardener, E. Sabin, Church Wardens, 1811. T. Mears of London Fecit 1811.

Not, historically, a very interesting ring, but nevertheless good bells. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. 8 lb., the treble 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Thomas Mears cast many bells for Warwickshire churches, but this must have been his first complete ring in the county since he took over his father's business in 1810.

Reports submitted by the King's Commissioners in 1552 show that there were then at 'Harbery, iij bells, a saunce bell a hand belle and a small bell.' The uses of saunce bells and handbells are known, but what was the other small bell, and where was it kept? Browne Willis, in his survey of 1750, gave '5 bells,' these possibly having been recast and now form the present ring.

A former Vicar of Harbury was Richard Jago, the Warwickshire poet. On one of the tower buttresses is a painted sundial with a text which must be a challenge to all thinking men. 'These troubled times have shown that each has his part to play, even be it so small, such as the sundial, which can ask, "I mark time—what doest thou?"'

A. A. U.

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It will be necessary for our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' list to appear during 1953. Through the generosity of ringers of peals and quarter peals, 'The Ringing World' finished 1952 with a balance in hand, but without that assistance there would have been a deficit. Our friends' help was much appreciated by the committee.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There was much talk at Birmingham last Saturday over the peal of Metropolis Surprise Maximus at Leicester. Congratulations were extended to Mr. H. J. Poole, not only on a fine performance, but, according to the previous issue of 'The Ringing World,' he rang two bells. The peal was set as received and unfortunately the duplication was not spotted by the Editor. Mr. Poole rang the second and Mr. William J. Root the tenor. Will readers who keep records of famous peals please note the correction, and to all concerned we offer our own and the conductor's apologies.

After a lapse of 31 years Mr. A. G. Mason has rung another peal of Bristol Surprise Major. The peal was at Gravesend.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Dawson, of Leytonstone, on February 26th at the age of 79. An appreciation of his services will appear in our next issue.

A keen local company exists at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, Halifax. They have just scored their first quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first in this method on the bells by an all-local company. They hope to tackle Cambridge Surprise soon.

College Youths planned a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank E. Darby by ringing one of his compositions of Stedman Caters at Beddington. Unfortunately he was unable to take part in the peal as his work had taken him to the West Country.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at the Roman Catholic Abbey at Erdington on February 16th was recorded on page 131 and page 147 of 'The Ringing World.' Will members of the Peals Analysis Committee and others please note to avoid the peal being recorded twice.

'I enclose particulars of a quarter peal of "Ringers' Ruin" together with a P.O. for "The Ringing World's" funds,' writes a correspondent. How long has Grandsire been known as 'Ringers' Ruin'?

Mr. Herbert G. Jillings, of Ipswich, has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus.

No member of the band which rang a peal of Victoria Little Court Bob Major at Gillingham on February 28th had previously struck a blow in the method.

We would remind those who order Central Council publications that they are now dealt with by Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. A full list of publications available appears on the back page.

In connection with the Henry Johnson festival a peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung on the Campanile Bell Tower at Evesham by Cheshire ringers augmented by one or two friends from the South. The visit enabled Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming to ring his 200th peal.

Among matters discussed by the Editorial Committee at Birmingham on Saturday was the supply of front page articles to 'The Ringing World.' The Editor would welcome contributions to this page from those who have something useful to say on the many phases of ringing and church bells to-day.

St. George's Chapel of Unity, Gravesend, where a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on February 28th, was formerly Gravesend Parish Church. The building was to have been pulled down but was saved largely through the energies of the Rev. Dr. Daunton-Fear, and the peal was a farewell compliment to him on leaving Gravesend for Bromley. An American Indian chief's daughter, Princess Pocahontas, is buried within the chapel, and much of the money for its restoration was raised in America.

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HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD'S YEAR — SPIRIT OF FOUNDER STILL LIVES — MR. A. WALKER'S FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES — 'RINGING WORLD' BALANCES ACCOUNTS

FOR 40 years Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Solihull, has been attending annually the commemoration dinner to Henry Johnson. For the first time in those 40 years on Saturday he was in the chair of that gathering that brings ringers from all parts of the country to enjoy the fellowship engendered by the St. Martin's Guild. The distinction was well bestowed. Outside his own Guild Mr. Shepherd is well known. In a sense he is the historian to the St. Martin's Guild, and a new book of his is shortly to be published; his researches into the Double Norwich method have also gained him recognition.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd had the support of a distinguished gathering although, numerically, numbers were not so many as in recent years. With them were the Master of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. Albert Walker) and Mrs. Walker, the Ringing Master (Mr. John Pinfold), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. E. Fearn) and Mrs. Fearn.

Visitors included the Very Rev. H. G. Michael Clarke (Provost of Birmingham) and Mrs. Clarke, Canon F. F. Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. F. E. Collins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mrs. Collins, Messrs. W. F. Moreton, L. Evans (Hereford), L. J. Williams, J. Clegg C. Clegg, A. Tomlinson, T. Barker, V. J. C. Wood and E. J. Gower (Lancashire Association).

Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis (London), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon (Dorking), Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone (Kent), Messrs. B. J. Ongley (Crewe), W. Allman (Runcorn), J. E. Bibby (Frodsham), F. Dunkerley (Rochdale), E. Jenkins (Oldham), B. Jones (Cheshire), J. Worth (Macclesfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis (Altrincham), Mr. H. Walker (York), Mr. R. B. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. W. T. Elson, Miss M. Proxon, Mr. J. F. Smallwood (London), Mr. S. Dearden (Croydon), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln), Mr. R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), Miss M. Fidell (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. H. J. Poole (Leicester), Mr. J. E. Jeater (Kent).

Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Ven. S. Hervey Clark (Archdeacon of Birmingham), the Rev. W. G. Griffin, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. D. Matkin, Mr. and Mrs. K. Croft, Mr. J. F. Harvey, Mr. W. T. Froggatt and Mr. Herbert Spencer. A telegram was also received with greetings and congratulations from all at St. Paul's.

After the chairman had submitted 'The Queen,' Alderman A. Paddon Smith gave the toast of 'Church and State' and said he was very glad to see that the Church and State in this country were walking arm in arm as they did and long might they continue. But it was not always the case—there was a reigning monarch who sent certain of his friends to murder the Archbiship of Canterbury. The mention of the word 'Canterbury' invariably brought to his mind that garrulous old man, the Red Dean, who trotted all over the world bringing the fair name of the Church of England into disrepute, because Communism was a competitive religion and anti-Christian. He wished that the Provost of Birmingham could tell them of some means for removing this man from his office.

Alderman Paddon Smith also referred to the need for revision of the Lord's Day Observance Act. He thought it was wrong that they could see a man dance on the films and not on the stage. He had never been to a film show on a Sunday but it was time that Act was looked into. He did not want to see organised professional sport on a Sunday. On the other hand he could see no harm in croquet on the vicarage lawn, 18 holes of golf or a quiet game of bowls. In a reference to the impending retirement of the Bishop of Birmingham, Alderman Paddon Smith said he would be a loss to the Diocese. Dr. Barnes was a clever man and had caused many controversies in his day by his speeches from the pulpit and his writings. He had met him on many occasions; he was a most engaging conversationalist. He was in agreement with him on the religious side but in politics they were far apart.



MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

The Provost of Birmingham, in reply, said when their Society was founded, in 1755, the Church and State went arm in arm very much more comfortably and very much more leisurely than to-day. Churchmen were watching the doings of the State with an anxious eye and also in certain respects the industrial and social affairs of this country. The Church must regard itself as the guardian of certain precious principles that the State might challenge. He thought the statement of the Archbishop of Capetown on the dispute between white and coloured people in South Africa showed courage.

JOHNSON'S SPIRIT LIVES

'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by the chairman, who said it was their duty to look back and take past experiences and use them to model their own lives and plan for a better future.

After the 1830-40 period, the leadership of Hopkins of the St. Martin's Youths went to Henry Johnson on whom fell a double portion of Hopkins' mantle. It was Johnson who kept Thurstans to his task to produce the four-part peal. It was Johnson and Day who made the St. Martin's Guild what it was to be. Johnson was a fine ringer, there had been other fine ringers: Johnson was an able conductor, there had been other able conductors; Johnson was a brilliant composer and there had been other brilliant composers—but not many. But Johnson was a great leader of men and his spirit had passed through successive leaders until it had come to rest on another leader of men, their beloved Albert Walker.

The toast was drunk in silence. Then, on the call of the chairman, those who had seen Henry Johnson in the flesh were asked to stand. There was only one present—Mr. George Mitcheson.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who said if any evidence was required of the standing of St. Martin's Guild or of the respect with which it was held, one had only to look round that room at the many distinguished persons who had come to wish the Guild well. He noted that nothing had been said about the near approach of the bi-centenary of the Society. St. Martin's Guild was now 198 years old and ranked second in age to the College Youths. The Society had enjoyed great prosperity in the past and long might it continue. But prosperity did not come by accident. They had to look for the reasons of prosperity and it was because they had been blessed by great men like Henry Johnson and by most loyal and conscientious members. The Society had always been very careful in the choice of its officers and in their choice they had not drawn a wrong one.

The friendship between St. Martin's Guild and the Ancient Society had been one of long standing and there might be, in the near future, further displays of friendship. It was proposed that the Ancient Society of College Youths should hold a meeting at Liverpool in the Spring and they hoped on that occasion to be joined by their friends at Birmingham. It gave him great pleasure to read that his friend John Pinfold had been elected Ringing Master. He remembered John in knickerbockers; now he was a portly old gentleman. He was a good ringer as a youngster and he was a good ringer to-day.

A CHIEF ARCHITECT

He had left to last the name of their Master, Mr. Albert Walker. If there had been any prosperity in the last 50 years Mr. Walker had been one of the chief architects. It was a great joy to them all that he had rung his 500th peal on 12 bells—which was a colossal achievement. His (the speaker's) achievement on 12 bells was only about one quarter of Mr. Walker's.

The Guild had rung many peals during the past year. He regretted that there had been peals on the front eight of a ring of 12—and if there was anything more diabolical in the realm of ringing he would like to know! He thought the time had arrived when someone should pass round the hat and provide a flat six bell.

Mr. Albert Walker, who replied, welcomed the visitors. Reviewing the past year, he said they very much regretted the death of four fellow members. John Fitter was associated with Yardley Parish Church and revived the band there. He did much towards increasing the ring from six to eight. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, was a life member of the Guild who always visited them when business brought him to Birmingham. Herbert Shepherd, brother of their chairman, was connected with Solihull Church as a ringer and also sang in the choir for over 50 years. He was always a keen supporter of the Guild. Charles Williams, who was 80-odd years old and lived at Harborne, was one of the early ringers with him at St. Martin's. He was a good 12-bell ringer. He left them to form a band in the eight-bell tower at Perry Barr. He attended the dinner last year and he knew Henry Johnson.

As to the bi-centenary he would assure Mr. Smallwood that they had it in mind and they

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JOHNSON DINNER—Continued

hoped, when the time came, to have a very full gathering.

Last year the Guild rang a record number of peals—108—which included 11 new Major methods. He congratulated Mr. Harold Poole on his peal of Metropolis Maximus, which would probably cause some controversy at the Central Council meeting.

HIS FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES

In regard to his 500 peals on 12 bells Mr. Walker said, with a humorous twinkle in his eye, 'Well, I was born before some of you.' He had received a telegram from Mr. Peck, the secretary of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, and also letters from many of his friends. As to his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, it was shortly after his marriage and when asked to stand in had said, 'I could not leave the Missus so long.' In those days he used to start work at 6 a.m. and finish at 5.30 p.m. Although he did not say anything to Mrs. Walker, he decided to go and hear the start of the peal—a muffled one for their beloved Master, Henry Bastable. As they had not started at 5.35 he went up the belfry and found out that they were one short so he was roped in. In that peal was William Painter, a well-known Birmingham detective, a man of 16 stones or more. He had not rung the St. Martin's tenor to a peal and he doubted whether he would last the peal, not on account of his physical condition but his thirst. He arranged for Harry Withers to cut up some oranges and put a section or two in Painter's mouth. It was late when he arrived home that night and he well remembered that peal (laughter).

Canon Bryan S. W. Green, Rector of St. Martin's, who had been to another church function, gave the company his good wishes. Someone had mentioned the need of 'a flat' at St. Martin's; he would see what could be done. He hoped there would never be a shortage of young men coming forward to ring bells and learn their craft and that it would not be necessary to introduce electronic recordings of bells.

CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY WELCOMED

'The Visitors' was honoured on the call of Mr. F. W. Perrens, who said they could not expect that gathering to be a success without visitors. They had been present at the first Henry Johnson dinner and he knew they had been present for the past 38 years because he had been present on each occasion. Without visitors at such a gathering it would be like the Exercise without a 'Ringing World': it would be a distinct loss. They welcomed the clergy and thanked them for their co-operation that enabled them to ring for their pleasure. He extended a special welcome to Mr. Barnett, the secretary of the Central Council, and wished him every success in his new office. He was also fortunate in his wife, who would be an unofficial assistant secretary in exactly the same way as Mrs. Fletcher had been to Mr. Fletcher for so many years. It was a great many years since they had a secretary of the Central Council at their dinner.

Mr. Barnett, in acknowledging the toast, said he was a little diffident in replying as that was the first occasion he had attended such a dinner and the second time he had been in the city of Birmingham. Mr. Smallwood was not quite correct in saying that the St. Martin's Guild was the second oldest Society. He belonged to a Society that was a few years older than St. Martin's Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Smallwood did not belong to that Society and that was his loss.

He did not know whether the warmth of their welcome had always been as cordial as that evening. His father told him that he came to St. Martin's to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques and was ringing the treble. When he pulled off he let it go back and bump the stay so that it came down between eight and nine. Mr. Walker at once called out, 'You will have to strike that bell.' However, they did ring the peal.

GRANDFATHER WITH HENRY JOHNSON

A few years ago he learned that his grandfather rang with Henry Johnson at Cheltenham. Another connection he had with Birmingham was that during the last 15 months or so he had the pleasure of working with one of their Birmingham ringers, Squadron Leader Stan Mason, and through him he had amassed a great deal of information on Birmingham ringing. He would like to add his tribute to Mr. Albert Walker on his wonderful achievement.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes and acknowledged by the Editor, who said that he was pleased to announce that through the generosity of those who rang peals and quarter peals it had been possible for 'The Ringing World' to balance its accounts for 1952 and show a small profit. It would, however, be necessary to rely upon that continued support during the coming year. A shilling or two with each peal or quarter peal would ensure the financial success of the journal.

A very old friend of the chairman, Mr. Arthur Jones, proposed his health, and Mr. Shepherd, who was received with great enthusiasm, said he had been coming to those dinners for 40 years but it was the first time he had been privileged to preside over that gathering.

During the evening songs and duets were sung by Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mrs. N. Pearson, and Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist. A course of Stedman Cinques on handbells was rung by F. E. Haynes 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. E. Perrens 9-10, H. J. Poole 11-12.

MR. J. W. GRIFFITHS' 200 PEALS

Mr. J. W. Griffiths, of Upton-by-Chester, has a big variety of Major and 13 Triples methods in his 200 peals, all of which have been rung on tower bells. Of these he has conducted 68. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1 (conducted 1), three methods 1, four methods 1.

Minor.—Bob 4 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 2 (1), two methods 1, three methods 1 (1) four methods 2 (1), six methods 1, seven methods 5 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 15 (11), Stedman 12 (7), Oxford Bob 3 (3), Double Court 1 (1), St. Clement's 2 (2), London Bob 1 (1) Hereward Bob 1 (1), Double Oxford Bob 1 (1), Double Grandsire 1 (1), Reverse Grandsire 1 (1), College 1 (1), Court 1 (1) Erin 1 (1).

Major.—Bob 20 (2), Double Norwich 16 (6), Canterbury Pleasure 1 St. Clement's College 2, Double Oxford 1, Spliced Plain and Little 2 (1), Spliced Double Norwich, Double Oxford Plain and Little 1, Daresbury Imperial 1 (1), Liscard Imperial 1 (1), Westminster Imperial 1 (1), Hereward 1, Marlborough 1, Winchester 1 Loughborough 1, Cheltenham 1, Colville 1, Painswick College 1, Chesterfield 1 (1), Buckley Imperial 1 (1), Little Bob 4 (1), Single Oxford 1, Grosvenor Imperial 1 (1), Tiverton Little Bob 1, Victoria Little Court 1, Little Oxford Bob 2, Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (1), Kent Treble Bob 8, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent, Oxford and Granta Treble Bob 1 Little Albion Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 18 (2), New Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 4, Bristol Surprise 1, London Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Pudsey Surprise 1, Lincolnshire Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 3 (2), Erin 1, Double Norwich 1 (1).

Royal.—Bob 5, Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1 (1).

Maximus.—Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD

A Cockle Tea at Annual Meeting

The second annual meeting of the Southend and District Guild of Ringers was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on February 7th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and ranged from rounds, Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge Major. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. E. Pett, in the unfortunate absence of the Vicar (the Ven. E. N. Gowing). In his address he drew a comparison with the team work in competitive rowing, with which he was well acquainted, to the team work necessary in bellringing.

Tea followed the service and 34 healthy appetites soon devoured the cockle tea, which is now becoming a feature of these meetings. The cockles came from the famous Leigh cockle sheds and were the gift of Mr. 'Bill' Perry.

For the meeting the president (Mr. F. B. Lufkin) was in the chair, and apologies for absence were received from members laid low with influenza and those whose duties in the flooded areas prevented attendance.

The secretary, in his report, gave good news of the progress of the Guild and of the increasing number of methods which can now be rung at Guild meetings. He said that the highlight of the year had been the joining of the Guild by Rettendon, where ringing had recommenced after a somewhat lengthy break. Meetings had been held at all the towers in the Guild, namely, Great Wakering, Thorpe Bay, Prittlewell, Leigh, South Benfleet, Rayleigh, Downham and Rettendon, with an average attendance of 30 per meeting. The secretary's report was unanimously approved. In the absence of the treasurer (Mrs. B. C. Sadler) her husband informed the meeting of the financial state of the Guild. The balance of cash in hand at the end of the year was £4 12s., and there were now 60 members compared with 41 members for the previous year.

Mr. Donald Coombes gave an account of the summer tour, which took place during the first week of June. The party of ten travelled by train to Gerrard's Cross and from there visited 40 towers in four counties—Bucks, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. Bicycles were the means of transport and 250 miles were covered. Night stops were made at Youth Hostels situated on the route. The final day of the tour was exceptionally wet and a very wet, bedraggled party—far from downhearted— boarded the train at High Wycombe. One interesting fact in this report on the organisation side: Mr. Coombes stated that he wrote to the incumbents of 38 churches, 37 replied, and only four refused permission to ring, and then for very good reasons. Only seven incumbents met the visitors during the tour, but they had always arranged for local ringers to meet the party in their absence.

The president thanked Mr. Coombes for his excellent report and then the election of officers took place. Those elected were:—President, Mr. F. B. Lufkin; Master, Mr. B. C. Sadler; Deputy Master, Mr. H. J. Oliver; secretary, Mr. P. A. Sadler; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. G. Woodgate; treasurer, Mr. C. G. Woodgate.

There being no other business to conduct the president expressed his regret that his business connections did not enable him to attend every meeting but that he was most interested in all that went on and always received a full account of every meeting. He thanked all the retiring officers, who, he said, had done an excellent job, and especially the Master for the year (Mr. G. Blower), who kept things going in his absence, and the treasurer.

The members returned to the tower for further ringing until 'Stand' was finally called about 8.15. P. A. S.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Collins (first of Minor) 1, R. Woodcock 2, P. Ridgway 3, G. Ingham 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST PEAL AT CAYTHORPE

Dear Sir,—Concerning the footnote to the peal at Caythorpe on February 11th, the 'Bell News' records peals rung there on October 29th, 1890 (Bob Triples), and on November 7th, 1896 (Kent Major). The peal rung on February 11th, 1903, was not claimed as the first on the bells.

For the information of your readers, I am in process of tabulating all the peals that have been rung, as published in the ringing papers (commencing 1881) and so far have got to the middle of 1913. I hope to finish the job about a year hence. I should be very pleased to let anyone have the benefit of what has been done so far if required. Mr. Shepherd was quite correct about the first peal on Horsell bells—they are the only two I have come across so far. The first was Minor in four methods and the second Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. Clegg's letter regarding the authorship of the 5,088 Superlative Surprise Major, published on page 139 of 'The Ringing World,' these figures are definitely the work of the late Mr. H. Dains, who produced them in 1896, and they were published on page 60 of the issue of 'Campanology' dated October 14th, 1896.

Variations of this composition have been rung and published subsequently under the names of various composers, who were probably unaware that the composition had already been published. This can easily happen, as facilities for the publication of compositions are limited to 'The Ringing World,' the Central Council's 'Collections of Peals' and the various Association reports. It is, therefore, quite easy for any composer unwittingly to reproduce the work of some earlier exponent of composition, especially when seeking a good peal for a new method, and I feel that these matters can best be settled by the parties concerned.

I have always found that a prior claim to any composition is recognised by the composers of to-day, and it is only necessary for those concerned to point out the details, to enable these matters to be adjusted.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

CHERWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to friend Mr. J. Clegg on the above subject and to say that the composition was given out by me in 1930, and was first rung under my name on June 6th, 1932, to New Cambridge, conducted by the late J. E. Davis. It was rung once or twice between then and the peal of Cherwell.

When this method was published I learned through the columns of 'The Ringing World' that there was a prior claim. It was then that I decided to lay aside all claim to the figures, although up to this time I was ignorant of the fact that the figures were in existence. If I have caused any calamity I feel I must offer apologies to all concerned, but as no one has lost anything, nor yet gained anything, we are as we were. So where is there cause for worry? —Sincerely yours.

E. W. TIPLER

Lutterworth.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD STAGER

Dear Sir,—A mistake has somehow arisen in the reminiscences that I sent you, which I shall be glad if you will correct. It was Arthur Pegler who was given tuition by Washbrook and not J. M. Hayes, who was of a much earlier period.—Yours sincerely,

OLD STAGER

Editor's Note.—We thank a number of readers who have pointed out the error.

THE TENOR BEHIND

Dear Sir,—How regrettable it is that 'An Old Stager' has dwelt so long in the land and still does not realise that ringers are made up of all types. One of these is to be found in many a tower throughout the country—the chap who is a regular Sunday service ringer, who prefers to ring behind, has no other aspirations, but is always there!

Another thing. A good many ringers and quite a number of the general public, prefer to hear the tenor rung behind. So instead of wanting any hard and fast ruling as to what **should** be rung, rather let us try to suit all ringers and their various capabilities.

LEONARD W. GILES.

Wadhurst.

DOUBLES ON SIX BELLS

Dear Sir,—I feel that the last paragraph of your leading article on February 27th calls for a few comments.

There are several reasons why Doubles are rung on six bells. Firstly, there is usually one member of the band who can only ring the treble or cover. Secondly, the 'go' of some bells makes ringing Minor hard work, yet Doubles a pleasure. Thirdly, a large number of ringers and most non-ringers prefer to hear the tenor behind.

As to the fact that more interest can be gained in ringing Minor, that depends on what methods you ring. The majority of ringers, if placed in a five-bell tower, could probably only manage to ring Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and one or two more simple methods, yet a large number of more difficult methods exists, each with its own individual plain course (as opposed to variations like Old Doubles and April Day). A good example is all the slow course methods, published last week.

If the Central Council tried to make a ruling similar to that stated, it would raise an even more widespread cry of protest than the present argument on irregular Minor methods has.

One last point. If 6-5s at backstroke in Minor are unmusical, why have 5-4s at backstroke through ringing Doubles on five?—Yours sincerely,

W. BUTLER.

Windsor.

THE TENOR AND A GOOD BEAT

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the correspondence in your columns regarding peals of Doubles on six bells and cannot understand this bigoted attitude against the tenor behind. We at Christ Church, Mitcham (just by Collier's Wood Underground, for any ringers visiting London) have a light six, and, like most towers, I expect, have one or two ringers who are quite content to ring the tenor behind, and leave the 'fancy work' to those who are that way inclined. Needless to say they are most regular in their Sunday attendance.

Must they be barred from all peal attempts because the other members of the band want to turn in the tenor? Oh yes, we do ring Surprise Minor when we have a band but our tenor men are never neglected.

In my opinion it is much easier to get good striking with the tenor behind as the steady beat rounds off each change and the bells have a fixed bell to lead from. As for monotony in Doubles ringing, perhaps your correspondent would care to stand in the peal we are practising for the Coronation, Doubles in nine methods; I guarantee he would need his wits about him.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. EVELEIGH

London, S.W.19.

SIX-BELL DOUBLES PEALS AND SACRILEGIOUSNESS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to the writer of the leader in 'The Ringing World' of February 27th that peals of Doubles on six bells, and rung to the Glory of God, are not sacrilegious, and particularly so when rung in circumstances explained in the letter to the Editor, 'Ringing World' (February 20th), signed 'Another Tower Captain.'

To my mind the writer of the leader is a sacrilegist, and I am certain the Central Council would never agree to violate the sacred use of the bells in this way.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

RECORDINGS OF EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Sanger's letter in your recent issue, I switched on the Light Programme at 7.57 this morning and found that both the ringing and the recording of the Evercreech bells were first-rate. But what a pity 'The Ringing World' has not given information of these recordings earlier!

Is it really impossible to obtain particulars of all new broadcasts of ringing from the B.B.C. and publish them in time for your readers to switch on at the appropriate times? —Yours sincerely,

EDITH LOMAS (Miss).

Whimple, Devon.

BELLS ON THE TELEPHONE

Dear Sir,—It is a striking coincidence that your note in 'Belfry Gossip' about the Newport (Salop) bells being heard in Edinburgh by telephone should be printed at this time.

Our bells at Ewell, Surrey, have been receiving a certain amount of publicity following a reference of mine in our Parish Magazine to the proximity of the telephone exchange to our Parish Church, just across the road. By reason of this the sound of our bells has for 21 years been regularly transmitted to all the exchanges in London and other parts of the country: indeed, on one occasion, it reached the ears of an operator in New York, who exhibited great interest.

This story was taken up by two local newspapers, while the London 'Evening News' considered it of sufficient national importance to give it nearly half a column.

Are any other towers similarly situated, or is St. Mary's, Ewell, unique in this way?—Yours faithfully,

J. E. BEAMS.

West Ewell, Epsom.

BELLS IN 'DICK WHITTINGTON ON ICE'

Dear Sir.—At the beginning of the New Year there was an inquiry in 'The Ringing World' concerning the bells used in the finale of the T.V. production of 'Dick Whittington on Ice.'

The recording used is on a Columbia ten-inch disc (DB 1637). The recording was made by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. The ringing is call changes progressing from rounds to Queens on one side and to Whittingtons on the other.

This recording is now, unfortunately, deleted from the Columbia Record Catalogue. A copy could, possibly, be found in one of the London second-hand record shops, of which several exist near Leicester Square.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Feltham, Middlesex.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. R. Cross 1, W. J. Cross (first quarter in method) 2, H. H. Alexander 3, R. J. Cook 4, E. E. Pearson 5, Inst. Comdr. R. G. Cross (cond.) 6, C. Kinch 7, E. J. Smith 8.

LETTERS—Continued

'ENDERBY'

Dear Sir,—You may remember that, after the flood disaster of a month ago, I ventured to foretell that the Press would receive a number of letters upon 'Enderby,' as perhaps we may call the poem—though Jean Ingelow, its writer, for quite valid reasons preferred the more prosaic title as quoted by your correspondent, Ursula M. Pilkington. The letter which you kindly inserted was probably one of many which voiced 'Enderby' from our ringing point of view—as did another one which I read in the 'Sunday Times,' which spoke from the 'layman's' outlook. It is obvious that there are hundreds who ask such questions, and there always will be—for it is a tribute to the great gifts of the writer, Jean Ingelow.

Some 20 years ago, it was I, myself, who wrote a long letter to 'The Ringing World,' calling attention to the beauty of this poem and asking questions about 'Enderby.' In the correspondence which ensued it was satisfactorily established that 'Enderby' was but a part of the build-up of this work, one which the author published with her others as 'Poems' in 1863, thereby establishing herself as one of the notable writers of her day, this apart from her later efforts when she turned to fiction.

Yes, Jean Ingelow was undoubtedly inspired when she penned the 'high-water-mark' of her success. A native of Boston (a banker's daughter), she knew her Lincoln Fens with all their dams and dykes and nestling villages, and she knew how to build up for us a word-picture of their tragedy—as the poor bereaved ones cling in the darkness to their shaking roofs, their horror is mixed with hope, for Boston's bells across the waters speak of willing helpers guided by the glittering flare burning on Boston's 'stump.' It was a necessary background for the lay-out of her tale, but she may have disliked the name of her own town. Now, had it been a name like Enderby—which she knew so well—it would have led somewhere along the paths of sound. But, after all, ringers are wont to borrow quaintly, in naming what they do—thus they may say 'Delight of Enderby'—'Sons of'—'Daughters of,' and so she may have mused till 'Brides of Enderby' happily filled the bill, all but one duosyllable (coined as soon as sought for), viz. Mavis. And so the ringers rang 'The Brides of Mavis Enderby,' and we have another of those haunting phrases which so adorn this poem, e.g., 'My sonne's wife, Elizabeth,' or 'Cusha! Cusha! Cusha! calling,' or again 'Come up Whitefoot, come up Lightfoot, come up Jetty, rise and follow.'

Thus by chance or 'poetic licence' ringers have become associated with a great poem, and if they have not yet read it, most of them will enjoy doing so. It can be read in the pages of 'The Oxford Book of English Verse,' to be found in most libraries. Now is the time to read it whilst the recent disaster is fresh in our minds, but, like all good writing, it is best when read aloud, and has been known to draw a tear to the listener's cheek.

I seem to remember that it was Mrs. Syble Jerram of Cornwall, who gave us the clue about 'Enderby,' a lady who is the wife of a ringer, and herself a lover of Jean Ingelow's works.—Yours, etc.,

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, E. Garbett 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bird 5, F. Bird (cond.) 6, R. Hayden 7, T. Camp 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Hayden.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: J. Marriott 1, Miss M. Keyworth (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, R. Dawson 4, R. Forster 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. James Backhouse, of Burbage.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXXI.—FROM GRANDSIRE TO PLAIN BOB

The controversy which arose some years ago in 'The Ringing World' over Bob Triples centred round the question of the utility of this method as a 'stepping stone' from Minor to Major. We are not among those who think that Triples of any kind is necessary as a stepping stone between the two even-bell groups, any more than Grandsire or Stedman Major are necessary to the practice of those who want to go from Grandsire or Stedman Triples to Caters. This, however, is not the place for us to air our views on the controversy, but we want to make it an opportunity to try and show beginners who are ringing Grandsire how they can step easily to Plain Bob as a means of going on to those 'illimitable realms' that lie before those who practise even-bell methods.

It may be helpful perhaps if we look for a moment at the difference in construction between the two methods; it may simplify things a bit.

The principle in Plain Bob is one hunt bell (the treble) with a bell making 2nds when this bell leads, and the others dodging in pairs behind them; that is in 3-4, 5-6, etc.

Grandsire has two hunt bells (the treble and another), with a bell making 3rds, when these two are leading, and the others dodging in pairs behind them; that is in 4-5, 6-7, etc.

Whether you learn to ring Bob Doubles or Grandsire Doubles in a five-bell tower you are taught to lead off the last bell of the preceding change; so that in going on to Minor leading from the last bell presents no difficulties.

If you have learned to ring Doubles in a six-bell tower, where the tenor has always been covering, you have got to acquire the skill to lead off the last bell when you ring Minor—whether your efforts have previously been devoted to Bob or Grandsire Doubles.

A little careful practice will enable you to do this. You probably know already that there should be a slight extra pause, or space, between the last bell in the backstroke change and the bell leading in the next handstroke change. That is particularly necessary in even-bell ringing; otherwise there is nothing whatever to make the 'beat,' and the ringing goes on like a barrel organ.

You have first of all to use your **eyes** to pick out the last of the ropes falling at backstroke, and then hold your bell for a trifle longer before pulling off at hand. The exact period, of course, depends upon the size of the bell you are ringing, and to judge this you must use your **ears.**

The difficulty which some ringers seem to find in going from an odd-bell to an even-bell method is in the dodging places. If they have always rung Grandsire and desire to turn over to Plain Bob they find that the habit of dodging in 4-5 makes it difficult to change over to dodging in 3-4 or 5-6, but there is no real obstacle to acquiring quickly the new condition.

A dodge, as we have often explained in these articles, is a step backward. Count yourself on to the farthest point of the dodging position, 5ths or 7ths for 4-5, or 6-7 up in Grandsire; 4ths or 6ths in 8ths for 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8 in Plain Bob, then take one step back before going on again. Whether it is Grandsire or Plain Bob, every blow in an **even** place, 2nd, 4th, 6th or 8th, going **up** is at handstroke, and every blow in an **odd** place, 3rd, 5th or 7th, is at backstroke. Conversely, coming **down**, every **even** place is backstroke and every **odd** place is handstroke.

If you have been ringing Grandsire you have probably learned by this time that the step back in your dodge is **always** at **handstroke.** In Plain Bob the step back is always at **backstroke.** A knowledge of this is helpful in fixing your dodging place

In both methods the dodges follow in sequence, 5-4, 7-6, 6-7, 4-5 in Grandsire; 4-3, 6-5, 8-7, 7-8, 5-6, 3-4 in Bob Major, but Plain Bob is simpler in the bob making than Grandsire, inasmuch as a call only affects three of the working bells instead of all but one. Whereas in Grandsire a bob involves double dodging above 3rds place, the bells above 4ths in Plain Bob continue an unbroken course of single dodging.

The real secret of going from one method to the other is to count your places and remember that the dodging step back in Grandsire is at handstroke and the dodging step back in Plain Bob is at backstroke.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' March 14th, 1913

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP

Sir,—I thought this subject was dropped, but Mr. Lindoff's vain and boasting letter provokes me to reply. Evidently he thinks Mr. Dains, Mr. Hattersley and myself are nothing but fools in composition and can be treated as such accordingly, or he would not have sent with his letter the two 5,040's of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, which, like his other efforts, are merely extracts from peals published in the 1895 Appendix. . . .

With this attempt to hoodwink us, he has the impertinence to tell us he is not, like Mr. Dains, given to idle boasting. Can idle boasting go further? He also states that these extracts are his peals, and his they will remain. I have no doubt they will in his imagination, but the discerning part of the Exercise will not be so deceived, but will estimate his efforts at their worth.

N. J. PITSTOW.

[The parting shot in a famous and often referred-to controversy over three compositions of Royal, which Mr. Lindoff's opponents (rightly) considered were derived, no doubt unintentionally, from peals of their own by the addition or omission of a particular bob. Generally speaking, the Exercise is now much more sensible in these matters—though one frequently-rung peal of Surprise Royal by a living composer could better be ascribed to Reeves or Annable !]

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS

In a letter to the 'Manchester Guardian,' Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, writes concerning Lichfield Cathedral. He states: 'It possesses a lovely musical ring of ten bells, which are only available (except for very special occasions) once a year—for the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

'This is a great pity. No one knows better that bells, good, bad or indifferent—especially if indifferently rung—can be a terrible nuisance, but when bells are well rung there is nothing more pleasing in music to the listener. May we ringers hope that the new Dean and Chapter will be a little more generous with a portion of a great heritage.'

PREVIOUS FLOODS

Dear Sir,—A reference to previous floods will be found in 'The Norfolk Broads,' a work by a writer named Butt. A description of the 1287 flood by John q'Oxmead is quoted, tallying in almost every detail with that of 1953. He puts the loss of life at 'nine score persons.' Stowe and a contemporary writer give the loss of life in 1607 as 'thousands,' perhaps an exaggeration. No life was lost in a similar inundation in 1897. No reference is made to that of 1571, unless it is this flood which Stowe is describing.—Yours, etc.,

A. D. H. ALLEN.

Weston-super-Mare.

JUBILEE OF NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Founded February 14th, 1903, for the Promotion of Belfry Reform and the Cultivation of the Art of Change Ringing.

By ALBERT J. HUGHES

THE art of change ringing was practised for a long period before the North Wales Association was formed. In the earliest times of change ringing it was chiefly gentlemen of quality who were among the foremost to practise the art. Chiefly for their own edification and amusements or sport.

Competitive ringing was much the vogue in some places, or prize ringing, and followers indulged in betting on the results. This was done not so many years ago in certain parts of the country. Competitive ringing still takes place, and I have no hesitation in saying it does not interfere with what we consider to be the primary use of church bells, i.e., to call the people to worship in the House of God.

The belfry is part of the church and is consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The bells are instruments of sacred music. The office of the ringer is, therefore, a holy office and should ever be performed in a reverent manner.

THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

The preliminary meeting to form the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno and was arranged by Mr. Morris J. Morris, a very accomplished ringer and composer, who lives in Birmingham and is now in his 85th year. The late Rev. T. Lewis Jones was in the chair, and the following members were among those present:—W. T. Pegler, J. H. Midwinter, William Crane, Bangor; S. A. Cullington, F. Cole, G. Swan, Llandudno: F. Wallis, G. Bell, Charles Egerton, Rhyl; Wilmer Rogers, H. Moore, T. Cathrall, Wrexham; John Davies, Llangollen; George Williams, sen., Gresford; also probably one from Hawarden. Owing to the meeting being held on a Saturday, Messrs. Edward Rowlands and Morris J. Morris were unable to attend.

The Society was formed with officers as follows:—President, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A. Cantab.; hon. secretary, S. A. Cullington; treasurer, Wilmer Rogers; Ringing Master, W. T. Pegler. The first meeting was at Bangor and we had the patronage of the Bishop of Bangor and the Bishop of St. Asaph, who later became the first Archbishop of Wales. This was a very memorable meeting, extremely pleasant with a splendid attendance. We were entertained to tea by the Bishop and Mrs. Williams at their Glyn Garth Palace and we were conveyed across the Menai Straits by boats from the training ship 'Clio,' manned by small short-cropped boys.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

This was of excellent design and must be one of the finest in the Exercise. At the top centre is a fully equipped bell at rest, and in the four corners are the coats of arms of Bangor, St. Asaph, Wrexham and Wales; engravings of Bangor and St. Asaph Cathedrals, and Wrexham Parish Church, with a centre panel of certification of membership. Also the notes as follows:—

To call ye folks to church in time we chine,
When joy and mirth are on the wing we ring,
When we mourn a departed soul we toll,
A thing which delighteth all ages and beseemeth all states:
A thing as seasonable in grief as in joy.

The first president retained office until his death in 1928, the day before his 83rd birthday. He was followed by the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones, the Rev. R. Cybi Jones and the Rev. G. A. Wright, all vicars of St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor.

The Ringing Masters have been in this order:—W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, A. J. Hughes, W. Jones, A. Lea, Wrexham; J. Fuller, Rhyl. During the war period no meetings were held, and in 1946 Mr. A. J. Hughes was re-elected and the present Master is Mr. F. R. Evans, Wrexham.

Secretaries:—S. A. Cullington, Llandudno: C. H. Jones, Buckley; T Jones, Bangor; and from 1928 W. Cathrall, who is the present secretary and treasurer. Treasurers:—Wilmer Rogers, Wrexham; Fred Wallace, Rhyl; Ed. Rowland, Wrexham; T. Cathrall, Wrexham.

Central Council representatives:—Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 1903 to 1924; A. G. Hughes, 1935 to 1928; and now W. Cathrall.

EARLIER RINGING IN NORTH WALES

Practically the last of a long line of gentlemen who were Masters of the Society of College Youths, London, was Watkin Williams, then a young man of 25, who joined in 1717. He was already a person of some importance and a Member of Parliament for Denbighshire. Two years later, on the death of his cousin, he became the owner of a great estate in North Wales and he took the name of Winn in addition to his own.

He was a very powerful man and was one of the leaders of the Jacobite party in the House of Commons. He was, at different times, Mayor of Oswestry and Chester. He became a baronet in 1740. This gentleman must certainly have done some ringing in Salop and North Wales.

SOME EARLY PEALS

(1). The first peal to be rung in Wales was Grandsire Triples rung on March 26th, 1729, at Wrexham by a local band.

(2). The first peal of Caters was also rung at Wrexham, on July 27th, 1803. The Union Society of Shrewsbury visited Wrexham and rang this peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,021 changes, conducted by Richard Cross. Samuel Lee, the carpenter, who later became a professor in Arabic, was a great linguist, and one of the band.

(3). A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Dolgelly on September 26th, 1809, conducted by John Hints. He was a Welshman and a valuable member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London. It has been said that he was eager to conduct the first peal of Triples in Wales, but was apparently not the first.

(4). A peal of Oxford Treble Major was rung at Dolgelly on September 26th, 1809, conducted by Richard Cross, who was a prominent conductor of the old Union Society of Shrewsbury. This was thought to be the first peal, but was apparently not so. Laurence rang the tenor.

(5). A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Wrexham on August 17th, 1818, conducted by Joseph Riley. There were two men on the 8th, 9th and tenor; the composition was Riley's 5,000. (See Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' Part 2.) Tales were told by Hints and Riley and the Londoners of the strenuous work put in to score these peals, and the long, dangerous riding by stage coach to and from the towers over the mountains.

(6). A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Llanstephan, January 1st, 1876, conducted by Henry Haley. This was Holt's Original, rung for the first time in Wales, and the first peal rung in Wales by the College Youths.

Subsequently the Midland Counties Association rang two early peals in Wales. One, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at Rhyl, consisting of 5,088 changes, in 3 hours and 26 minutes, composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by William Wakley, on August 13th, 1883. This was the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung in Wales by the Burton-on-Trent band. Also on Friday, October 2nd, 1891, the Burton-on-Trent band of the Midland Counties Association rang the first peal of Stedman Caters in Wales, at Wrexham, in 3 hours and 29 minutes, composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by J. Griffin. Edward Rowlands a local man, rang the tenor.

The first peal of Stedman Triples was rung by a local band in Wales at St. David's, Bangor, on April 25th, 1898, conducted by Morris J. Morris.

A PEAL IN SCOTLAND

When the late Francis E. Dawe was resident in Wrexham as a bank manager, his ambition was to ring a peal in every Cathedral, and he certainly rang peals in a great number. It was he who arranged and took the Wrexham band to Scotland, where they rang the first peal of Grandsire Caters in Scotland at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. He also took a band to Bodelwyddan and rang the first peal of Grandsire Triples there in 1886. Two peals of Treble Bob Major had previously been rung there by a Liverpool band.

The area covered by the North Wales Association is very large and the towers are long distances apart, which make it very difficult to manage, especially to get attendances at meetings if arranged at out-of-the-way places. Numerous towers have simply dropped out of the Association, often, perhaps, feeling neglected, but in many instances they are not able to keep a band together owing to the departure of young people to other parts of the country.

In compiling this historical record, I am indebted to Mr. W. Cathrall and early extracts from 'The Ringing World,' also Mr. Trollope's 'History of the College Youths' with some recollections and memories of 55 years' ringing experience. May I conclude with a hope that the foremost thought of all bands of ringers should be the qualification of themselves to the regular attendance in the belfry and the church service.

THE LADIES' GUILD

S. Valentine's Day Meeting at Radcliffe

On Saturday, February 14th, by coincidence falling on St. Valentine's Day, the members of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild chartered a special bus from Leicester to take them to their meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Despite the snow laying alongside the roads and in the fields, a journey without mishap saw us at the Parish Church to be met by the local vice-captain, Mr. Lygo.

The bells were set going during the afternoon and evening when visitors from other towers joined in the ringing.

About 45 ringers and friends sat down to tea after a short form of service taken by the curate (himself extremely interested in campanology). Before the business meeting commenced, Miss Thompson (vice-president) expressed the thanks of all the members to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the curate for conducting the service, and also to Mr. Lygo for making the local arrangements.

One honorary and five ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Twyford on April 18th. J. S.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Mayoral Welcome at Andover

When the Andover Branch held its annual meeting at St. Mary's, Andover, on February 25th, the Mayor extended a civic welcome to the company of over 30 ringers which included friends from Reading, Aldershot and Chichester.

Previous to the service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m. good use was made of the bells. The tea and meeting were held at the White Hart Hotel, attended by the Mayor.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (the Rev. S. A. Gidlow), who did not wish for re-election, and his successor is the Rev. Mr. Sincox, curate of St. Mary's, who is a ringer. It was decided to hold monthly practice meetings throughout the forthcoming year, the first to take place on April 18th at Abbots Ann, with ringing after tea at Goodworth Clatford.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the belfry to ring.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES BACKHOUSE

The Chester Diocesan Guild has lost an old member by the passing of Mr. James Backhouse, of Burbage, Derbyshire, on February 21st at the age of 84 years. He was a ringer at Christ Church, Burbage, for about 50 years until his retirement from active ringing in 1948. Following his funeral a quarter peal of College Exercise was rung to his memory.

MR. JOHN HARRISON BLAKISTON

Mr. J. H. Blakiston died at his home in Middlesbrough on December 30th at the age of 93. He had come to the town in 1884 and eventually rose to the position of chief cashier to the owners of the Middlesbrough Estate. For 30 years he was Ringing Master at St. Hilda's Church, where he had formed the first band. Although he gave up active ringing before the war his exploits are frequently recalled on Tees-side.

The local paper recorded him as having rung 63 peals in seven different counties but this total is probably incomplete. The majority were rung for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. His 50th was rung at Middlesbrough as long ago as October 22nd, 1900. The method was Superlative Surprise and he had taken part in a similar peal on May 19th of the same year to mark the occasion of the relief of Mafeking.

As a newcomer to the area I only met him once, about 18 months ago, when, in spite of failing sight and deafness, he recalled the details of many ringing occasions in the last century.

He had been a widower for many years and is survived by his two sons. P. W. B. S.

MR. JOSEPH BROADLEY

By the passing of Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, on February 25th, at the ripe old age of 93 years, the Yorkshire Association has lost its oldest stalwart, and the Bradford Cathedral Company, to which he was attached, one of its most esteemed members.

Mr. Broadley joined the Association in 1879—four years after its foundation, and although he had not taken part in a peal since 1938, he still heads the Association peal list with 399 peals. His total stood at 402, but unfortunately the compositions of three of them proved to be false. It is a singular tribute to his great enthusiasm that, in spite of not having rung a peal for 15 years, his total for the Association is still some 40 ahead of any other member.

His last peal was one of Stedman Caters rung at Bradford Cathedral on June 4th, 1938, conducted by the late Charles T. Coles, and included such famous names as the late George Williams, John Austin and Rupert Richardson. Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, also took part.

For many years Mr. Broadley was steeplekeeper at Bradford Cathedral, and the immaculate care of the bells and belfry was his one dominating thought. He was a former trustee of the Association and for many years served on its General Committee.

The funeral service took place at Bradford Cathedral on March 2nd, when the bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples beforehand and Kent Treble Bob Major afterwards. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the Cathedral by William Barton 1-2, Percy J. Johnson 3-4, Leslie W. G. Morris 5-6, Ernest J. Simpson 7-8. The interment followed at Undercliffe Cemetery.

MR. JOHN W. GLEW

It came as a profound shock to his many friends in the Derbyshire and neighbouring Associations when they heard of the death of Mr. Jack Glew on Friday, February 27th, as he was seated in a bus at Derby bus station on his way to visit friends in Wolverhampton.

For many years he had been in charge at St. Peter's, Derby, where visitors could always be assured of a welcome, whether Surprise ringers or learners. Many ringers in Derby are indebted to him for calling their first peal of Grandsire Triples, and the attendance at Monday nights' practices was a tribute to his popularity.

Of a very friendly and retiring disposition, in fact a fine Christian gentleman, he could be depended upon to be in his place each Sunday and right to the last, at the age of 72, he was willing to make one for a peal, whether it was Cambridge or any of the standard methods.

It gave great pleasure to the writer to arrange his only peal of Stedman Caters at Duffield last year, conducted by Mr. Howard Howell, one of which he was very proud.

Under his leadership ringing at St. Peter's reached a very high level with a local band capable of Cambridge and Superlative for service ringing, the raising and falling in peal also being a feature of the Sunday service ringing.

On the Sunday following his death the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled and prior to the evening service the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 72 times followed by a 252 touch of Stedman Triples of his own composition..

A large congregation attended St. Peter's on Wednesday afternoon to pay their last tributes prior to interment at Nottingham Road Cemetery. The Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Shaw, in an address, referred to Mr. Glew's 50 years' service as a bellringer, his unfailing kindness and the respect in which he was held by all privileged to know him. Wreaths were sent from the local ringers and the Derby and District Association. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening by the local band. His total number of peals is believed to be in the eighties, rung for the East Derbyshire Association, Midland Counties Association and the Derbyshire Association. W. L.

MR. HENRY HARDING

Henry Harding, who, some 20 years ago, was one of the band at West Clandon, Surrey, died at New Malden, Surrey, on February 11th, having reached the 82nd anniversary of his birthday on Christmas Day, 1952.

Mr. Harding learned to ring at Braywood, near Windsor. He moved to West Clandon in 1920, and, taking up method ringing there, was, with his two sons, a tower of strength to the band for many years. He left Clandon in 1934 to accompany his employer, Sir John Herschel, the then Rector, to a new living at Perranzabuloe, Cornwall, and he continued to assist the local band at that place until his retirement in 1940. Mr. Harding then moved to Slough and did a little ringing in that area, but owing to failing health he had not been able to pursue the art for some years prior to his death.

In addition to his service as a ringer, Mr. Harding also assisted in the choir at various places to which his emoloyment took him and for ten years he carried out the duties of verger at West Clandon.

Henry Harding did not aspire to great heights in the realms of method ringing, but he was a good, sound ringer in Plain Bob and Grandsire and he had rung extents of Treble Bob Minor. He had a keen musical ear and as a striker would have been an asset to any band. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is still well known in ringing circles. G. L. G.

MR. W. H. SYMONDS

Mr. William H. Symonds, for over 50 years a member of Hereford Cathedral band, died on February 23rd, after only a few hours' illness, in his 88th year. For many years he had been steeple-keeper and for some years captain, and it was confidently hoped he would be able to resume his duties on the completion of the work now being done in the tower. His vitality had seemed but little impaired and his enthusiasm not at all, for as recently as last summer, when past his 87th birthday, he rang the treble at very short notice to a peal of Cambridge Major at Ledbury, the first on the bells after restoration and rehanging, and two or three days before his death he climbed to the top of the Cathedral tower to see the progress of the work there.

He had rung 141 peals, mostly for Hereford Guild, and in his time had visited 239 towers, but he will be remembered more for his lifetime of faithful and devoted service to the Cathedral, and by his fellow members of Hereford Guild for his unfailing support of its activities and for his own gentle nature.

The first part of the funeral service was in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, the Dean of Hereford, the Archdeacon of Hereford and the Canons Residentiary each taking a part of the service, the Cathedral organist being at the organ. Mr. Symonds leaves no son to carry on the tradition, but the sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his daughters. In addition to the family mourners a representative gathering of ringers attended the service, including Hereford Guild officers from Bromyard, Hereford, Kington, Leominster and Ross Districts, members from many individual towers and of the Cathedral staff.

The burial was at the outlying parish of Tupsley, where the committal was taken by the Rector, the Rev. G. O. Lewis. There we who have never known ringing in Hereford without him, left him in spring sunshine, in beautiful surroundings and re-united with his wife, to come back to the city and ring our last farewell.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — General committee meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 2278

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 21st, at Cotterstock (5), 3 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 2284

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Harlow Common (Potter Street), Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30–4.30. Tea near Harlow Town Church 5.15. Meeting and ringing to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. Smith, 2, High House, Harlow, Essex, by March 25th. Visitors welcome. — K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2286

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, March 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Woodman Inn. Names by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2283

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing 3.30. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6 p.m. 2261

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. 2242

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2259

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting, Feering (8), March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. 2188

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District — Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Cottage Pantry. Names, please, to G. Blake Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 2241

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Standon (6 bells) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 2240

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Apsley End (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin. 2249

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 14th. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3–4.30. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6–7.30. Business, Clapham Park, 7.30.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 2232

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road (5 minutes Holloway Road tube station), on Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 2248

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 2253

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Very important business, good attendance requested. Names for tea without fail to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11. — J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 2220

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 14th, at Walton-on-Thames. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5 p.m. Oatlands Park (8) also available after meeting. Names for tea, by March 13th, to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting at Malvern Link, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2256

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Stoke, March 21st, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2272

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting at Tilsworth, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Stanbridge bells in the evening.—Dennis Knox. 2271

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, March 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 18th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2281

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, West Kirby (8), March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 17th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2282

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to reach the secretary by Wednesday, March 18th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 2269

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland, by March 19th.—D. A. Bayles. 2229

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Sec. 2273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea, by 20th, to E. Mastin, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market.—J. E. Fox, Dis Sec. 2276

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by March 17th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2262

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Sandridge (6), Saturday, March 21st, from 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans, Herts. 2274

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Manchester Town Hall, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2280

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All welcome.—I. Porter. 2268

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Crown Inn. Names for tea, by March 18th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 2275

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, March 16th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2244

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting at Bardney (6), March 21st. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2267

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Heston supper, Church Hall, 6 for 6.30 p.m., March 21st. Tickets 5/- each. Heston bells available from 5 p.m. Tickets available until previous Monday from Miss J. S. Bailey (assistant secretary), J. B. Sansom (Heston) and F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. All ringers and friends welcome. 2250

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 21st, 2.30 p.m. NAMES for tea to reach me by Tuesday prior. — P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 2217

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Charlwood, March 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bus 426 leaves Horley Police Station 3.10. Notifications to A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood, by March 18th. 2235

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Newick (6), March 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by March 17th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2265

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, March 21st, North Stoncham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by March 17th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 2277

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Goole on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, moderate charge, 5 o'clock. Please inform, by March 19th, Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2279

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Ossett on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 3.15 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by Wednesday, March 18th. The hon. district secretary and three committee members are due to retire from office at this meeting, but are eligible for re-election. Any new nominations for these positions must reach me five days prior to the meeting. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. District Sec. 2230

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Moulton (8), March 28th. Catered tea 2s. for those sending names by March 25th, to E. Nobles, Hon. Br. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2266

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Greens-Norton on March 28th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to G. Mansfield, Greens-Norton, Towcester.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch tickets on application, with remittance, to F. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 3s. 6d.: non members 5s. 6d. ,Towers and times next week—G. H. Spice Hon. Sec. 2270

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CLEWER, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Bob Doubles and 300 Grandsire): R. Crook 1, Monica Howard 2, J. Brooks 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, R. Purchase 6. First in four methods by all.

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MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, J. H. Hayne 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Clothier 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—At All Saints', on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bates (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Kilbourne 2, O. Cripps 3, Mrs. I. Simpson 4, W. E. Simpson (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6. Rung by the local band for divine service, and as a tribute to the late Mr. Glew, St. Peter's, Derby.

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THE CHANGING SCENE

THERE can be no pursuit that has undergone such a revolution as the art of change ringing has done in the last half-century. Let us look back fifty years. The man who could ring four Surprise Major methods was in the top rank of ringers, and there were not so many men who could. Lady ringers were almost unknown. Method splicing was in its infancy, and was often confined to extents of Minor where the method was changed at the half-way single. Ringers as a class remained very much as they had been for the previous century. In general, their activities were confined largely to their own towers, or to the close corporations that existed, particularly in cities. Visitors from other towers were somewhat rare, and the manner of their reception was often in doubt. While they were received civilly enough, they were often not asked to ring, or, at best, begrudgingly. It is a fact that a certain ringer whose band could ring a plain course of Grandsire Doubles used weekly to walk to the neighbouring city, some eight miles each way, in order to find out how to make a bob. Did the city ringers enlighten him? Not they; in spite of the fact that they weekly accepted his hospitality. The promising youngster was 'kept in his place'; he was given little encouragement and was even actively discouraged in many towers. This served one purpose. Only those who could withstand rebuffs and disappointments, and were real enthusiasts, became ringers. On the other hand, much harm was done. No thought for the future was taken. Most ringers of forty or more years' experience can remember good bands who grew old together, and when they began to pass away, no younger men were there to fill the gaps. Such things are now mainly of the past. Few towers can be found without their complement of youth. Men who really know are anxious to help all young ringers, and no teacher is so happy as the one whose pupil has surpassed him. At the same time it must be admitted that some ringers aspire to teach when they are in need of instruction themselves, and that leads to stalemate or even retrogression.

Ringers nowadays are drawn from a different stratum of the populace. No longer does the public regard ringers as hayseeds and halfwits. Only a small section of the popular Press still appears to do so. Until recently, none was so ignorant of the art of change ringing as the average journalist. The fact that people realised that there was considerable interest attached to ringing drew a different type of person to the belfries, and generally they fitted in very well. They dropped into their places as novices very gracefully. They did not seek to open the batting when their rightful place was last man in. There were exceptions, however; there have been and still are men who, by reason of scholarship or birth or rank, sought or seek to take a leading part in the Exercise, but whose natural aptitude for ringing and composition was or is low or non-existent. Such people are obstructionists, and they can be an unmitigated nuisance. A story could be told anent this and it could be entitled 'The Tower Master and the Rope.' We cannot tell it here.

Events which fifty years ago would have roused much discussion and comment now pass almost unnoticed. Who, at the turn of the century, would have thought that 13 young men could ring a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter and ring it well, as they certainly did, a short while ago? Who would have envisaged a Universities Association as strong as it is to-day? It has made rapid strides particularly in the more complicated side of change ringing. It has also firmly established that it can strike its bells, contrary to some sections of public opinion. He or she who rings with the U.A.C.R. rings in good company. It could not possibly have attained its present stature in ringing had it not been for the active, efficient and willing co-operation of the established resident ringers in university towns.

It was at the age of 17 years that the writer first heard Big Ben, and he can still recall the thrill that ran through him. Now everyone in the land is familiar with its note. It is often argued that radio is an unsuitable medium for carrying the sound of bells. That is a common contention in the countryside, where on a Sunday morning it is often possible to hear bells other than one's own. As many as seven different rings have been heard from one place at the same time. On the other hand, it enables ringers to hear bells and ringing they would never do otherwise, and surely the sound brings to our countrymen overseas memories of home that nothing else can do.

During the thirty years or so that bell ringing has been broadcast many changes have taken place. Ringers at first expected too much, in view of the comparative few who could listen with appreciation. The B.B.C. was not far wrong when it said that to the majority of listeners one bell broadcast was like another. On the other hand, the radio has been, and will be, a means of educating laymen. It may even attract recruits to our towers. In the West, much sympathetic consideration has been given to bell

ringers, an effort has been made to understand them and their views, and some attempt has been made to ensure that broadcast ringing is reasonably good, although it must be admitted that two almost incredibly bad performances have crept in during the last year or so. In one case, it was obvious that the band could not handle its bells. In the second the band could not achieve rounds properly, and came to grief in the very elementary method which it was attempting. These things should not be. In spite of the temptation to get on the air, ringers should refrain unless they are absolutely certain that what they attempt will be at least good. If they are incapable of judging for themselves, the least they can do is to ask for independent and skilled opinion, which is readily available.

Until these imperfections are pointed out, the perpetrators themselves are unaware of them. How rarely does the purist critic hear perfect rounds? The condition that the bells must strike clear of one another is very far from what is needed to produce even good rounds. How often does the 5th man on eight bells unmistakably divide each round into two? How often does one hear some slovenly 7th ringing in rounds, perceptibly too close at hand and equally. apparently, too wide at backstroke?

One thing that the fifty years have produced is what is sometimes known as a nursery tower, where one man, year after year, spends time in teaching the elements of ringing, completely selfless in that he neglects his own opportunities for advancement in the art for the sake of learners. Such men are not few; invariably are they good churchmen and command the respect of all who know them, for they are incapable of a mean action. When such a man calls a peal, the ringers know that it is a peal. Would that one could say that of all conductors. J. T. D.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CAMPANILE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	7
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	WALTER ALLMAN	9
BASIL JONES	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
JOHN WORTH	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
JOHN E. BIBBY	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* 200th peal and first of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, now completing the cycle from Minor to Maximus in the method. First peal of Maximus on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26‡ cwt. in D.

*CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
†‡MAURICE G. TURNER	2	*WILLIAM DAVIES	8
‡J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	§SAMUEL BIRCH	9
‡GEORGE A. PACKER	4	§AUBREY M. PICKERING	10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	11
‡ERNEST STITCH	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Maximus in the method and completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. § First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Maximus in the method as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

REGINALD HOLMES	*Treble*	CHARLES SANGWIN	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
FRANK WHITE	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.
Rung on the 134th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Ringer of 6th hails from Bude, Cornwall.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	‡BETTY FAITHFULL	6
*TOM CHAPMAN	2	§RICHARD M. CURRIE	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	†ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	8
*MOLLY DENBY	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
†NORMAN HAYES	5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten. § First ten-bell peal and of Kent.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

*SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	RALPH HARRIS	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	8
JOHN THOMAS	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
FREDERICK E. NURDEN	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Right Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart, M.A., D.D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*EVELYN KILLINGTON	*Treble*	REGINALD A. DRANE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	STANLEY W. COPLING	6
LIONEL A. LESTER	3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	7
JAMES W. FORDER	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of Mr. R. E. Browne's 81st birthday.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB TRIPLES
Composition 'C.C.C. Triples Methods,' No. 1, p. 39.
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
WILLIAM LOVE	3	BERT GOGLE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	DAVID HEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in method by all and for the Association.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	*WALTER STEEN	6
MARK BARKER	3	WM. LANCASTER	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	BEN BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John W. Glew, captain for 50 years. Francis R. Lowe has now 'circled the tower.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

IAN W. TAYLOR	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	*DAVID A. EDWARDS	6
ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and by the Guild.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a second daughter to Rev. R. Trueman, M.A., S.T.M., and Mrs. Trueman, of Bolton Parish Church.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

NEVILLE JENKINS	*Treble*	ALBERT WENBAN	5
RONALD W. R. PICTON	2	†THOMAS H. NORRIS	6
*MRS. T. H. NORRIS	3	LEONARD J. NORTH	7
JOHN E. ROOTES	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Bedford, of Watford.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN E. MORGAN	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
50th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method on the bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
*HOWARD SCOTT	2	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	PATRICK PAGE	6
BRIAN J. LUFF	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. BARRETT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON	5
MAX P. PAGE	2	ROBERT E. LISTER	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN F. GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* 25th peal, aged 16 years. First peal in the method by all except 3rd and tenor.
A birthday compliment to Robert E. Lister.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Treble*	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	†PETER J. COLES	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	JOHN E. LOFTY	7
*MONTAGUE J. SOPER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
CECIL W. PIPE	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* 400th peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	LESLIE D. DUGUID	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	*FRANK W. VERNON	6
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	*JAMES W. RAITHBY	7
*†ALLAN WILSON	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Midwinter, who has been a ringer at the above church for 57 years and churchwarden for 27 years.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MARTYN HAWKES (15)	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
FRED HAWKES	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
†MURIEL WILLETT	4	‡LEN DOVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the treble ringer.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. G. F. BURTON	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	GEORGE F. BURTON	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Perpetua.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
*JOY GUMBRELL	2	PATRICK PAGE	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
†ALEXANDER PAGE	4	S. JOHN HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
In memoriam George Straw, late of the Leicester Cathedral Band, who died on March 14th, 1951.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 10, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*STEPHEN WALTON	*Treble*	PERCY H. DARBYSHIRE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
ANNIE POTTER	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal.
Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memoriam James Denner, a ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE (16)	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ERNEST E. GRIMES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 42). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. J. Dobbs, retired Vicar of Framsden.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*RICHARD HARRIS	*Treble*	*LESLIE MAYNARD	4
*ARTHUR WEBB	2	*JOHN HARRIS	5
STANLEY HAYZELDEN	3	*RUPERT STEDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY HAYZELDEN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on bells by resident band.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
Rung on the eve of St. David's Day.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of: Stedman Slow Course, Rugby Slow Course, Bedfont Slow Course, Place Bob, Accrington Bob, Blackburn Place, New Bob, Huntspill, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	3
BRIAN TAYLOR	2	PETER A. LAWRENCE	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

SUTTON VENY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JAMES H. CASE	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	4
EDWARD C. MARLOW	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
THOMAS E. MALLARD	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., March 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	DEREK A. WOODWARD	4
ALAN FEVER	2	†GEOFFREY F. PAGE	5
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	MAX P. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* 75th peal. † 25th peal for the Guild.
A birthday peal for the conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
MICHAEL N. BLAND	3	CYRIL A. HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of St. Simon's, one of St. Martin's, eight of Reverse St. Bartholomew's, twelve of Plain Bob, sixteen and two 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*DONALD G. WHEELER	*Treble*	*†A. J. WHITE	4
WALTER LEE	2	HARRY JONES	5
*BERNARD COLLINS	3	‡REX BACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal in five methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., March 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ASHLEY C. P. PUGH	*Treble*	*JOHN SMART	4
*GLYN F. JENKINS	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
R. JAMES COOK	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., March 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' Arrangement.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	4
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5
MARGARET FIDELL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
PETER F. BORER	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Sopp, father-in-law of the treble ringer.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of (1) Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Plain Bob, (2) Hereward Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, 99 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER LEE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
REGINALD L. SILLS	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
First peal in fourteen Minor methods by all.



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FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of (1) Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob, 80 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER LEE .. .. ..*Treble*		WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 2		REGINALD L. SILLS 5	
WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 3		WILLIAM BUTLER .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in 13 Minor methods by all the band.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores Plain Bob, six six-scores April Day, six six-scores Reverse Canterbury and twenty-four six-scores Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

S. HALL .. ..*Treble*		G. ATKINS 3	
E. J. LAMBERT 2		G. WEBB 4	
E. R. LAMBERT .. .. ..*Tenor*			

Conducted by E. R. LAMBERT.

First peal as conductor, also first of Doubles. First peal in four methods by all.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN F. BUTLER .. ..*Treble*		*WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 4	
*CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 2		FREDERICK PRICE 5	
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3		ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal rung in Shrewsbury.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HENRY P. COLLIN .. ..*Treble*		ALBERT E. SCOTT 4	
JAMES W. HAW 2		WILLIAM OLDMAN 5	
†CECIL WADE 3		JAMES H. MUSSON .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Frank Gash (the conductor's nephew) and Miss Grace Barrand, who were married in the afternoon.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Oldman, wife of the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., March 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT 26, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. .. 1—2		R. JAMES COOK .. .. 5—6	
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3—4		PETER BORDER .. .. .. 7—8	
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 9—10			

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT 26, BRABAZON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 1—2		BERT GOGLE .. .. .. 5—6	
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3—4		ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 7—8	

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Banks 1, T. M. White 2, Mrs. Audrey White (first quarter in method) 3, G. Verrill 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, Ann West 6, Kathleen Knight 7, F. G. Barron 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Mills 1, D. J. Laker 2, A. E. C. Gasson 3, I. Butcher 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers 1, R. Corbishley 2, J. Chambers 3, K. E. Lovett 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Senior (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, Miss J. Starling 3, H. Moore 4, Mrs. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment for the Dean.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. A. Simpson 1, V. Copping (first quarter, aged 14) 2, J. F Bryant (aged 15) 3, R. M. Mann 4, R. E. Moulds 5, R. Beaumont 6, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Broadley, a ringer at this church for sixty years.

CLAPHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 9th, at the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington (first in method) 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, Miss M. Powell 3, E. S. Rew 4, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 5, E. J. Wall (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Powell, secretary of the local band.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire): R. Crook 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Birds 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brookes 5, R. Purchase 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Thrush 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. K. Lunn 3, D. Fowles 4, P. J. Woodgyer 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. A farewell to John Moore on taking an appointment in Norwich.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Darbourne 1, C. McGuiness 2, Miss P. M. Reeves 3, D. Linington 4, D. Forth 5, J. E. Dews 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, J. Bowers 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 5th.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: K. Timbury (first quarter Bob Doubles) 1, P. Croft 2, W. Todd (first quarter Bob Doubles) 3, G. Cherry 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Armstrong 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. W. Watson 3, D. A. Frith 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Royce 6, R. C. Blakey (cond.) 7, R. Pick 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. H. Hall.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood 1, A. J. Salisbury (first in method as cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. H. Worboys 5, C. E. Wright 6, S. Penfold 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. Witney 2, G D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2 and 3.

HURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Allum 1, C. W. Mortimer 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. A. Eele 5, L. Hall 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7 F. Hicks 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Miss J. Creak (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss E. Farrell 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. D. Bishop 7, S. Croft 8.

OFFWELL, HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Bakke 1, F. H. Parr 2, R. M. Broadhurst 3, J. A. Broadhurst 4 W. Webb (cond.) 5, Miss M. F. Broadhurst 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson 1, R. Franklin 2, W. Welling 3, A. J. Coombes 4, A. Cross 5, D. W. Stone (cond.) 6, G. Coussins 7, A. H. Bates 8. Rung for Matins during a visit by A. J. Coombes, an ex-local ringer on leave from H.M. Forces.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Woods 1, N. Tompkins 2, D. Ogden 3, J. Thornley 4, A. Pendlebury 5, G. Pearson 6, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, F. Jones 8. Rung in memoriam Dr. Guy Warman, late Bishop of Manchester.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, N. R. Phillips 5, T. H. Bullock 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. A birthday compliment to Miss L. Stella.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Bunce, jun., 1, Mrs. E. Savory 2, Mrs. Manchip 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, J. S. Barnes 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pitchall 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. L. Fawcett to the living of Brandeston and Kettlebury, Suffolk.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Stevens 1, T. W. Allen 2, D. R. Brazier 3, C. D. Mann 4, W. P. Billington 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. D. Rivers 1, F. Scott 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, W. Butler 4, J. C. Birt 5, M. Hatchett 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. M. Ellwood (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Palmer 1, G. Smith 2, D. Harrison 3, G. Rathbone 4, A. J. Hobley 5, H. Windsor 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, P. Thorne 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 6 and 8. Also on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Palmer 1, R. Barrett 2, Miss M. Middlemiss 3, G. Smith 4, G. Rathbone 5, H. Windsor 6, D. Harrison (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Thorne 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Higham 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, B. Rothwell 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, N. Tompkins (cond.) 5, W. Thompson 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. The first ladies to ring a quarter peal in this tower.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, L. H. May 2, Mrs. H. C. Miles 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, P. Mayne 5, J. Kelland 6, I. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. B. L. Pethick, a great admirer of the bells, who has for many years lived close by the tower.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales (first of Triples 'inside') 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, G. A. Parsons 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Petty 1, Mrs. J. H. Crampion 2, Miss J. Nash (first quarter) 3, H. Corney 4, J. Chalk 5, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 6. Rung as a last respect for the late Canon Birchenough, for many years Rector of the church.

A MEMORY AS THE OUTING SEASON APPROACHES

Baldock and Norton Ringers
May 17th, 1952

The ringers went off on an outing in May
To ring at some towers a long way away.
The friends and relations and ringers came forth,
And by seven a m. we were off to the North.

At Croyland's old Abbey we visited first,
And rang the six bells, which weren't voted the worst.
While some rang the bells we explored the village
Admiring the church or triangular bridge.

Soon after we went on to Spalding's grey tower,
And rang eight fine bells there for over an hour.
The next thing was lunch, for the ringers were starved,
In a very short while the provisions were halved.

To Mr. E. Buck was a fine pen presented,
A token of thanks from the towers represented.
I'm happy to organise outings like this,—
But—(here all the ringers drew breath with a hiss).
I'm sorry there'll soon be more ringers than room!
It was strange how this news seem'd to lighten the gloom.

Some time on the handbells was merrily spent,
To Pinchbeck, with eight bells, the ringers then went.
The view from the tower was flat, greens with reds
In stripes and gay patches of late tulip beds.

Towards the next tower, at Boston, time speeds,
To find that a band who had come from West Leeds,
Was ringing the ten bells, but soon they were gone,
And ringers stepped in from Baldock and Norton.

When some of us struggled upstairs for the view,
(The height is two hundred and seventy-two!)
Three hundred and sixty-five steps to be climbed—
For one of the locals we visitors primed.

From Boston, a city in Mass., U.S.A.
To Boston in England came money to pay
For repairs to the tower, and fifteen bells more,
A thank-offering to God for the end of the war.

When tea was completed the coach drove us on
To ring the eight bells of the locked Sutterton.
While some of the ringers were hunting around
For the key to the tower, which was finally found.

The outing's photographers took all their snaps,
(Each time they shielded their lenses with caps)
Then onward to Surfleet, the cry is Advance!
To ring the twelve bells in a tower that's askance.

At last it was time for the coach to depart,
So turning for home, each with a light heart,
The ringers left Lincolnshire bells for a while,
And started back in magnificent style.

On the way out we had seen a grey heron,
When we returned the bird still hadn't gone,
Then, taking the air with the greatest of ease,
He sailed away on the westerly breeze.

At Langford the coach simply came to a stop—
We had no more oil left, not even a drop!
At last, with five gallons, we started again,
Eventually arriving just past one a.m.
But we're sure that all those who came out on that day
Enjoyed their great outing that hot day in May.

—Jean Sanderson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELL RINGERS

At Southwark Cathedral on March 7th, after evensong, in the presence of a congregation including members of the Cathedral band and the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the 'Friends of Southwark Cathedral,' a memorial plaque to the late W. H. Seabrook was unveiled and dedicated by the Provost.

The occasion was marked by half-muffled ringing; before the service by the Cathedral band, and after by three courses of Stedman Caters by the Ancient Society represented by E. G. Fenn, W. H. Passmore, H. Belcher, L. W. Bullock, M. V. Chilcott, A. B. Peck, J. A. Waugh, J. Phillips, W. H. Crampion and C. J. Watts (tenor). The plaque donated by Miss Seabrook (sister) was inscribed:—

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WILLIAM HARCOURT SEABROOK
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It will be necessary for our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' list to appear during 1953. Through the generosity of ringers of peals and quarter peals, 'The Ringing World' finished 1952 with a balance in hand, but without that assistance there would have been a deficit. Our friends' help was much appreciated by the committee.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Great Tom, the old bell of Christ Church, Oxford, which tolls 101 times at 9.5 p.m. each day is to be rehung and fitted with new tolling gear. It is hoped to complete the work in time for the Coronation. The present bell was cast on April 8th, 1680, by Christopher Hodson, of London, and its estimated weight is 7 tons, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Great Tom's gear consists of a plated elm headstock, strap gudgeons, brass bearings and a 17th century clapper to which has been fitted a 19th century head. 'There are,' writes Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in his book 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' some fragments of a bell-wheel of non-traditional type attached to the headstock, the lower half of this wheel has disappeared and about half the spokes. There are two disused 17th century ground tracks or rope rollers. The existence of these proves that two ropes were used for the purpose of swinging Tom.'

A correspondent inquires when were the first peals of Double Court Bob Triples and Hereward Bob Triples rung?

By the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Walsall on March 7th Messrs. E. Stitch, M. G. Turner and J. N. Headley have now completed the four standard methods from Doubles to Maximus.

Oddfellows who are attending the A.M.C. at Folkestone this year are asked to contact Bro. W. Frank Stenson of North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, with a view to ringing for the Oddfellows' service and also at other towers.

Mr. J. W. G. Harwood, at the age of 76, has retired from the secretaryship of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a post he has held for 21 years. During that long period he has only missed one meeting. His successor is Mr. P. G. W. Newstead.

The church service in the Midland Home Service for Passion Sunday, March 22nd, at 9.30 a.m., will be broadcast from St. Andrew's, Norwich. If practicable, the first item will be a course of Original on handbells. The address by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is about 'Where are we going in our national culture?' A reference will be made to ringing if this has formed part of the broadcast.

Participating in the memorial quarter peal at Bradford Cathedral to Mr. J. Broadley were six of the Sunday service band of All Souls', Halifax. It was the first quarter for 14-year-old V. Copping, who was introduced to the Exercise last September.

Central Council publications are now purchased from Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Bicester, Oxon, and not from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, who is retiring from the office of hon. librarian to the Central Council.

Would the ringer who 'borrowed' a book from Woburn at the recent meeting kindly return the same forthwith to Mr. C. A. Smith, The Cottage, Sedgemoor Road, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, so that it can be restored to its rightful owner

The attempt for four peals in four counties in one day planned by Mr. Butler has had to be postponed owing to two members of the band being unable to ring due to work and the spare man being taken ill. A further attempt is hoped to be made later in the year.

A novelty arrived at our office this week—a peal report written in Welsh. Those familiar with Welsh will perhaps recognise 'Sain clychan 5,040 yn y Lleddf sef caint taro triphlyg 2,160, taro eglur 2.880.' as a peal of 5,040 Minor being 2,160 Kent Treble Bob and 2,889 Plain Bob. While one of the Editor's grandmothers was Welsh he regrets that he has never mastered the language.

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AN ENGLISH GIRL GOES TO AUSTRALIA

Joan Hills' Story of a Grand Welcome and Impressions of Many Towers

I WONDER if you have ever thought where you would like to go if you found yourself, unexpectedly, in possession of sufficient money to enable you to visit another country? This is the position in which I found myself two years ago, and the answer was not long in occurring to me—I would like to go to Australia. Why? Because it was the only other country in the world where I would be assured of some ringing. I had read in 'The Ringing World' from time to time how glad the people 'down under' were to see visiting ringers from the old country, and though my own standard of ringing was only average I thought that possibly I might be of some help to this comparatively isolated ringing community.

In July, 1951, I made preliminary inquiries regarding Australian ringing by way of Philip Cooper, and at the same time set in motion my plans for leaving England. These plans were not destined to mature until August, 1952, but in the meantime I commenced a most interesting correspondence with Phil, who is a member of the young band at St. Andrew's, Walkerville (a suburb of Adelaide). Through him I heard of the rehanging of St. Andrew's bells on ball-bearings, the work being carried out mainly by the local band; I heard, too, of the first tower-bell peal to be rung in South Australia, and also of the projected visit to Adelaide and Melbourne of a band of Sydney ringers. This visit was destined to play a large part in the very happy manner in which my visit to Australia commenced.

THE JOURNEY OUT

It was almost a year between making my first plans and actually sailing for Australia. On August 6th, 1952, I left Tilbury in the Orient liner 'Orcades' in company with another English ringer, Margaret Winter. We two had made our plans entirely independently, and it was only through Phil Cooper that each knew of the other's existence! We were both proceeding to Sydney, but with this difference: Margaret was going straight there, while I was leaving the ship at Adelaide to link up with the seven Sydney tourists, with whom (thanks to Phil) I had made contact. They would be arriving in Adelaide on the same day as I, having spent the previous week in Melbourne. If this were a travel talk and not a ringing article, I could tell you much about our month on board ship; our visits to Naples and Port Said and Colombo on the way; the beautiful tropical sunsets, the flying fish and porpoises—even the trials of sea-sickness, which took its toll of both of us.

There is, however, one happening of the voyage which should find its place here; our first Sunday on the water. Margaret and I were both surprised and delighted to hear the sound of ten-bell ringing floating out over the blue Mediterranean. It emanated from the lounge, and not a few passengers were surprised to see us desert our deck-chairs and rush to the doorway, the better to hear and appraise the ringing. We found out afterwards, by dint of badgering the Purser, that it was a recording of Stedman Caters made by St. Margaret's, Westminster, and this was used as a call to divine service every Sunday that we were on board ship. It certainly kept us in touch with the Exercise until such a time as we arrived on Australian soil. During our day's visit to Fremantle, we passed St. George's Cathedral, Perth, but could not find out anything about the present state of the eight bells which hang in its red brick tower, or whether there is any ringing there at all.

On Sunday, August 31st, we docked at Adelaide, and Margaret and I were met outside the Customs Shed by Phil Cooper and also Fred Staude. At Fremantle I had received a letter and photograph from Phil, and we had no difficulty in recognising one another. Fred Staude is captain of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, and he and his charming family had come down to the docks to meet me in the car (Port Adelaide is 14 miles from the City of Adelaide proper). Their kind action in greeting a visitor to a strange land in this fashion was my first experience of the Australian hospitality which, after almost six months, I still find rather overwhelming. Right from the word go I was not allowed to feel that I was a stranger, and was never treated as such. Margaret and I parted company temporarily at Adelaide docks, making contact again when I turned up in Sydney a week later.

FIRST 720 IN AUSTRALIA

Well, at three o'clock I first set foot in Adelaide; at six o'clock I was standing in 720 Minor for service at St. Andrew's — having booked in at the hotel and had tea with the Staudes in the interval. It had originally been intended that we should go for a quarter peal, but the Sydney contingent had spent the afternoon up in the hills by which Adelaide is encircled, and arrived back rather too late for a quarter to be attempted. No one would believe the thrill which I got out of my first ringing in a strange country. St. Andrew's has a handsome tower containing a ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.). Thanks to much hard work on the part of the local band, the 'go' of these bells is above reproach, and when you consider that they have to be largely self-reliant (there is only one other ringing tower in the whole State of South Australia), one has to take off one's hat to the progress made by this young band. With few exceptions they are all in their late 'teens or early twenties, and they ring a wide range of Minor and Doubles methods. With a little assistance they can tackle Cambridge Minor, while several of them have the makings of proficient eight-bell ringers, as we were to find out later on in the week. Before ringing commenced, I was introduced to three of the seven Sydney visitors, and over supper at the Staudes' (after we had attended evensong at St. Andrew's) I met the whole band, the other four members of whom had been into town to assist the Cathedral ringers.

Do you ever wonder what your fellow-ringers in Australia are like? I had often looked at their names in 'The Ringing World' and tried to conjure up a likely personality to attach to each. But in almost every case I was wrong. First of all I met the three representatives of St. Jude's, Randwick: stocky Bill Rowe, their tower captain, petite Ruth Donnelly and pretty, dark Betty Sloan; another captain, this time good-humoured Ken Stacey, of St. James', Turramurra, the sole representative of his band. I had a fellow Englishman in young John Boutland, but lately arrived in Sydney from Chester, and who now rings with All Saints', Parramatta; and finally the two boys from St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral. Here again they were represented by their captain, Laurie Curran, who I thought looked very youthful to carry on his shoulders the responsibility of a Cathedral band, and with him quiet John Cummins. I recollect my initial meeting with, and first impressions of, these seven very clearly, for it is with them that most of my subsequent ringing in Australia has been done.

Over supper that evening I also met the majority of the Walkerville band, my recollections of whom are much more hazy, but with whom I hope to renew acquaintance before leaving Australia. There were Dick Lamphee, Ron Nogare, Harvey Bagot and Jon. Eggleton, whose father is Rector of St. Andrew's. This much I know, I ate much too much and before the end of the evening was sound asleep. I had good company in the persons of the two Sydney lasses, who had travelled all night from Ballaarat and rung all day, and by now were almost out on their feet. I think that we all appreciated our beds that night! This Sunday marked the commencement of a delightful week, compound of sight-seeing and ringing.

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

On Monday night I had my first ring on the grand heavy eight at St. Peter's Cathedral, with its majestic 41 cwt. tenor named 'Great Fred.' There is one disadvantage to ringing at St. Peter's, and that is the acoustics. The bells would normally be inaudible inside the ringing chamber (which is more than one can say for them outside the tower!), and this has necessitated the setting up of an amplifier in order that one may hear one's bell. On Sunday morning the visitors had rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples here, and all were agreed that it was a highly creditable performance to have put on, after a practically sleepless night.

On Monday evening we had hoped to cap this with a quarter of Bob Major, which, alas, wouldn't go. It rather served us right, as we had 'cut it fine' having dinner, gobbled down our meal and rushed up the tower—not an auspicious beginning for any quarter. We had two more opportunities of ringing at St. Peter's, and on both occasions were joined by the local band and the Walkerville boys. The Cathedral's own band ring mainly Doubles, but with our combined strength we were able to try some Kent and some successful Stedman Triples. After the last visit we were entertained to supper by Canon Finnis and his wife in a right royal fashion. Return visits were also made to Walkerville during the week, but on no occasion did we succeed in ringing a quarter on this pretty six.

As far as sight-seeing went, the highlight of our week was the day when, in two hired Morris Minors, we visited the Barossa Valley (Adelaide's wine-producing district) and picnicked by the road-side on sausages and potatoes roast in their jackets. Many were the criticisms from the menfolk on our cooking, but we three girls noticed that this in no way affected their appetites! Back through the Torrens Gorge, with Bill leading Laurie at a smart 40 miles an hour round breath-taking bends, in order to get him in to town in time for a dinner appointment (unfortunately, he was late, in spite of all!). Friday came all too soon, and 6.30 p.m. saw us on the first 'leg' of our journey back to Sydney, having been farewelled by half the St. Andrew's band in a spirit of 'here's to the next time.' And what a journey! Two nights and a day of it, with changes of trains at Terowie, Broken Hill and Parkes, necessitated by changes in ownership and gauge of the railways. But for entertaining travelling companions it would have been an extremely monotonous journey, but ringers are the same the whole world over, and there was truly 'never a dull moment' in our party.

(To be continued.)

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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

(Continued from page 154)

ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS OF BRISTOL

All these early societies had their own particular rules or 'ordinances,' and one of the oldest of these is that of St. Stephen's Ringers of Bristol, which dates back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I., and is in plain unvarnished prose (Ellacombe, 'Church Bells of Gloucester,' p. 88, App. D), thus:—

'The ordinances underwritten were now transcribed from the ordinances dated 1747, which were transcribed from the ordinances dated 1693, which were transcribed from the ordinances dated 1657, and they were transcribed from the ordinances dated 1620.

'It is agreed and determined that is or shall be of the Company or Society of Stephen's Ringers shall keep Articles and Decrees that are or shall be specified in this Ordinary concerning the good Government and peaceable Society of the said Company, and that none shall be of the said Society, but that that shall be of Honest, Peaceable and good Conversation, and such that shall be at all time and times ready to defend whatsoever shall be alleged against the said Company, as well in regard of any Challenge, as of any other Wrong or Injury that shall be offered and done by any one of what Estate or Condition soever he be, so that we not only able able to stop the mouths of those that would or shall exasperate themselves against us, but also gain Credit and Reputation by our Musical Exercise, that others of our Rich Neighbours hearing these loud cymbals with their ears may by the sweet Harmony thereof be enlarged in their hearts to pull one string to make it more sweet, and for these and other like causes we have procured this Ordinary, and do confine and oblidge ourselves to the Articles following:—

Imprimis, for the choosing of every Master you shall put three honest men into the Election, and he that hath most voices to pass on his side shall be Master of the Company of Ringers for the year ensuing.

2. Item. For the choosing of Wardens you shall put four honest men into the Election, and those two of the four that shall have most voices shall be Wardens of the said Company for the year ensuing.

3. Item. You shall have four Quarter days every year (that is to say) the first St. Stephen the Martyr, the second the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the third St. John the Baptist, the fourth St. Michael the Archangel.

4. Item. Upon every one of the said quarter days every one that is a freeman of the said Company shall pay to the Master for the time being for his quarteridge one penny, and if he doth or shall neglect or deny to pay the same he shall pay for such offence threepence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other twopence to the Company.

5. Item. Every Master (for the time being) shall give up his Account upon the Seventeenth day of November of all quarteridge and Fines as he shall receive in his year, and if he shall deny or neglect he shall pay for his Offence the sum of Twenty Shillings to the Company of his own proper money.

6. Item. Every Master shall be chosen on Michaelmas Day between five and eight of the clock in the morning. If the Master shall neglect to send the Wardens to warn the Company, so that by that means the day be deferred, he shall pay for his offence the sum of Six Shillings to the Company.

7. Item. There shall be none made free of the said Company unless he give the Company a Breakfast or pay the Sum of three shillings and fourpence in money.

8. Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Wardens to warn the Company, and if they neglect the same, they shall pay for their offence fourpence apiece, one penny thereof to the Sexton, and the other threepence to the Company.

9. Item. If the Master, for the time being shall neglect or forget to warn the Company once within every fourteen days for to ring a bisitt sett peale, he shall pay for his offence One Shilling, to be divided among the Company.

10. Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Sexton concerning a Peale that shall be rung either at night or in the morning or at any other time that the Master shall please to ring, if he shall deny or neglect to come at the very hour that the Master doth appoint him, he shall pay for his offence twopence, to be divided among the Company.

11. Item. Everyone that is made free of the Company shall pay to the Sexton fourpence for his fee.

12. Item. If any one of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church shall Curse or Swear or make any noise or disturbance either scoffing or unseemly jesting, that the party so offending for his offence, threepence to be divided as aforesaid.

13. Item. If any of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring shall be so saucy as to take the rope to ring before the Master (for the time being) and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay for such his offence twopence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other to the Company.

14. Item. If any one of the said Company shall miss to strike his Bell at the second sway in the rising of a peale, he shall for his offence pay one penny to the Company.

15. Item. If any of the said Company shall speak or make any manner of noise when the Bells do Ring so that the Ringers or any of them by that means may make a fault, the party so offending shall pay for his offence threepence, to be divided among the Company.

16. Item. If any of the said Company shall take a rope out of a fellow's hand when the Bells do ring well, and do make a fault to fly off too near he shall pay for his offence one penny to the Company.

17. Item. If any of the said Company do or shall, after they are come together, quarrel or misuse any of the said Company before they do depart, the party so offending shall pay for his offence sixpence, to the use of the said Company.

18. Item. It is agreed that every one that shall be chosen Master of the said Company, shall spend of his own proper money the sum of Two Shillings towards a Breakfast, and the rest of the Company to pay the rest of the Reckoning.

19. Item. It is agreed that the persons that shall be chosen Wardens shall give unto the Master for the time being a pint of Wine apiece.

20. Item. If any one of the said Company shall be chosen Master, and he shall refuse the same contrary to our Ordinary, he shall pay unto the Company three shillings and fourpence.

21. Item. If any one of the said Company shall be chosen Warden, and shall refuse the same, he shall pay unto the Company One Shilling and Sixpence.

22. Item. If any one of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfry before he do kneel down and pray as every Christian ought to do, he shall pay for his first offence Sixpence, and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.

23. Item. If any one of the said Company shall deny to any fine or fines that shall be imposed upon him by the Master or the Company and shall peremptorily tand or contend in the same he shall, for his offence, pay the sum of two shillings, or else be utterly excluded forever without Bail or Mainprize.

24. Item. It is agreed that yearly there shall be a peal rung upon the Eighth day of October in remembrance of Mr. William Eyton deceased, who gave a Legacy of Four Pounds unto the Company, and if any shall refuse to assist to ring the same peale, warning being given by the Master, he shall pay fourpence, and if the Master and Wardens (for the time being) shall fail to give warning they shall for their neglect pay One Shilling to the said Company (who deceased in the year 1656).

25. Item. It is agreed that yearly there shall be a peal rung upon the Three and Twentieth day of November, in remembrance of Mr. George Witherby, deceased, who gave Legacy of Five Pounds unto the Company, and if any refuse to assist in ringing the same peal warning being given by the Master he shall pay fourpence, and if the Master and Wardens (for the time being) shall neglect to give such warning, they shall for their neglect forfeit and pay One Shilling apiece to the said Company.

26. Item. It is agreed that yearly there shall be a peal rung upon the four and twentieth day of October, in remembrance of Mr. William Nicholls, deceased (being the day of his death), who gave a Legacy of Five Pounds unto the said Company, and if any shall refuse to assist in ringing the same peal warning being given by the Master (for the time being) he shall pay fourpence, and if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall neglect to give such warning, they shall for their neglect forfeit and pay One Shilling apiece to the said Company.

27. and likewise, for Mr. Isaac Elton, deceased, who left Five Pounds on the twenty-second day of November, under the like penalty.

28. and likewise, for Mr. Samuel Wyatt, deceased, who left Five Pounds on the Eighth day of June, under the like penalty.

29. and likewise, for Mr. George Escott, who has given Five Pounds on the twenty fifth day of April yearly, under the like penalty.

30. and likewise, for Mr. John Maddick, who has given Four Pounds on the twenty fifth day of February yearly under the like penalty.

31. and likewise, for Mr. Benjamin Bickley, who has given —— pounds on the seventeenth day of November yearly, under the like penalty.

32. and likewise, for Mr. Alderman Richard Robinson, who has given Five pounds on the seventeenth day of November yearly, under the like penalty.

(To be continued)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Third Session of the 21st Council (56th Annual Meeting) will be held at Bournemouth on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1953.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary not later than six weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to the retirement of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, nominations for the office of Librarian, signed by two members of the Council, are required under Rule 9 to be in the hands of the Secretary two calendar months before the meeting, i.e., NOT LATER THAN MARCH 26th.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TEACHING A SPECIALISED BRANCH OF THE EXERCISE

Dear Sir,—Introducing young people to the belfry, teaching and retaining their interest in ringing is as specialised a branch of the Exercise as is the conducting or composing of a peal. To be successful one must needs know not only the rules, but have in addition a discipline and kindly understanding of human nature as applicable to the youth of to-day, a quality—apart from the discipline— which leading ringers and conductors would appear never to have possessed, or long since lost. Accidents must at all costs be avoided yet progress must be rapid and a friendly community spirit fostered within the band.

To attempt even to outline a course followed not entirely without success in a letter or even a short article could only be compared with your dismissal in a short sentence or two of the movement for direct spelling or free activity in schools. It just cannot be done so briefly, and should if it be done at all, carry considerable authority.

With the coming of the bicycle and the petrol engine, and an age when attendance at an evening institute or college and the passing of examinations in every walk of life is necessary, the old order changeth, and whether we like it or not, we must give place to new or suffer our bells to hang silent.

The problem reaches beyond the 'lesser brethren,' if I may borrow that excellent phrase, to the Church itself, which stands all too empty Sunday after Sunday.—Yours, etc.,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

BELLS ON THE TELEPHONE

Dear Sir,—St. Andrew's, Norwich, tower is so close to the Norwich telephone exchange that I imagine its rather lame Cambridge Quarter chimes should be audible during trunk calls, etc. If this sort of thing is of such interest to New York, 'The Daily Express,' etc., it would evidently be a national asset to get our ten rehung as soon as possible. If 2,000 readers send me £1 each we will soon do the job, giving previous notice to 'The Ringing World,' and anyone who wants to hear Double Norwich in its home city, or London in the tower where 'this insurmountable task was accomplished' (the first peal of London), can simply put a trunk call through, have a talk, reverse tht charges provided you don't ring Norwich 20158 or 20159 which are exempt from the scheme) and go to bed satisfied.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

3, Colegate, Norwich.

(Some time after Easter—67, The Close, Norwich.)

THOMAS POWER, GENT.

I am anxious to trace some more information about Thomas Power, gent., who made the old clock for Buckden Church, Hunts, in 1681. Bell ringers cannot help being interested in the clocks which they see in the towers where they ring, and perhaps another clock made by him may be discovered. Baillie, in his list of 35,000 clockmakers, does not include this one. I should be most grateful if you will include this request in your correspondence.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN (Rev.).

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Haines 1, R. Haines (aged 8) 2, C. Haines 3, A. Trimby 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Drew 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

THE STORY OF AN AUSTRALIAN TOWER

Dear Sir,—As publicity officer for the St. Clement's, Yass, Change Ringers' Association, I feel it my duty to inform you that Yass is a town with a population of between 3,000 and 4,000, about 183 miles south-west of Sydney on the main Sydney-Melbourne (Hume) highway. We are a small band of five ringers with little experience, plus four learners coming up.

Our main stumbling block is lack of an experienced ringer in the town to assist us. However, we are very much indebted to the Sydney ringers for their voluntary services, who, in 1948, set about getting the bells ringing after almost 40 years of silence, and then for making many trips to Yass at their own expense, to give us some tuition. As a result of this we are rather proud of the fact that with the assistance at various times of Sydney ringers, four of our members have recorded a peal each with one having rung his second in a Sydney tower. To this is also added as many as 23 quarters to one of these members. Of course these figures are very small when one reads in 'The Ringing World' of ringers recording their 400th peal.

I might add, too, that a sixth member who had rung a peal in a Sydney tower was moved to another town miles away thus breaking up a team of six who could practise together and show progress.

I would like to mention at this stage that whenever English ringers visit this country they will always be welcome at Yass, and should contact myself or our tower captain, Mr. R. H. Burden, at Church Street, Yass.

When our bells were set ringing again in 1948 they were a ring of five only, but due to the efforts of a willing group of ladies, sufficient money was raised to install a new treble, making a ring of six, which was opened in April, 1951. The original five were cast in 1869 by Thomas Blews and Son, and the new treble was cast by John Taylor, Loughborough. The first installation was carried out in 1870. The new treble is 3 cwt. and the tenor 6¼ cwt. with a total of 26¼ cwt. An inscription on the tenor is 'I sing the Lord's song in a strange land,' and on an occasion when checking for loose nuts in the framework I made a rather interesting discovery, that the word 'strange' had been misspelt 'strnge' omitting the letter A.

Another item of interest is that the original five cost £213, and the new treble, including installation, cost £272 6s. 8d., but the amount of £49 11s. 7d. for duty was refunded and is to be used to place the original five on ball-bearings.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD L. CURLL.

Yass, N.S.W.

REASONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I thanfl Mr. Felstead for his courteous reply. That it is inadequate is no doubt realised by Mr. Felstead himself—hence his offer to give reasons 'later on.'

May I suggest that this be done at the earliest possible moment so that Societies affiliated to the Central Council may have the opportunity of discussing them before the next Central Council meeting.

To the bulk of ringers the references made by Mr. Felstead are inaccessible and, in addition, a generation of ringers has risen since that time who prefer, perhaps, to form their own opinions.

It will be found then, I think, that in the pure light of logical reasoning, the ostracism of so-called irregular lead ends in Doubles and Minor has little or nothing to support it.—Yours faithfully,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' March 21st, 1913

A UNIQUE RECORD

Mr. George N. Price, of Watford, has just completed a unique performance by calling a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of handbells. Mr. Price is the first to accomplish this feat, and in addition he has conducted Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples from each pair. The compositions of Stedman Triples called from 1-2 and 5-6 had not been previously rung on handbells . . . .

Appended is the list of peal and the dates of performance:—

STEDMAN TRIPLES

1-2	Thurstans' 5-part	Sept. 6, 1905
3-4	Thurstans' 1-part	Jan. 16, 1908
5-6	J. J. Parker's 1-part	Jan. 23, 1908
7-8	Carter's Odd-Bob 1-part	Aug. 28, 1906

STEDMAN CATERS

1-2	5002	F. Dench	Mar. 23, 1905
3-4	5555	G. Lindoff	May 26, 1907
5-6	6591	C. H. Hattersley	Sept. 5, 1908
7-8	5009	N. J. Pitstow	June 1, 1907
9-10	5000	C. H. Hattersley	Mar. 20, 1912

STEDMAN CINQUES

1-2	5019	C. H. Hattersley	Jan. 1, 1913
3-4	5014	J. Carter	June 19, 1912
5-6	5002	C. H. Hattersley	May 8, 1912
7-8	5021	J. Carter	Jan. 29, 1913
9-10	5555	J. Carter	Mar. 9, 1912
11-12	5027	J. Carter	Feb. 26, 1913

JUDGING STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—Sometimes your paper seems to draw our fraternity into a desire for everybody as one; sometimes it seems to put this class and that class of our fraternity as far apart as possible. It may be for the good of us all, and I sincerely hope so.

Here are my views and I do not wish to offend anyone of any section (if I may put it so). I have rung both open leads and 'Cartwheel' and listened to open leads and judged 'Cartwheel. To the 'Cartwheel,' thanks for the memory. I hereby state a very logical conclusion from 'The Irish Bell News' of the results, or not disputed. Dear Fraternity, what else do your bishops, vicars, parishioners, or yourselves, in fact, want—only results of harmony—for I as a ringer, have always felt that my service to the bells was as great as that of any parson to his service or sermon.

To myself, in listening to the open leads, I have only to think of two bats, which gives me my conclusions, and that is 5th of 6, 7th of 8, 9th of 10 or 11th of 12, leading at handstroke from their respective tenors.

To all junior ringers, my one sound, solid advice is: Whether you be on 1, 2 or 3 of 6, 8, 10 or 12, hold your bell up on the back stroke and I'm sure your tenors will appreciate it.

Thanks to 'The Irish Bell News' and your paper, and best wishes to all the ringers of tower bells.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland.

A VARIATION OF ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—A variation of All Saints' Doubles was rung at Cheriton, Kent, on March 4th this year and if it has not already been rung we would like to name it 'Newington.' The difference from All Saints' lies in the call, which is in effect the exact equivalent of a plain lead of Plain Bob Doubles. The ringers were: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, M. J. Martin 2, J. E. Chittenden 3, C. A. Wratten 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, J Soles 6, conducted by yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Saltwood, Hythe.

THE BELLS OF WALTON-ON-THAMES

The square is a patchwork of brick and stone, unlike any other tower in Surrey. When the Royal Inventory was taken in 1552 it recorded: 'iiij belles in the steple,' but the oldest bell now in the tower is dated 1606. The dates and founders of the present bells are:—

Treble.—Warner, 1883.
2nd.—Warner, 1883.
3rd.—A. Rudhall, 1726.
4th.—Joseph Carter, 1608.
5th.—R. Eldridge 1606.
6th.—15th century. Recast 1883.
7th.—W. Carter, 1610.
Tenor.—B. Eldridge, 1651.

The 3rd came from Gloucester, and it is quite exceptional to record a Rudhall bell in Surrey, but seeing it was a gift from the High Sheriff of the County, other considerations may have induced him to select the Gloucester foundry.

The 4th is the only Joseph Carter bell now left in Surrey. Undoubtedly Walton, like many other places, sought to increase the number of bells when it was found that spoilation days had gone, and this bell was one of those acquired when there was a boom in bell founding.

The 5th came from Wokingham and was cast by the second member of the Eldridge founders prior to the removal of the business to Chertsey.

Much has been written regarding the 6th, but the writer was recently surprised to read in an up-to-date booklet on Walton that this is a 14th century bell, cracked and no longer used. Needless to say, the writer hastened to give correct information for future editions. Although recast in 1883, the previous bell was 15th century, with 'In Multis Annis Resonet Campani Johannis' (May the bell of St. John resound for many years) as its inscription. It bore the initial cross and the capitals were crowned. The stamps were once the property of Stephen Norton of Kent, and they passed from him to some London founder in the 15th century. The approximate date would be about the middle of the 15th century.

The 7th is another Carter bell, this time William Carter, who took over the Whitechapel foundry in 1609. This must be one of his earliest bells. He adopted the practice of marking his bells with the founder's initials enclosed in a shield.

The tenor, by B. Eldridge in 1651, is the bell which the townsfolk hear every day, its mellow note indicating the hour. For many years Walton tenor, like many others throughout the country, grew in weight, due to the fact that old bells hardly had exact weights taken or recorded. The weight of this bell went up to 28 cwt., and a few months ago an elderly gentleman insisted to the writer that its correct weight was always 29 cwt.! Although the bells were rehung in recent years no exact weights were taken, but, seeing the tenor measures 49½ inches in diameter, its probable weight would be about 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON AND MORPETH

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the front page article of 'The Ringing World' of February 27th, in which the name of the Rev. F. E. Robinson was mentioned. Many years ago there was a newspaper cutting hanging up in our belfry concerning him: my father always called him 'The Ringing Bishop.'

I remember my father's grief when a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association came to our belfry to give advice to a new band and was asked if he ever knew of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who rang a peal in Morpeth belfry in 1906, and said he had never heard of him.

It was also a pleasure for me to read about Bill Barbier, whom I met at Durham in 1945. I am sorry to say I have never seen so much smoking in a belfry before. I was brought up among non-smokers and I feel it very much when I see ladies smoke. I think our new ringers might have got on much quicker had they left smoking out. However, I was very pleased to hear mention of the Ringing Bishop and would like to get a photograph of him to replace the newspaper cutting. Can any reader help me?—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS' FOUR HUNDRED PEALS

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on March 7th, Mr. George E. Symonds completed 400 peals, of which he has conducted 242.

These peals include 14 different Maximus methods, all odd numbers of Stedman Cinques from 5,001 to 5,021; as conductor, called Plain Bob on 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 bells, also and tower- and handbells from Major to Maximus in Plain, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques. Conducted peals on all numbers up to and including 5,184 in the following Major methods: Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. Symonds' first peal was Kent Treble Bob Royal on February 13th, 1897, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E. He also took part in Holt's Original, silent, June 4th 1898, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, S.E.

His list is appended:—

Maximus.—Cambridge 28 (conducted 10), Superlative 15 (5), New Cambridge 5 (2), Yorkshire 4 (2), Pudsey 4 (2), Rochester 4 (1), York 2 (1), Double Norwich 3 (1), Kent Treble Bob 8 (5), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (3), Duffield 2 (1), Forward 2 (2), Little Albion 1 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 30 (18), Grandsire 3 (3), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Royal.—Cambridge 9 (3), New Cambridge 1 (1), Rochester 1 (1), Yorkshire 1, Double Norwich 4 (2), Kent Treble Bob 4 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (3), Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 2 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 11 (6), Grandsire 4 (4), Plain Bob 2 (2).

Major.—Superlative 14 (2), Cambridge 13 (8), New Cambridge 2 (1), London 3, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, Lincolnshire 1, Bristol 1, Double Norwich 31 (23), Kent Treble Bob 24 (17), Oxford Treble Bob 15 (11), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Plain Bob 26 (23).

Triples.—Grandsire 26 (22), Stedman 21 (9), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Minor.—18 (12).

Doubles.— 1 (1).

ON HANDBELLS

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 2 (2), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 4 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (4), Stedman 2 (2).

Major.—Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 11 (6).

Triples.—Grandsire 5 (2).

Totals.—Tower bells 363 (215), handbells 37 (27); 400 (242).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

Mr. J. G. W. Harwood Retires

Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who for the past 21 years has been secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, tendered his resignation at the annual meeting of the Branch held at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 24th. The meeting was attended by 34 members. Ringing started at 2.45 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Corbell). The service was attended by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) and the general secretary of the Association (the Rev A. G. G. Thurlow). The lessons were read by Mr. Nolan Golden (Association's Ringing Master).

Following tea at the Queen's Cafe, the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. R. Goate (Branch chairman). Kenneth James Dixon, of Lowestoft, was elected a ringing member and the ratification took place of belfry elections of Miss B. M. Harriss (Merton, Surrey) and Miss A. Clark (Hampton, Middlesex).

The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate; secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barratt; Branch committee, Messrs. G. Bussey, D. W. Green, P. Kindred, G. Walpole and J. Harwood; representatives on General Standing Committee, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood.

Winterton was proposed for the next meeting on May 2nd.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who has been Branch secretary for 21 years, and has now stated his wish to resign. Mr. Harwood, replying, said he wished to thank all the members of the Association who had so kindly given their support and help to him during his term of office and he hoped still to attend the meetings as usual.

Mr. E. R. Goate, Branch chairman, thanked the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells. Ringing was resumed till 8.45; various methods and rounds were rung to suit all present.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District at Aberavon

The wedding which preceded the quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, on March 7th had a good send-off when ringers attending the meeting set the bells ringing to various methods until 4.30 p.m., tea time.

About 35 members were present and represented Porthcawl, Aberavon, Maesteg, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Dyffryn, Cefn Coed, Sketty and Porthkerry. The customary service was cancelled for various reasons.

Tea was provided by the Baglan ringers and friends and really it was an excellent tea. Thanks were accorded to those concerned by the District secretary.

The business meeting which followed was opened with prayers said by the Rev. E. G. Burgoyne, who also presided. The secretary presented the statement of accounts, which still shows a satisfactory balance. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Neath in September. A discussion on the annual outing ended with every seat in the bus being booked.

Members stood in silence in sympathy with Mr. Trevor Roderick on the loss of his mother, and also with Mr. A. J. Pitman on the loss of his beloved wife.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, and the Rev. E. G. Burgoyne, who presided at the meeting. In reply, the latter stated that ringers were always welcome at St. Mary's, Aberavon.

An enjoyable day's ringing ended after further ringing at the tower at 8.15 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. J. A. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

'Purest of All Pleasures'

'Ringing is, perhaps, the purest of all pleasures,' said the Provost of Guildford, the Very Rev. Walter Boulton, when he addressed a gathering of some 40 ringers and friends at St. Mary's Church, Guildford.

The occasion was a meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held there on March 7th, and it was indeed pleasant to see such a large number of happy people pursuing their innocent pleasure with all that glad-hearted tolerance and charity which is the hall-mark of the Exercise.

As often happens in a mainly feminine gathering, the desire for self-effacement so general among the ladies—coupled with a certain weakness of the vocal chords—made it desirable that the reins of office should be taken over by a gentleman, and the District secretary sensibly entrusted the afternoon's ringing to the tower steeple-keeper, Mr. W. J. Robinson, a Cathedral ringer of long standing.

The bells attracted several visitors to the church. Outside, the usual sightseers collected in the hope of seeing a bride; inside, the visitors ranged from three small, untidy female urchins in dirty headscarves and shabby slacks to the very smart and attractive young Canadian girl on a visit to the town. She was very interested to hear about the existence of the Ladies' Guild of Ringers and, had the service not been imminent, would have liked to visit the belfry. But she intended to write it all down in her diary, she said, and asked that her good wishes might be extended to the meeting.

At the business meeting which followed tea (and from which, as usual, the gentlemen were excluded) Miss Colgate, the Guild's general secretary, took the chair. Miss Bailey, the Central District secretary, was also welcomed, and joined in the humorous and spirited discussion regarding the District's finances and the secretary's little game of noughts and crosses.

Mrs. Lathbury, a well-known member of the Guild proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost for taking the service and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Bond, who was kind enough to act as organist, and the meeting closed leaving a queue of members waiting to pay subscriptions

Ringing continued in the evening at S. Nicolas', the ten-bell home tower of the District's vice-president, Mrs. L. Hazelden, who is, of course, a founder member of the Ladies' Guild. W. A. O.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO CREWE TOWERKEEPER

A memorial plaque to Mr. James William Edge, who for nearly a quarter of a century was towerkeeper at Christ Church, Crewe, was dedicated on February 24th by the Rev. Francis W. Gentry and hung in the ringing chamber by Mrs. Edge.

The plaque, executed by Miss Marie Westwell, a member of the choir, records a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. George A. Packer last August in memory of Mr. Edge, who died in July, after he had been working in the bell chamber

Tribute was paid to the services of Mr. Edge by the Rev. F. W. Gentry, who spoke of his conscientious work

Besides the widow, other members of the family at the ceremony were:—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edge (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Lea Mr. and Mrs. Palin, Mrs. Herbert Edge (sons-in-law and daughters) and Barbara and Barry Lea (grandchildren). Friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Culley and Allan Culley. Representing the church were Messrs. H. Booth and H. Haselden (wardens), Mr. R. Owen (secretary, Church Council) and Mrs. R. D. Langford. Mr. J. Brough (Nantwich), who took part in the ringing, was also present.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Coronation Day Ringing

The North Staffordshire Association visited Wolstanton St. Margaret's on March 7th to hold their monthly meeting. Ringers from the following towers attended:—Alsager, Bucknall, Newcastle, Biddulph, Stone, Leek, Lawton, Hanley, Stoke, Kingsley and Wolverhampton.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and was followed by a short service held in the church at 5 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sydney Snell, who gave an interesting address on the history of bells. Ringers should appreciate, when ringing the bells, he said, that their message calling people to worship at the church went out not only to those who usually attended church, but also to those who did not heed the call. Bells had been used during the ages for various reasons and one of the most important of these was the ringing of the curfew for the closing of business premises, the ringing of bells for such joyous occasions as marriages, of victories of our armies and navies and solemn ringing for the dying.

An excellent tea was served in the school rooms, the Vicar presiding, supported by the chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson, and the captain of the Wolstanton tower, Mr. W. H. Fitchford, the tea being provided by the ringers of Wolstanton and their wives.

Ringing of rounds for the not-so-good and standard and other advanced methods for the more advanced ringers of the Association continued during the evening until 9.30.

A committee meeting was held and the question of ringing simultaneously all the bells in North Staffordshire on the day of the Coronation was considered It was decided that all towers in the Association should ring their bells from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Should individual towers wish to ring the bells at any other time, this would not affect the simultaneous ringing arrangements. D. R. W.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE IN 1809

When the Jubilee of King George III. was celebrated on October 25th, 1809, one of the attractions at Rugby was a unique performance on the church bells by a 'Professor of Campanology.' It was cried around the town that in the course of the day tunes would be rung on the church bells and royal salutes given in honour of the King, the whole to be performed by one person.

An eye witness records the proceedings by saying that:—'The professor was a strong-built man, and in the belfry of Rugby Parish Church, after taking a central point of the very solid floor, he described with chalk a circle round it. With the help of an assistant each bell rope was drawn just short of actual sounding, and each was secured on the chalk circular line by strong staples driven into the floor. The soloist sat down in the centre of the circular arrangement of ropes, and with a surprising command of head, shoulders, wrists, hands, back, knees and feet, the professor played on the strong ropes the popular tunes of the day. After playing 'God Save the King,' he gave the royal salute by sweeping the ropes with a continuous rolling of himself round his central pivot on the floor. Needless to say he received plenty of applause for his unique performance.' W. S.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. R. Cross 1, G. Webb (first quarter on working bell) 2, Miss J. Eason 3, D. Gallop 4, Inst. Comdr. R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, J. Stannard 3, L. Nice 4, W. Stannard (cond.) 5, J. Banks 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, Miss B. Warboys 2, Miss B. Perry 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6. A birthday compliment to J. Foreman.

COMPOSITIONS

5,021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By JAMES TOPP

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54362	—	—	S		
25463	—	—	S		
52463978	—		—	—	
45263	—	—	—		
34562	—	—	S		
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32465	—	—	—		
23465978	—		—	—	
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24563	—	—	S		
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34265	—	—	—		

Repeat last 24 courses calling 1st course:—S2, 3, 4, S5, S6, 7, 8.

First rung at Wrington on October 18th, 1952. Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

5,120 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By WILLIAM BUTLER

23456	In	W	M	5ths	H
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32645	—			—	
26345	—			—	
42365		—			
64325		—			
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Four times repeated.

Contains the 120 course ends. Rung at Warfield February 14th, 1953.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM FORD

The death occurred at his home, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, Berks, on March 8th, of Mr. William Ford, for upwards of 50 years a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mary's and St. John's towers, Mortimer. Mr. Ford's peal record was not a large one but he was a keen member of the Oxford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Mortimer, on March 11th. The service was fully choral, Master Ian Taylor, age 13, the youngest member of the Mortimer band, being the organist. Psalm 150 (the ringers' psalm) was sung, also the hymns 'Let saints on earth in concert sing' and 'Ten thousand times ten thousand.' The Vicar, the Rev. T. P. Rumsey, officiated.

In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled at St. John's Church by I. Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. Ham 2, P. Lampert (first inside) 3, D. Neville 4, C. Ostler (conductor) 5, J. Neville (first quarter) 6.

MR. SIDNEY T. RACKHAM

An Appreciation

I was sorry to read of the death of Mr. Sidney T. Rackham, of Llanelly, Breconshire. It was at this tower, when he was captain, that I was taught to ring with a very capable Minor band who always strived for good striking. At that time Mr. Rackham used a motor-cycle combination to visit meetings and attend other practices in the locality. Whenever it was possible I was taken along to these meetings, which enabled me to gain valuable experience on many different rings of bells.

With his son, Alfred, now of Tamworth, we had many interesting and enjoyable outings. Had Mr. Rackham been fortunate enough to have lived in a city where there was an accomplished Sunday service band he would have mastered the higher methods rapidly.

After he retired I always visited him when in that locality and he was very interested in hearing about my peal-ringing activities and the ringers taking part in them.

It was very nice to read that handbells and tower bells were rung at his funeral and that my fellow-learners, Tom and Bob Stephens, of Ebbw Vale took part in the ringing. It will be difficult to find a successor of his ability in that area and his services will be badly missed.

WILFRED WILLIAMS.

London.

MR. JAMES DENNER

By the death of James Denner, of Walkden, Lancs, at the age of 78 years, a chapter is closed at St. Paul's Church. For many years two families were the mainstay of ringing and other church work at that church. They were the four Potters and three Denners, and along with the late John Welsby, were very regular service ringers and rang peals up to Surprise methods. They rang the first peal of Darlaston Triples and Duffield Major for the Association.

Miss Annie Potter is following her father, so is Ben Welsby, as service ringers at this church.

On Tuesday, March 10th, James Denner was laid to rest in St. Paul's Churchyard. The bearers were ringers and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by Percy H. Derbyshire 1-2, Peter Crook, jun., 3-4, Edward B. Webster 5-6, Peter Crook, sen., 7-8

There was a large gathering of ringers, attending from Bolton, Worsley, Farnworth, and Cheshire, with the vice-president, Arthur Tomlinson, from Blackburn.

Following the interment a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled.

MR. GEORGE DAWSON

An Appreciation

By the passing of Mr. George Dawson of Leytonstone, at the age of 79, on February 26th, the Essex Association loses one of its oldest and respected members. The end was not unexpected as he had been in failing health for some months, but none the more for that his loss will be deeply felt by all his ringing friends, who are too numerous to number.

George Dawson was born at Mulbarton, Norfolk, in 1874, and in his youth learned to handle a bell at Ketteringham, then a ring of five, under the tuition of Alfred Goodram, but it was not until he moved to Leytonstone in his early twenties that he became really proficient in the art of change ringing, where he joined the St. John-the-Baptist Society, then under the leadership of William Miller, and which also numbered in its ranks such well-known figures as William Keeble, Edgar Wightman, Samuel Hayes, John Moule and many others. It was in 1906 that George Dawson became secretary of the Society a post which he held and served faithfully until early last year, when ill-health forced him to give up active ringing. One of the highlights of this band was its annual week-end trip to various parts of the country, of which he was the organiser. He was a regular churchgoer, and for many years a sidesman.

He served for 44 years with the London and North-Eastern Railway, and those of us who travelled up to Liverpool Street were familiar with that smile and nod as we went through the barrier, for at work or play George Dawson was always the same.

When one first met George his genial personality and sense of humour, which were ever with him even till the end, created such a deep impression that one knew at once, here was a true friend and companion.

His peals numbered 92, of which 35 were rung on his beloved bells of St. John's. They were as follows:—Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Minor (seven methods) 2, Surprise Minor (seven methods) 37, Grandsire Triples 6, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Major 5, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 10, Superlative 2, Yorkshire 2, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4. He conducted four peals only, being content to leave that side to others more experienced but one he conducted, which I think he cherished most, was in memory of his great friend, William Miller.

Apart from being a member of the Essex Association, which he served for many years with distinction on the Central Committee, he was also a member of the Society of Cumberland Youths, the London County Association and several others.

The funeral service took place on March 3rd at St. John's Leytonstone, followed by the interment at the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park. The Essex Association was represented by R. Heazel (general secretary), J. Crampion (District Master), F. Gant (District secretary), J. Chalk (Wanstead), E. Furbank (Great Baddow) R. Stannard (Barking), C. Morss (Woodford), H. Rummens, F. Maynard, E. Taylor (Walthamstow) and E. Smith, R. Smith, Mrs. R. F. Deal C. Willmington, J. Grove and P. Avey (Leytonstone). Mr. T. H. Taffender represented the London County Association. Among the many floral tributes was one from his fellow-ringers of St. John's and one from his ringing friends at Walthamstow, Wanstead and Woodford. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by J. Crampion, T. Taffender, F. Gant and E. Smith, and a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the church bells. His friends of the London County Association rang a peal in his memory on February 28th at West Ham. J. H. C.

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BIRTHS

FREEMAN.—On Saturday, March 14th, 1953, at the Eastholme Nursing Home, Lincoln, to Mary and John, a daughter, Jennifer Mary. 2323

POOLE.—To Dennis and Patricia on March 4th, 1953, a son, Bernard Ralph. 2311

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—A set of handbells for tune playing and change ringing, 12, 16 or 20.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 2326

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND SECRETARY

The Secretary of East Norfolk Branch, Norwich Diocesan Association, is now P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Newtown, Great Yarmouth. 2301

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members who are compounding members of this Guild please send name and present address for inclusion in the new register to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 2321

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Brinklow, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Dis. Sec. 2319

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Goole on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2279

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Wednesday, March 25th, 7.15 p.m., St. Stephen's, West Ealing (65 bus Ealing Broadway to Terminus). Practice Monday, April 13th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2327

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The Archdeacon of Bath will dedicate the retuned and rehung ring of six with the addition of two new trebles to make the octave (J. Taylor and Co.) at Weston, Bath, on March 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Sion Hill, Bath. 2308

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Worle, March 28th. Bells (6) 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 2294

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, **March 28th,** Turvey (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: London Surprise Major, Painswick College Bob Major.—Bryan Pattison. 2298

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Duffield (10 **(note the change of venue)** on March 28th at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 25th, to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 2297

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Arksey (8), March 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided as usual 5 p.m. Names, by 25th, to Doreen Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 2315

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.——Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. George's, Bristol, Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2295

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday March 28th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, March 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by March 25th, to W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road. No tea shops near. Special method: Little Bob. 2287

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m., free. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, by March 25th, to Miss A. Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, Lancs.—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Branch Sec. 2291

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual nomination meeting at Armley on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2s. per head) for those who notify me by March 25th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 2314

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Evening meeting arranged at Croft on March 28th owing to Thurlaston bells not being available. Ringing from 5.30 to 8 o'clock.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 2309

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Hoby, March 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by the 25th, to J. Burnham, Elm Cottage, Hoby, No name—no tea. 2306

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Horton (6) on Saturday, March 28th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2317

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Moulton (8), March 28th. Catered tea 2s. for those sending names, by March 25th, to E. Nobles, Hon. Br. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2266

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Greens-Norton on March 28th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to G. Mansfield, Greens-Norton, Towcester.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2263

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Harlow Common (Potter Street), Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30–4.30. Tea near Harlow Town Church 5.15. Meeting and ringing to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. Smith, 2, High House, Harlow, Essex, by March 25th. Visitors welcome. — K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2286

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford, March 28th (note advanced date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. 2313

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe (6) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea, by 25th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2300

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, March 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Woodman Inn. Names by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt,

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Lunch (5s.) at 1 p.m. at the Dujon Restaurant, High Street, will be followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Biddenham 10.30-12; St. Paul's, Bedford, 10-12.45, 3-5 and 6 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's, Bedford, 10.30-12.30 and 2-4. Names for lunch, in writing, please, by April 2nd, to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 2307

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Sidbury, annual, Easter Monday. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names, not later than March 31st, to Mr. Denner, 4, Hillside.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 2296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gloucester on Easter Monday in St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room, Southgate Street, at 2 p.m. sharp. Divine service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Evensong. Bells available: Barnwood (8) 10-11.30 a.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) as required from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch (limited number) 12.45 p.m. 5s. Tea at 2s. per head at Saracen's Head, Eastgate Street. Names for lunch and tea not later than Monday, March 30th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 2310

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday. See last week's 'Ringing World' re lunch tickets, etc. Towers available all day except where otherwise stated: Ash; Wingham; Canterbury (St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's, St. Alphege's); Littlebourne; Wickhambreaux; Sturry; Chartham; Ospringe; Chilham, after 5 p.m.; Hernhill, after 11 a.m.; Faversham, after 4 p.m.; Cathedral, 10.30 to 11.40 and 4.30 to 6.30. Order lunch tickets now.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 2305

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells 1.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Important business.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2299

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 6th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 12.45 p.m. Admission **only** by ticket, which must be ordered, **enclosing remittance,** 4s. each, **before** Wednesday, March 25th, to help caterer. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12), St. Giles (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 10-11.30 and after business meeting; St. Miles (8) and St. John-de-Sepulchre (8) after business meeting. Standing Committee, 11 a.m., Mancroft Vestry. Service 11.30, preacher the Rev. Henry Lillingston, Rector of Marsham. No unofficial ringing during business meeting. Remittance for lunch, before March 25th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 3, Colegate, Norwich. 2293

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Ipswich. Bells 12, 8, 6 and 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower, 11 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12.15. No lunch. Business meeting 2 p.m., St. Stephen's Hall.—C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh. 2316

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Notice for tea, by April 2nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. —R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2312

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcesteer on Easter Monday, April 6th. Special service in All Saints' 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1-2 p.m.; bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 1st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10-11 a.m. and from 6 p.m. Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), all 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6-7.15 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2288

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Easter Monday. Details later. 2320

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 7th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2290

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Mirfield St. Mary's, April 11th. For teas, please notify, by April 4th, A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 2292

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Retford, April 11th. Ringing at St. Swithun's (10), East Retford, West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30-8. Service St. Swithun's 4.15. Own tea arrangements; numerous cafes. Business meeting, St. Swithun's, 6 p.m.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 2322

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea the Rev. Elliot Wigg, Wavendon Rectory, Bletchley. 2318

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Preston, April 25th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea (hot) in School 4.45 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 113, Oxford Street, Preston. Meeting in School 5.30 p.m. Further notice April 10th. 2302

QUARTER PEALS

STOCKLAND-BRISTOL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. Clarke 1, W. Stevens (first in more than one method) 2, R. Short 3, H. Pople (first in more than two methods) 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5. Probably first quarter on the bells.

TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, at St. Quiricus and Julietta, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): W. Taylor 1, E. Summerell 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, L. Bye 5, H. Burston 6.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn 1, W. Kerrison 2, J. Thurlow 3, J. Jordan 4, R. Darch (cond.) 5, J. Aldridge 6. Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Scrimgeour, Wissett Hall.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Betts (first quarter) 1, H. Orney 2, C. Hughes 3, Miss S. Booth 4, L. Bullock 5, F. Maynard 6, J. Waugh (cond.) 7, B. Petty 8. Rung for the birth of a son to Rev. J. and Mrs. Fowlands.

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COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS

IF we look back just 100 years to get a practical picture of bell history in this island we find that historic knowledge of our church bells and their founders was practically nil. It is true that the Royal Inventory of 1552/3 gave us some details regarding the number which existed in certain towers at that date, but this did not help very much in the work of research. A few county historians such as Lipscombe of Bucks, Hutchins of Dorset, and Brydges of Northants made gallant attempts at bell history, but they only managed to record the inscriptions of the more interesting bells they met with during their investigations. A survey of Worcestershire belfries by Dr. Prattinton, of Bewdley, early in the 19th century was made in manuscript form, and this helped to preserve some interesting data of bells which have since been recast.

It was not until 1854 that the subject became one for serious study, for in that year the Rev. W. C. Lukis read a paper to a local archæological society, which was afterwards published in their magazine. The Rev. Lukis attempted three things: (1) A complete survey of inscriptions on Wiltshire bells; (2) information regarding their founders; (3) to draw attention to the many neglected belfries in the county. He afterwards published his paper in book form and named it 'On Church Bells' (1857).

Shortly afterwards came the idea of making rubbings of church bells in various parts of England, and it was Mr. J. R. Daniel Tyssen, of Brighton, who conceived this valuable aid to bell investigators. He employed several persons to take rubbings and collect information over a wide area, and the results are now preserved in a number of volumes which Dr. A. D. Tyssen, his son, presented to the Society of Antiquaries. Dr. A. D. Tyssen was only 20 years of age when he produced the first book of county history ever published, entitled 'The Church Bells of Sussex' (1864). In 1914 he produced a jubilee edition of the book which brought it up to date. He died in 1930 at the age of 86.

In 1867 the Rev. Canon H. T. Ellacombe brought out 'The Church Bells of Devonshire' after visiting every tower in the county except one. When we consider that he was well over 70 years of age at this time it certainly was a wonderful task to complete. The exploration of a county in those days involved quite a lot of walking, for not even the push-bike had been invented.

In the years that followed several writers gave us quite an array of county books compiled and written by Canon Raven, Thomas North, J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, A. H. Cocks and a few others, but by the end of last century there were still a number of blanks in the county series, the latest book being that of Bucks by A. H. Cocks (1897).

During the early part of this century Mr. H. B. Walters contributed Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Salop, also assisted with Warwick and Essex, yet there are still a few counties without any reference book, and these include Dorset, Hereford, Westmorland, Middlesex and Hampshire. The last-named county was undertaken by an old friend of mine, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, but the task was not completed on account of his death in 1924. Hampshire can still claim many bells of historic interest, and a county book would be a valuable contribution, but even if a survey was undertaken we can hardly expect publication owing to high printing costs and other factors.

The notable work of Mr. Frederick Sharpe in respect of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Radnorshire, Mr. Clarke for Cheshire, Mr. Ranald Clouston for Flintshire and various Scottish counties, and Mr. E. E. Morris for Leicestershire, towards up-to-date county history ought to encourage others to follow up research work if only for the sake of writing a book in manuscript form for presentation to a ringers' library.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

THE EMPTY SPACES OF THE FOUR WAY TABLE

THE question of Minor methods with illegitimate lead heads reappears periodically after fading away for a time and may continue for years. It can be seen at a glance that the Four Way Table of Minor Methods, arranged by me for the Central Council, has many more spaces empty than it has filled with names. If all kinds of work below the treble set out in 36 lines are combined with all kinds of work above the treble set out in 14 columns there are 504 results. It is the purpose of this article to analyse these results and to divide them into useless, useful, illegitimate and legitimate, and to state facts not previously published which can be used by either side. My own table has every space filled, not by names, but by figures of the treble lead. The first class of useless results brings up rounds in one lead. There are 20 of these in the completed table. In other cases rounds occur at the second or third

lead. Before giving the final analysis a few examples may be helpful.

'A'	'X'	'Y'
132465	145236	145236
134256	142563	154326

'A' is a method in which it is impossible to call a bob so its extents is three leads. 'X' and 'Y' are a pair of methods. 'X' is the second place method with five leads to the course, but 'Y' has the alternate place and runs two leads. These are difficulties which do not arise with legitimate lead heads. The figures of 'A' occur 18 times in the completed table and the figures of the pair 'X' and 'Y' 16 times. The analysis of the 504 spaces shows 'courses' of

1 lead 20 methods
2 leads 50 methods
3 leads 139 methods
5 leads 147 legitimate methods
5 leads 148 illegitimate methods

I have omitted, but not overlooked, several points requiring further investigation and time. Here are a few of them. Are there any methods which cannot be placed in a space of the table? On the important point of 65s at backstroke how do the legitimate and illegitimate compare? How many of the 148 which have a course of normal length will produce an extent? J. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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On Thurs., March 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
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Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ANTHONY AGER	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	10
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JOHN PINFOLD	6	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 15). Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	6
†MARJORIE ABBOT	2	HAROLD WORRALL	7
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	8
‡W. D. KIRKPATRICK	4	CECIL RADDON	9
WILLIAM ALLMAN	5	JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY O. BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 200th peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal 'inside.' First peal of Royal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	*CHARLES WALKLATE	7
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
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A farewell for Reg. Holmes, a local ringer, who is leaving for New Zealand.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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On Wed., March 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

MARGARET SOFTLEY	*Treble*	EDMUND P. CROWDY	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
ERIC N. HARRISON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

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

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Morris's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part, 2nd Observation.
Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	*ERNEST MORRIS	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	GEORGE RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GEOFFREY HAIR.
* 100th peal for the Guild. First peal in method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

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On Thurs., March 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5024 CHESHUNT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 100th peal. † 300th peal and 50th Surprise Major method for a peal. The first peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5152 BEBINGTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR (C.C.C. 25, Pl. B.).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 224).

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN GRACE	*Treble*	FREDERICK JAMES	5
JAMES BLOND	2	*JACK BERRY	6
ALFRED GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
CLAUDE CORDEROY	4	TIM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 400th peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in F.

MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3	CYRIL A. HURST	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK TRINER	*Treble*	WILLIAM CORFIELD	5
*ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	ALBAN J. JACK	6
*J. MICHAEL JACK	3	CHARLES S. RYLES	7
*WILLIAM L. JONES	4	OWEN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* First peal.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	HERBERT GOAKES	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	6
PERCY AMOS	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	7
REGINALD SCOTT	4	SYDNEY TOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
First peal of Triples as conductor.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM FARRIMAND	5
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	JACK POUNDS	6
PETER COXALL	3	JIMMY GROUNDS	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	RONALD KENRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First in the method as conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEOFFREY W. HAIR	*Treble*	JOHN UNDERWOOD	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the composer's first peal in this method as conductor. He called the same composition on March 15th, 1913, at St. Mark's, Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
*BARRY CORBISHLEY	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 119 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
*†MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of six Spliced. † 200th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 12).
Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and tenor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

*PETER R. MORRIS	*Treble*	†ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
†F. KEVON THOMPSON	2	†ROGER G. W. SOARS	6
†MARY C. PAYNE	3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Triples. First peal of Plain Bob Triples as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. O. Goode, a churchworker in the above parish for many years.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RONALD C. SHARP	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

SIX BELL PEALS

CUMNOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., March 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Bob, College Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARPER	*Treble*	†DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
R. JAMES COOK	3	‡PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. ‡ 50th peal for the Society.

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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of (1) Single Oxford, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
RONALD W. STEWARD ..	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	5
MAX P. PAGE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal in eight methods by all the band.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob. Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BARNES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CREASEY ..	4
*GEORGE A. INGLEBY ..	2	DENIS A. FRITH	5
WILLIAM H. DALE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday peal to Lorraine H. Emerson, only grand-daughter of Mr. Harry Barnes, and to Mrs. Crosby, daughter of Mr. W. H. Dale. A 13th anniversary peal for the conductor and his wife.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE ..	4
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD ..	2	†JARVIS CLOSE	5
*STANLEY ANDERTON ..	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Prince, over 50 years a ringer at this church, who passed away the previous week.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 35 methods in seven extents: (1) Horton Hanley, Milton, Cheddleton, Allendale, Westminster; (2) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden; (3) Whitley, Northumberland, Carlisle, Wooler; (4) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick; (5) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Stamford, Netherseale; (6) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, 122 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRED BISHOP	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ..	4
JOHN R. KEMP	2	EDWIN FISHER	5
†ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 100th peal. First peal in 35 Surprise methods by all the band. Believed to be the first in 35 Surprise methods ever rung.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods. 1, Double and Single Court; 2, Double Oxford and Thelwall; 3, St. Clement's and Childwall; 4, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob; 5, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 6, Norwich Surprise; 7, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
*FRED INGALL	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	5
AMOS INGALL	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in twelve methods.



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STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Alnwick, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN S. BARNES	*Treble*	*JOHN D. ROCK	4
*JANET S. BAILEY	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
*ROBERT G. LAY	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First seven-method Surprise peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*A. CHARLES MORRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN D. WALKER	4
†ROBERT E. TALLIS	2	DOUGLAS HARRISON	5
*ERIC E. WIMLETT	3	*REUBEN HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARLTON, N.S.W.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 9, MILL STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*JOAN E. M. HILLS	1—2	†JOHN J. CUMMINS	3—4
THOMAS W. GOODYER	5—6		

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother (12/2/53) and Miss Valerie Willard, of Melbourne (14/2/53).

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Thurs., March 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

*MICHAEL E. BROWN	1—2	E. VALLANCE	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	†NANCY E. MARKLEW	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors. † First peal 'in hand.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., March 13, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 10, STOCKMORE STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 23 methods in seven extents: (1) Crayford Little Court and Wordsley Alliance; (2) Little Bob and Harmondsworth Alliance; (3) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) London Bob, Lytham Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, College Bob, Wavertree College Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob; (5) Single Court and Double Court; (6) Single Oxford Bob and Hereward Bob; (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob; 93 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

R. JAMES COOK	1—2	*ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
PETER BORDER	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* 50th handbell peal. The first peal in 23 methods by all the band and for the Society.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Adapted from a composition by Gabriel Lindoff.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	1—2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7—8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, and was attended by 52 members from Arklow, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (St. George's and St. John's). The district chairman (Mr. James MacManus) presided and was supported by the secretary (Mr. F. E. Dukes).

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. James MacManus, re-elected; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; treasurer, Mr. J. F. Fennell, re-elected; Ringing Master, Mrs. S. E. Darmon, re-elected; vice-president of Executive Council, Mr. S. J. Evans; three representatives on Executive, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. S. E. Darmon and Mr. J. MacManus.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting jointly with the Southern District at Kilkenny on St. Patrick's Day, 1954. The interim summer meeting was decided for Bray in August.

A discussion took place regarding the suggestion to elect the Executive Council every three years instead of annually, and resulted in a resolution being proposed to this effect.

The annual report made particular mention of the change ringing practices organised and run by Mrs. S. E. Darmon. It was decided to continue such practices.

Greetings were read from the president, Mr. W. Pratt, and the Northern and Southern Districts.

The Lindoff Cup competition was held on the bells of St. George's Church, when four teams competed. The judges (Dr. S. E. Darmon, Mrs. T. Bolton and Mr. R. MacKenzie) declared St. George's the winners after a ring-

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off with Arklow. Drogheda (holders) came third and St. John's, Dublin, was the remaining team. The standard of striking by all teams was high and very little separated them. The winners and St. John's rang call changes, while Arklow and Drogheda rang methods. The cup was presented to Mr. J. Fielding for the winners by the chairman, who also acted as ringing master in the unavoidable absence in England of Mrs. Darmon.

Before the meeting the Dublin ringers had arranged a 'powerful' lunch in the C.I.E. Club, which must have fed their minds as well as their stomachs, for a greater number than usual had their say at the subsequent business meeting! Tea was also provided by the Dublin folk in St. George's Parochial Hall.

The excellent arrangements by the St. John's and St. George's members, which resulted in a very successful meeting, were greatly appreciated by the visitors.

5,088 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

In 5ths	W	M	H	23456
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Eleven times repeated, omitting the single 'home' in the sixth and last parts.
Contains the 120 course-ends, tenors together.
Rung at Hingham, October 1st, 1952.

A MUSICAL STEDMAN TOUCH

Dear Sir,—The enclosed short touch of Stedman Triples was given to me by Mr. W. Wolstencroft, of Slough.

Queens, Whittington and Tittums come between each pair at Singles and are all at handstroke, which gives a more distinct change in preference to a close backstroke lead.

Is this the least number of changes from which Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums can be obtained?—Yours, etc.,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

148 STEDMAN TRIPLES
containing Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums.

2314567	
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7235146	S
2571346	—
2513746	—
5327146	—
5371246	—
3152764	S
3126547	
1635274	S
1652374	—
6213574	—
6235174	—
2561374	—
2513647	S
5324176	
5341267	S
3152467	—
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ABERGAVENNY, MONS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss L. Temlett 1, Miss J. Foster 2, G. Lewis (first in method) 3, J. Hughes (first quarter) 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, M. Roberts 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Sidney T. Rackham, of Gilwern, an esteemed ringing friend of St. Mary's.

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Towns 1, Joan Brandon 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, F. G. Vickers 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Ian Towns, a local ringer, serving in the R.A.F., Middle East.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Doubles (960 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): E. Goldsmith (first away from tenor behind) 1, P. Leach 2, W. Parrott 3, P. Richardson 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, J. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam June Evans, a former member of the band, who was killed in an accident the previous week.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: F. J. Woods 1, F. R. Goddard 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, H. G. Goddard 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, L. Everest 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 4. Also on Mar. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Everest 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss Reid 3, Miss Solly 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): C. Rigby 1, A. Booth 2, G. Mansfield 3, W. Yates (cond.) 4, A. Mansfield 5. Rung on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Peterborough.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Edwards (first quarter) 1, W. C. Hart 2, F. Bennett 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, H. A. Mitchell 5, R. Beale 6, A. W. Bond 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8. Rung as a welcome to ringers of 1 and 5, visitors to Brighton.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,320 Minor (360 Duke of York, 360 Woodbine, 360 Kent, 240 Oxford): G. M. Hall 1, A. Pointon 2, F. Holdcroft 3, R. Turner 4, R. Cumberlidge 5, W. P. Deane (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Hugh Holdcroft Sherritt, an old ringer at this church.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. G. Bevan 1, C. A. Burgess 2, G. F. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, P. G. Foote 5, A. H. Bates 6, D. W. Stone 7, G. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung following a peal attempt, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First of Major for 6 and 7.

CEFN COED, BRECONSHIRE.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Heron (first quarter) 1, D. Rowles 2, Miss G. Gunter (first quarter) 3, R. Husbands 4, C. A. Rowles (cond.) 5, K. Williams 6. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer on joining H.M. Forces.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (60 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): R. Crode 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Bird 3, W. Butler 4, M. Hatchett (first as cond.) 5, R. Purchase 6. First in five methods by all.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans 1, R. Alsop 2, T. Stephens 3, Miss A. Stephens 4, R. Stephens 5, B. Werry 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8. Rung half-muffled. A last tribute to Mr. J. H. Williams (ex-Company Sergeant-Major), V.C., Croix de Guerre, D.C.M., M.M. and Bar, who was associated with the installation of the bells. Interred this day.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist, the last quarter of Holt's Original of Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, G. Ashdown 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Hurrell 5, B. Snipe (first quarter of Triples) 6, E. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung for the 7th birthday of Horn Park Settlement.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vail 1, I. M. Waters 2, E. Pipe 3, Miss M. Grain 4, J. W. Pickett (cond.) 5, G. B. Easingwood 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Geoffrey) to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Easingwood.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Manuel 1, C. Eades 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, W. S. Palin (cond.) 5, F. Farnsworth 6, E. Eades 7, R. Harris 8. Rung before Mothering Sunday service.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Softley (first in method) 1, N. H. Hewett 2, T. W. Crowe 3, T. Sewell 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday afternoon service.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Blatch 1, D. G. Mayell 2, Mrs. M. Mayell 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6. Rung to mark the passing of George Dawson.

QUARTER PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: A. Sercombe (first quarter) 1, B. Elven (first 'inside') 2, E. Bracey 3, S. Barker 4, R. Hickling 5, C. Moore (cond.) 6, R. Lofty 7. Rung for Mothering Sunday service.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, P. W. Croft 3, E. W. Winters 4, F. W. Croft 5, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas', on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Collins (first quarter) 1, Anne Cox (first quarter) 2, W. R. Morey 3, Shelagh Collins (first quarter) 4, F. Oldroyd 5, C. Hazelden 6, R. Kenward (first quarter as cond.) 7, D. Redfern (first quarter) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on Mar. 11th, 1,320 London Surprise: By the same band. First quarter of London by 1, 4, 5 and 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 14th, at All Saints', 1,347 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, R. Coles 2, R. Biggs 3, A. E. Cox 4, W. Avery 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, P. Newton 8, A. Newton 9, A. L. James 10.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Creak (first in the method) 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers 6, F. D. Bishop (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. F. Wells (first quarter) 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Ashpole 1, Miss A. Smith 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, R. Piron 4, W. Izzard 5, R. Stephens 6, M. Stephens 7, R. Freeman (first as cond.) 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday service.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Crome 1, E. Greenacre 2, S. Elsey 3, C. Tovell 4, E. Mastin 5, J. Raper 6, W. Rose 7, N. Harding (cond.) 8. First quarter peal since rchanging.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Blondell 1, Miss A. Clark 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, Miss B. Harris 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Morris 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, N. Bagworth 8.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,259 Doubles (120 each Stedman, Chase, All Saints', Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 59 Grandsire): J. Harrold 1, K. Perkins 2, I. J. Dicken 3, A. Cozens 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ayres, wife of Mr. B. Ayres, organist of Kislingbury for many years.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. P. Bailey 1, C. Whiting 2, E. S. Bailey 3, Mrs. J. L. Geater 4, E. G. Pizzey 5, J. L. Geater 6, A. S. Pipe 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. B. Banks 1, S. W. Ball 2, K. J. Mace (first on 'inside' bell) 3, W. Packer 4, E. H. Jones (cond.) 5, F. C. Shorter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, R. Holland 3, S. J. Summers 4, M. F. Amos (first as cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest G. Orland, who is the captain of this tower.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. King 1, J. Herbert 2, W. Bottrill 3, H. Burton 4, A. Smith 5, J. Rushton 6, A. Rushton 7, H. Wood 8, R. Kendall (first of Caters as cond.) 9, C. Mann 10. Rung on Mothering Sunday.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Gibson 1, Joan Brandon 2, R. Scott (cond.) 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Horseman 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, C. Deem 3, D. Yeo 4, C. Kortright 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—On Mar 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Elliott 1, Miss M. Brown 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. Vines 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, G. Coldman 6. First quarter of Doubles 1 and 2.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Lofty 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, Miss A. E. Salter 3, Miss M. Lawrence 4, R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. Spencer (cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Willes 1, R. Dixon 2, W. A. Collins 3, Miss A. Willes 4, W. Hitch 5, M. A. Collins 6, R. V. Webb (cond.) 7, F. E. Putwain 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Werrett, late captain of the tower, who was interred the same day.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene Ladner 1, J. Waters 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth Ford 4, R. Curtiss (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. V. Wagner (Vicar), who was interred this day.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Payne (first quarter) 1, L. Townsend 2, R. Holland 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, M. Amos 5.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: E. E. S. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. M. Harris 2, H. W. Egglestone 3, P. J. Came 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, F. L. Harris 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Parker 1, Miss W. M. Cox (first quarter on 8) 2, W. E. Cheater 3, R. E. Tiller 4, L. Harris 5, W. C. Shute 6, D. R. Reed (cond.) 7, J. A. Cox 8. Also on Mar. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Parker 1, Miss W. M. Cox 2, W. E. Cheater 3, W. C. Shute 4, L. Harris 5, R. N. Marlow 6, J. Hartless 7, D. R. Reed (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 2.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, Miss B. M. Strange 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung for Commination service.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Christine Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, R. Hall 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, T. Cooper 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First in the method by an all-Sapcote band.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, B. Taylor 2, R. L. Sills 3, F. Scott 4, J. C. Birt 5, W. Welling 6, J. M. Ellwood 7, M. Hatchett 8, W. Butler (cond.) 9, W. Birmingham 10. First of Treble Bob Royal by all except 6 and 10.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Pilgrim 1, R. J. Darch 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, A. H. Watson 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. Thurlow 6, N. R. Bailey 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Angus Macfarlane, who was recently inducted as Vicar of Southwold.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's, on Mar. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Webb (first of Major) 1, A. M. Bailey 2, C. F. Sayer 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, G. W. Debenham 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 11th, at 42, Magdalen Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Levett (cond.) 1–2, A. A. Price 3–4, Mrs. G. Levett 5–6. Longest length in hand by 3–4, 5–6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Piper, a local ringer.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. J. Malsom 6. Rung in honour of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Packer. Mrs. Packer is a ringer at this church. Also on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Porter (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Porter 2, G. W. Hollis 3, E. J. C. Davis 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Yvonne Porter, and a birthday compliment to G. W. Hollis.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Moore 1, Miss J. Starling 2, Mrs. Moore 3, T. Earle 4, A. Syder 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all except conductor. Rung in honour of the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Piper, of Bocking.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 10th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, C. W. Martin 4, H. W. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, G. Kilminster 7, L. Barry 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, T. Boreham 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Bishop.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Cambridge Minor: Miss B. Vass 1, R. F. Diserens 2, L. Hall 3, F. W. Lewis 4, E. W. Colley 5, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1 and first of Cambridge 3 and 5.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert (Basingstoke) 1, Miss J. W. Weddell 2, J. A. Hales 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, W. D. Grainger 5, R. Ducker 6, C. W. Ottley 7, C. Sangwin (Truro) 8.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. F. Watkis (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gaymer 2, R. Alder Gofton 3, Miss M. Campbell 4, Miss M. Fidell 5, G. Lusk 6, S. W. Stratford 7, Richard A. Gofton (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss H. Stobbs, a local ringer, on her marriage to Mr. J. Handford.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 10th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith (first quarter, aged 13) 1, J. McTear 2, J. R. Mossop (cond.) 3, G. Lancaster (first 'inside') 4, T. Wilson (first 'inside') 5, J. Doggart (first quarter) 6. Rung preceding the Confirmation service to welcome the Bishop of Penrith to the church.

WHERE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WAS BORN

Rededication of Hartest's Bells

Sunday, March 15th, proved a beautiful spring day and the delightful Suffolk village of Hartest was a perfect setting for the dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Richard Brook) of the rehung five bells which were previously a maiden peal by John Darbie, 1661, but the 2nd has now been recast and all the cannons removed.

It was here that Grandsire Doubles was born, the originator being the Rev. —. Drake in the 18th century, who after four years' ministry in the village left for London and joined the College Youths. The present Rector (the Rev. Cyril Norris) is a cousin of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

In 1950 the fund had reached £200, but by grim determination a few ladies, with Mrs. R. M. Cross as hon. secretary, achieved the target of £738, which represents an average of £2 per head of the population. This was raised by entertainments, ploughing matches and even collecting salvage.

The new cast-iron frame will take six bells and another £140 is required for a treble, but as Mrs. Cross said, 'We have drained every purse in the parish at the moment, but we have not yet given up hope.'

This 14th century church with its square nave and wide chancel arch affords almost uninterrupted view of the interior wherever one happens to sit, and all seats were filled for the service—in fact, extra seats were being rather noisily brought in throughout the first ten minutes of the service. The Rev. Cyril Norris (Vicar) conducted the service and the lessons were read by Major J. H. Weller-Poley, one of the churchwardens.

The Lord Bishop, in his address, said that he understood that Hartest's bells had not been rung for some time and, consequently, would-be ringers had had no experience, but he was pleased to hear that ringers from the nearby parishes of Clare and Cavendish had offered to come and help new hands at Hartest, so it seemed that a band would soon be at work. He praised the work of the Suffolk Guild and all ringers for their strength, skill and labour.

He continued that, when a young man, he had said that he did not mind whom he married so long as there was ringing of bells after the service, but, unfortunately, he was married in Liverpool Cathedral long before the magnificent ring of twelve was installed, so, after all, he had no wedding bells!

He was happy because Suffolk was rich in ringers and every now and then he was called upon to dedicate or rededicate a ring in a parish in the diocese. However, it was sad that, here and there, bells in ancient churches were not ringable for want of restoration or there were insufficient ringers for the bells. Nothing gave him greater pleasure in his heart and his soul than to suddenly come upon a church, such as Hartest, with its flag flying and the music of its bells wafting over the countryside.

The opening touch in this tower must, of course, be Grandsire and was rung by two locals and the three district officers of the Suffolk Guild. Following this touches in various methods were rung by the 40 ringers present. Mr. Paul Taylor represented the bell founders.

After tea some of us left to return for service ringing in our own towers, and as we climbed the hill the bells were sending forth their message and we thought what a joy and feeling of satisfaction it must be to those who had worked so hard and given so much. For a most memorable day in our lives we say, 'Well done' and 'Thank you, Hartest.'

L. D. M. and C. R.

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Ernest Pye	5-6
William Shepherd	7-8
William Pye	9-10
Alfred W. Grimes	11-12

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This is the longest peal of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells.

[A record which, somewhat surprisingly, has not yet been beaten.]

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LATE NEWS

With deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Cox, wife of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, on Sunday morning after much suffering. Those who knew her will realise what a heavy loss Prebendary Cox has sustained, and not only the ringers of Devon but his many friends all over the country will feel the deepest sympathy with him.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Forty years ago, on March 15th, 1913, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, called his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mark's, Leicester. It was his own composition and an anniversary peal (the same composition) was rung at Whitwick on March 16th. In the original peal the band was Ernest J. Hughes 1, Frederick H. Dexter 2, Charles H. Fowler 3, Arthur Pettitt 4, Samuel Cotton 5, R. Henry Bartram 6, Ernest Morris 7, Josiah Morris 8.

A pleasing sign of young life in the tower was four first quarters at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on March 8th. District Secretary Ron Kenward will be congratulated by his many friends on calling his first quarter.

The temporary address of Mr. J. E. Jeater is c/o Mrs. Peters, The Square, St. Keverne, Cornwall. Will readers who have communications or remittances please send to this address until further notice.

The peal at Barkston, Lincs, recorded in this issue, was on the 48th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Mr. Harry Barnes took part in both peals and to be present on March 14th made a journey of 50 miles. The band was afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. W. H. Dale and his daughter.

Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham, was associated with Mr. Albert J. Hughes in compiling the history of the North Wales Association. Mention should have been made in the report that Wrexham steeple and Gresford bells are two of the seven wonders of Wales. A peal which should have been recorded was a centenary peal at Dolgelly in 1909 of Stedman Triples conducted by John Carter. Other ringers in this peal were William Short, W. H. Godden, Morris J. Morris, J. H. Shepherd, J. Bradney, James E. Groves and H. Knight.

A bright spot for inter-tower friendship is the Wirral Peninsula. The fifth annual dinner of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild attracted a company of 140. Dancing followed to midnight.

We are now enrolling new postal subscribers for the next quarter. Subscription rates 6s. for three months or 11s. 8d. for six months, either to Mr. Jeater or to 'Ringing World' Office.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Dartford on Saturday wish to congratulate Mrs. Hildegard I. G. Bird on ringing her first peal of Surprise 'inside.'

By ringing 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire Triples on March 12th, Miss N. Marklew becomes the first Hinckley District lady ringer to ring a handbell peal.

St. Margaret's, Fletton, Peterborough, has now a ring of five. The dedication by the Bishop of Ely of the two trebles took place on March 19th. A report will appear in our next issue.

Mr. C. W. F. Phillips, of the Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, would like to write privately to 'Another Tower Captain,' who had a recent letter in 'The Ringing World,' if he would forward his name and address.

The Surrey Association have under consideration a minimum standard of efficiency before new members are elected. The matter was ventilated at the annual meeting on March 14th at Walton-on-Thames. A report will appear in our next issue.

In a letter to the Editor, Mr. Graeme W. Heys, of Ballarat, tells of a visit of three Sydney ringers and Miss Joan Hills to Ballarat on March 7th-8th. The time was profitably spent. Mr. Heys rang his first quarter of Plain Bob Minor and Ballarat ringers were introduced to Stedman Doubles and April Day.

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AN ENGLISH GIRL GOES TO AUSTRALIA

Joan Hills' Story of a Grand Welcome and Impressions of Many Towers

(Continued from page 185)

SYDNEY CATHEDRAL

In spite of a sketchy night's sleep, Sunday morning saw most of the tourists assembled at St. Mary's Cathedral for morning ringing. We had arrived at Central Station at about half-past six, and had had until half-past ten in which to make ourselves respectable. I had spent my four hours in becoming acquainted with the Y.W.C.A., where I was to stay for a short while, and in sitting in Hyde Park in the warm spring sunshine, watching the birds and the passers-by. I don't think anyone will dispute the fact that St. Mary's Cathedral bells are the cream of the eight ringing peals in and around Sydney. At present they are an octave, but are destined to become 13 in the future, and they hang in the central tower of the Cathedral. As in so many similar buildings, the way of approach is not directly under the tower itself, but by a staircase of over a hundred steps set in the thickness of one of the aisle walls, at the top of which one walks along an outside 'cat walk' for the length of one of the transepts. This little gallery gives one a beautiful view out over Sydney Harbour and provides an excellent excuse for stopping at the top of the stairs to regain one's breath!

I have never in my life seen such a colossal ringing chamber—the circle of ropes is just lost in the middle of it. Even after ringing there three times a week for the past six months it still gives me a thrill to hear St. Mary's bells pulled off for the first time, on practice night or for service, and to hear the lovely tenor bell come purring into her place after the other seven. This is not another exceptionally heavy octave, like St. Peter's, Adelaide—the tenor is 25 cwt.—but their tone has to be heard to be appreciated, and their 'go' is so good that even I can ring the 7th without undue effort. My first Sunday service ringing there provided a happy introduction to ringing in Sydney. More Australian hospitality, in the shape of an invitation from Ruth Donnelly's parents to spend the day with them, lest I should feel homesick in a strange city. For evening service I rang with Ruth in her home tower, St. Jude's, Randwick. St. Jude's has a ring of eight—steel bells with a tenor of 21 cwt.—whose 'go' is far superior to their tone. One has to take off one's hat to Bill Rowe, who comes a 15-mile journey on Sundays and for practice, and has built up a jolly young band under far from ideal conditions. St. Jude's bells have been effectively silenced by the blocking of the louvres, and it is for this reason that the majority of peal ringing in Sydney takes place in this tower.

SYDNEY'S OTHER TOWERS

Well, bit by bit I settled down in my temporary home—acquired a job and a landlady, and began to evolve a ringing routine. It was not long before it became obvious that, because of its convenience of access, St. Mary's would become my home tower, and both Margaret and I are proud to have been elected honorary members of this rather exclusive band for the duration of our stay in Sydney. But, while my Sunday service ringing is done at the Cathedral, I get around the other towers as much as I can during the week. Last September there were four other towers ringing, in and around the city; these were St. Jude's, Randwick (which I have already mentioned), St. Mark's, Darling Point, St. James', Turramurra, and All Saints', Parramatta. St. Mark's have eight bells, though only six are at present ringable; they have a young band whose interest doesn't rise above call-changes, although their captain (Jack McCartney) and one older member of his band are method ringers. Turramurra have a handy, well-going little six whose sole disadvantage is their noisiness; as in quite a few English towers, one unfortunately rings immediately under the bells. This is the case at St. Mary's and Parramatta also, but in both these towers a sound-proof floor has been installed.

Turramurra have only had their bells eleven years, and hope before long to be able to follow the example of the two older towers. Before Ken Stacey came into office, St. James' captain was an English ringer—Mr. W. Smith, formerly of Long Cawston, Leicester. Mr. Smith is still a member of the band and a fine ringer, despite indifferent health. Turramurra can proudly claim to have rung the first quarters of both Kent and Oxford Treble Bob in New South Wales, and at the present rate of progress it should not be long before they can add Cambridge to their list of 'firsts.' These six bells are by John Taylor, while the six out at Parramatta are the work of Mears and Stainbank. For easiness of 'go' there is not a pin to put between Turramurra and Parramatta, but All Saints' band are mainly Doubles ringers, in contrast to the preference shown for Minor at the other tower. And can they strike their bells! I have rung some of the best Doubles of my short ringing career with the Parramatta boys—ringing which must have sounded like a musical box from outside the tower. Bobby Ferris is Parramatta's youthful captain, and they can proudly claim another good old English ringer in the person of A. R. (Bob) Botting, still ringing like a good 'un despite his 76 years.

ONLY ONE SILENT TOWER

And since September another two rings in the city itself have started to swing once more, leaving but one silent tower — St. Philip's, Church Hill. The non-availability of this ring of nine is greatly regretted by the whole ringing community here, but because of the alleged instability of the tower the bells are only chimed for weddings and service. The towers which are gradually being heard once more are Christ Church (St. Lawrence) and St. Benedict's (Broadway), both rings of six. In common with Turramurra, Christ Church are Taylor's bells—a rather tricky six with a long draught of rope. They were brought into action in November last, and a hard job we had too, on that first Sunday morning. However, Justin Buckley, the newly-appointed captain, got busy with spanner and oil-can, and now (if you don't mind the drop of rope) ringing here is comparatively easy. Since November, the bells have been rung every Sunday morning for 10.30 service by the same band which later rings for ten minutes before 11 o'clock Mass at St. Mary's. This necessitates a brisk trot from one end of the town to the other—with feeling from one who does it!

The other tower, St. Benedict's, is not yet ringing again regularly, but the years of silence have been broken, and with the installation of a bell-minded parish priest there seem high hopes of getting things moving once more. St. Benedict's were heard two years ago for Midnight Mass on December 31st, 1950, and then silence descended again until, in December, we rang them fully muffled for the passing of Monsignor Norris, the late parish priest.

RINGING FROM A CUPBOARD

On both occasions, Charlie Dennehy, who is towerkeeper at St. Mary's, put in much hard work on the bells, but in spite of this the band which rang them had a tough job. I can testify to this as I was present on the latter occasion. Our task was made no simpler by the fact that, since the ringing chamber had last been used as such, a cupboard, housing the new blower-motor for the organ, had been erected directly under the rope of the third. There was nothing for it but to take the rope up round the wheel to a sufficient extent to enable the ringer to stand on this cupboard—three feet above the level of his fellows!

There are two other ringing towers in New South Wales, and these are at Yass, some 200 miles south of Sydney, and West Maitland, which is four hours' train journey to the north. Yass have a very light six, which until recent years were an unringable five. I have heard many tales of the grand pioneer work put in here, both by the local band in raising funds and by John Duncan, Bruce Dunbar and Bill Rowe, all of Sydney, in the installation of the new treble bell and the training of a local band. It was in this tower that the record length of Doubles was rung—a record as yet unbeaten in England—and last year they had the satisfaction of 'chalking up' two peals of Doubles in one day. Last October I visited Yass by car with John Duncan and three other Sydney folk, and rang a quarter peal there with them. Never in England did I dream I would travel over 200 miles to go for a quarter!

In common with Randwick, West Maitland have steel bells, though their tone is such that it is hard to convince oneself that they are not normal bell metal. Through the pioneer work of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers, Maitland have had their bells rehung on ball bearings. I have heard gruesome tales of the 'go' of them prior to this taking place. They are still far from easy to ring, but for all this there is an enthusiastic local band in the making, and over 50 per cent. of them are ladies. I have accompanied the Sydney people on two of their monthly instructional visits to Maitland, and can testify to the keenness of the resident band, separated as they are by over 100 miles from their next ringing neighbours. Here I might add that Maitland bells hang in a detached campanile — an unusual feature both here and at home.

'A MAD LOT'

What else shall I tell you about ringing 'down under' as I have seen it in my comparatively short stay? During my first week, at Adelaide, Bill would often say to me, 'You must think we are a mad lot,' to which I would reply that there's nothing to choose between ringers in England and in Australia. That answer may sound a double-edged compliment, but it is true. Your 'opposite numbers' out here show the same spirit of good fellowship which, in the main, characterises the ringing fraternity in England, and they come up against much the same problems. Their standard, for a small and isolated community, I found surprisingly high. They do not yet aspire to Surprise Major, but they do ring the standard methods and can strike them well; Stedman Triples presents some difficulty from the conductor's point of view, but this is gradually being overcome. At Randwick, St. Mary's, Parramatta and Turramurra they have a repertoir of Doubles and Minor methods which would put many an English tower, similarly situated, to shame. Handbell ringing also has its devotees, especially among St. Mary's boys, and peals of Plain Bob Minor and Major have been rung.

I hope I have written sufficient to interest any ringer, who has the urge and the means to travel, in Australian bells and ringers. If you come here expecting to ring advanced methods you will be disappointed; but if you are content with the standard methods well struck, and if it pleases you to see young bands striving to perfect themselves and increase their knowledge, may I commend Australia to you? For here you will find, as I have found, good bells, good ringing, and good friends.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Bell 1, G. Seaman 2, R. Bell 3, J. Schofield 4, A. Dix 5, R. King 6, F. Crook 7, S. Hoare (cond.) 8, T. Sheppard 9, H. Schofield 10.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 186)

THROUGHOUT the 17th and 18th centuries appear rules of varying types, mostly enshrined in verse—good, bad and indifferent in rhyme and metre—all with the object of ensuring good behaviour and seemliness in our belfries. Many enforce fines for unskilful handling of a bell or for bad striking which might 'marr the peale'; others for bad behaviour in swearing, cursing or drunkenness. Most are quaint and all are of interest. One of the very earliest examples known to exist is painted in red and black Gothic letters on the wall over the stairway door in the tower at Scotter, Lincs. It runs as follows:—

'Yow ringers All
who heare doe fall
And doe cast over
a bell doe forfeit
to the Clarke theirfore
A Groute I doe four
tell & if yow
thinck it be to
little & beare
A valliant minde
Ymore yow give
Vnto him then
yow prove to him
more kinde.'

(North, 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' p. 602.)

On the west wall of the belfry of DUMMER Church, Basingstoke (a building probably as old as the 12th century) is to be found the following imperfect inscription in the 16th century (Gothic) character:—

'. . . Bless the King . . .
To the Sexton thay belong.
pay him tharefore, do him no rong.
Stand from the ringers a yard at least . . .
26 years pay i do not jest
if any bell you over throw it cost you p. . . .you
So put of your hats else pay. . . .'

(The words are given in apparent order, no attempt being made to fill in the defective. See Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 10.)

Verses in the belfry of WESTBURY Church, Salop:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must ring with hand and ear;
And if a Bell you overthrow
Sixpence to pay before you go.
And if you ring with spur or hat,
There's fourpence more to pay for that.
And if you either swear or curse,
Twopence is due, draw out your purse.
Our laws are old, they are but few,
Therefore they ringers will have their due.'

Rd. H. S.

One of the best examples to be met with comes from HATHERSAGE in Derbyshire. The lines were formerly on the south wall of the belfry, and date about 1660:—

'You gentlemen that here wish to ring,
See that these laws you keep in everything:
Or else be sure you must without delay,
The penalty thereof to the ringers pay.
First, when you do into the bell-house come,
Look if the ringers have convenient room:
For if you do be an hindrance unto them,
Fourpence you forfeit unto these gentlemen.
Next if you do here intend to ring,
With hat or spur, do not touch a string:
For if you do, your forfeit is for that.
Just fourpence to pay, lose your hat.
If a bell turn over, without delay,
Fourpence unto the ringers you must pay:
Or if you strike, misscall, or do abuse,
You must pay fourpence for the ringer's use.
For every oath here sworn, ere you go hence,
Unto the poor then you must pay twelve-pence:
And if that you desire to be enrolled,
A ringer here, these words keep and hold!
But whoso doth these orders disobey,
Unto the stocks we will take him straightway:
There to remain until he be willing
To pay his forfeit and the Clerk a shilling.'

(Walters, 'Church Bells of England,' p. 91.)

With slight variation, the preceding rules were adopted at CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, Derbyshire.

Against the north wall of the belfry of TIDESWELL Church, Derbyshire, is a set not greatly varying from the preceding:—

'All gentlemen that here intend to ring,
See that these laws you keep in everything.
When first you into the belfry come,
See that the ringers have convenient room;
For if you be an hindrance unto them,
Fourpence you pay unto the gentlemen.
For every oath you swear ere you go hence,
You must immediately pay just sixpence.
For every bell turned ore without delay,
Fourpence unto the present Clerk pay.
And if that you desirous be to ring
With hat or spurs on, do not touch one string,
For if you do your forfeit is for that
Fourpence pay down, or else you lose your hat.
And if you have a mind to be inrold
A ringer here these orders you must hold.'

(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry, p. 12.)

On the wall of All Saints' Church, STAMFORD, Lincs, are these lines:—

'All you that do pretend to Ring
You under take a Dangerous thing,
If that a bell you overthrow
Two Pence you pay Before you go.
1694.'

(North, 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' p. 667.)

The following lines are to be seen at FOWEY in Cornwall, painted on a board attached to the wall of the ringing chamber:—

'Hark how the chirping treble Sings most Clear,
And Covering Tom com's rowling in the Rear;
We ring the Quick to Church the dead to Grave,
Good is our use, such Usage let us have:
Now up on end at Stay, come let us see,
What Laws are best, to keep Sobriety.
To swear, or Curse, or in a Choleric mood,
To strike or Quarrel, tho he draw no Blood,
To wear a Hat, or Spur, to 'ore turn a Bell,
Or by unskilful handling marrs a Peal,
Such shall pay sixpence for each single Crime,
'Twill make him Cautious 'gainst another time.
What forfeitures are due as here it is exprest
Here in a Box to take the same when ye have transgres't,
And we the whole Society of Ringers do agree,
To use the same in Love and Unity.'

(Dunkin, 'Cornwall,' p. 82.)

This is from CULMINGTON, Salop:—

'Those that heare intend to ringe,
Let them first consider this thing:
If that they a bell turne ore,
Fourepence to pay therefore:
If any ring with hat or Spur,
Twopence to pay by this order:
If any chance to curse or sweare,
Fourepence to pay and eke forbere:
And if they do not pay their forfeits well,
They shall not ringe at any bell.
—John Burnell. 1663.'

(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 13.)

St. John's Church, CHESTER, is situated on the outside of the city walls, but it is the most ancient religious foundation there, an old legend relating that King Ethelred, who had intended such a work, dreamed that he saw St. John the Baptist, who told him to commence on the spot of ground where he should first see a white hind, and that, in consequence, here the King erected his church. In 987 Ethelred, Earl of Mercia, founded a collegiate church here, which was repaired in 1057 by Earl Leofric. The following 'Ringers' Rhymes' are painted in large Old English letters, with ornamented borders and cherubs at the corners, and bear the date A.D. 1686. Aubrey states that in his time it was usual for gentlemen to amuse themselves with an hour's exercise at bell ringing. This fondness for bell ringing and the constant way in which they heard it at all times gave England the name of the 'Ringing Isle.'

'Ye ringers all observe these orders well.
He forfeits 12 pence that turns off a bell;
And he that doth ring with either spurr or hatt,
His sixpence certainly shall pay for that.
He that doth spoile, or doth disturbe a peale
Shall pay his fourpence for a . . . .of ale:
And he that is heard to curse or swear
Shall pay his 12 pence and forbeare.
These customs elsewhere now be used,
Lest bells and ringers be abused:
Ye gallants then that on purpose come to ring,
See that ye coyne along with you do bring.
And further also that if you ring here,
You must ring truly both with hande and eare:
Or else your forfeits surely pay,
And that full speedily without delay.
Our laws is old that are not new.
The sexton looketh for his due. A.D. 1686.'

These ringers' rules in rhyme are at TONG, Salop:—

'If that to ring you doe come here,
You must ring well with hand and eare:
Keep stroak of time and goe not out
or else you forfeit out of doubt.
Our law is so concluded here,
For every fault a jugg of beer.
if that you ring with spurr or hat,
a jugg of bear must pay for that.
If that you take a rope in hand
these forfeits you must not withstand.
or if a bell you ov'rthrow
it must cost sixpence 'ere you goe.
If in this place you sweare or curse
Sixpence you pay out with your purse:
Come pay the clerk it is his fee
for one that swears shall not go free.
These laws are old and are not new
therefore the clerk must have his due.
George Harrison, 1694.'

(Walters, 'Church Bells of England,' p. 94.)

(To be continued)

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Mr. S. F. Palmer Resigns Treasurership

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on March 14th, and although the attendance on this very important occasion should have been greater, it was, nevertheless, a great experience for the younger ringers, who were present in great strength. Local teams in the city boundary and Rotherham area were well represented, and welcome visitors included friends from Accrington (Lancs) and Epsom (Surrey). The light ring of ten bells was kept busy throughout the afternoon with a variety of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal and London Major.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Pain), who gave the Society a cordial welcome to Ranmoor. The officers of the Society were elected en bloc, with the exception of the treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, an old and respected member, who remarked that he thought it was time he gave way to a younger man. The position was voted to the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who accepted.

The importance of Sunday service ringing was emphasised by the Ringing Master, Mr. N. Chaddock, in his report, and at the conclusion of a very heavy agenda members returned to the tower. J. E. T.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JUDGING RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your extract from the 'Irish Bell News' on the judging of ringing competitions and think that perhaps the following comments may be of interest.

I have been judging contests now for quite a few years and have yet to discover a unified system among the various judges with whom I have come in contact. It is the custom in these parts to have two judges, and a marker to write down the faults, so I have had the opportunity of studying the various methods adopted. (Each judge judges half the test piece.)

The collection of fractional faults has always intrigued me and one 'old stager' with whom I was once judging a contest said that he mentally collected them and called each completed fault out to the marker!

As this seemed to me somewhat haphazard, I adopted the following system for these 'odds and ends.'

I have a piece of blank paper in front of me divided by a line down the middle. On the left-hand side I jot down the half-faults and down the right-hand side the thirds. Quarter-faults, after trial, I finally rejected.

In the half-fault column I make each pair into a cross and in the third-fault column each trio into a triangle calling 'One' as each fault is completed, so that they are taken down by the marker in the ordinary manner.

As gaps are equally a disturbance of the rhythm as clips or clashes I make no discrimination between them and they are faulted according to the size of the gap. In any case a wide gap usually causes the bell following to clip rather badly.

'Jumbling' (one or more ringers lost) usually accrues faults so rapidly that unless it is very quickly corrected the chances of the band winning the contest are somewhat remote.

Here the practice is to call 'Two' or 'Three' for each bad 'bang,' as one assumes that with more than three bells out of position the remaining ringers have very little chance of getting the bells back to place for several more changes at least (if at all), by which time the 'jumble' will have cost at least 20 or 30 faults.

Acting on a suggestion from one of my co-judges, the following method of marking down the faults was evolved:—

Duplicated sheets have been prepared on which a series of rectangles have been drawn corresponding to the number of minutes the ringing has progressed. A large stop watch is placed before the marker, who usually sits on the opposite side of the table to the judges, and he can, therefore, mark down the faults in the appropriate minute rectangle.

He is given two pencils, one red and one black, several others being kept in reserve. If the trip is a serious one the judge shouts 'Red,' and these faults are marked down with the red pencil.

The respective bands, who receive these sheets after the contest, can, therefore, do a 'minute to minute' analysis of their ringing, comparing it with that of other bands and discovering, perhaps, that if so-and-so had not missed his 3-4 down they would have won the contest!

Additional information on the sheet gives among other things, the time—in minutes and seconds—taken by the team to ring the test piece and the average time taken by all the bands ringing through.

Some bands seem to believe that quick ringing brings success. Certainly the judges have to be more alert but I think that if a recording could be made of rapid ringing and then played back to them at a slower speed they would realise that many slight variations that might otherwise pass unnoticed deserve to be recorded on the fault sheet.

There is no real virtue in quick ringing unless it make for more accurate striking—a moot point.

Although I have judged and listened to both open- and closed-lead contests I have found that, generally speaking, the standard of striking has been higher in the 'cartwheel' contests. This may be merely coincidental.

On the sheet mentioned above space is given for the judges' remarks and for their signatures. Whether judges should criticise individual bells is a much-debated point. Some ringers are very temperamental and resent pointed remarks about their personal performances, while others maintain that judges, if paying proper attention to fault-finding, have no time to single out individual bells. Personally, I think he would be a poor judge who could not recognise which bell, or bells, was 'piling 'em on,' but take great care to make my remarks pretty general for all that!—Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE JUDGES.

Yorkshire.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT'S 5,024 BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The above peal, on page 174 of 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, is a very musical composition, worth ringing and listening to, but the author loses a few points in having a lead in each half with 7-8 reversed viz., at the second bob of the first three consecutive bobs B.—Yours sincerely,

Ipswich. W. J. G. BROWN.

BELLS OVER THE TELEPHONE

Dear Sir,—Re J. E. Beams' letter, 'Bells near a Telephone Exchange,' I fear St. Mary's, Ewell, is not unique, for St. Michael's with St. Paul's, Bath, is a mere ten yards from the city telephone exchange, and the bells have been heard over the telephone on various occasions. —Yours faithfully. E. NAYLOR.

Bath.

THE SEVEN 'WILD MEN FROM LANCASHIRE'

Dear Sir.—May I, through your columns, take the opportunity of thanking all those kind friends who catered for 'seven wild men from Lancashire' attending the Henry Johnson dinner.

With the unfailing courtesy of the Midlands they struggled to understand these ringers who spoke a strange language and referred to sallies as tufts, etc. By gow!

Activities commenced with a peal attempt at Wednesbury with a 10 a.m. start, about which the least said the better. Cambridge was too well represented and Oxford not enough!

Eventually arrived and checked in: wash and tidy up and off to snatch the three twelves at Birmingham and Aston. Then back for the main event of the evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Up next morning and away to Wolverhampton just in time for a course of Stedman Cinques, then off to Willenhall for Caters and a course of Cambridge Major. From there a fair run to St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, at 12.15 p.m. we rang for three-quarters of an hour on these lovely bells. After dining here, returned to ring for afternoon service at Lichfield Cathedral. What a lovely ring this is, too!

Wending our way northwards we arrived at Newcastle-under-Lyme at 5.30 p.m. and finished our ringing for evening service. On leaving Newcastle we were followed into Manchester by a police car believed to contain Harold Poole arranging a peal of Minor single-handed at the Town Hall!.

We wish to record our thanks to all who made arrangements so well for us. Messrs. C. Wallater, H. Knight, K. Knowles, B. Key, G. Oliver, our Newcastle friends, who so kindly came at 5.30 for our benefit and to all the incumbents who allowed us to use their bells.—Yours fraternally.

'ONE OF THE SEVEN.'

TONE-DEAFNESS AND STRIKING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Miss Pam Clements' question re tone-deafness and striking, I would point out that any method could be 'tapped out' on a set of wooden bells and therefore a tone-deaf person need not necessarily be a poor striker.

As Mr. Birmingham has already pointed out, good striking is good rhythm, but I would suggest that the rhythm required is but a repetition of the simplest form possible and, therefore, should be within the scope of us all.

It is my opinion that poor striking may be overcome by close co-operation between beginner and instructor.

The beginner should be fully instructed as to when his bell actually strikes. That is the time lag between pull and strike should be understood. He should be given plenty of 'rounds' and 'call changes' and his attention should be drawn to any 'clips' or gaps' that may occur. Also, good rounds should be obtained before 'Go' is called.

The beginner should learn to listen as well as to look. He should never refuse the opportunity to ring, especially with a good band. He should attend regularly for practice and service ringing and arrive early when the tower captain could take the opportunity to ring some 'call changes' before the more experienced ringers arrive.

The beginner, especially if he is considered to be a poor striker, should be given the opportunity to ring with a really good band. He would then appreciate good striking and have the chance of discovering and rectifying his weaknesses. Far too often several beginners are allowed to struggle together with the result that the experienced ringer finds good striking impossible.

In conclusion I will add that I fully appreciate the numerous difficulties confronting tower captains and Branch Ringing Masters and also that I do not consider myself to be a perfect striker.—Yours faithfully.

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY

Dear Sir,—I think it regrettable that anyone should use so great a social occasion as the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner to make inappropriate and uncharitable remarks about the Dean of Canterbury, which cannot do the Exercise any good. I know full well some of the Dean's utterances seem to lack justification.

I knew the 'Red Dean,' alias 'Mad Dean'—and he will not complain about the latter style and title, for he wrote it when autographing my copy of his 'Socialist Sixth of the World' when speaking at an Aid to Russia meeting at Crewe in the very early days of the last war.

I knew him when he was a greatly-loved parish priest of St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey. I also remember him speaking at Coppenhall (Crewe) as the then Bishop of Oxford's messenger during his 'World Call,' somewhere about 1920, and have been interested in him since.

Whilst there may be some who would that the Red Dean should share the same fate as the Archbishop of Canterbury referred to, no one can deny that he possesses two of the most valuable attributes, courage and sincerity, and we can well leave the final judgment to posterity.

I am not a Communist or even a 'fellow traveller.'—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

Editor's Note.—We can have no reply on this subject of wide political controversy. The columns of 'The Ringing World' are strictly reserved for ringing, ringers and bells.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXXII. HOW METHODS ARE VARIED

A peal of Edmonton Bob Major recorded some time ago is another reminder that there are numerous easy methods which ringers of Plain Bob ought to make a practice of ringing, by way of variety. In these days there is no need for stagnation, for quite a number of plain methods (all of which can be found in the Central Council's 'Collection' published at 3s.) can be learned with comparatively little effort.

For instance, this Edmonton Bob has no fewer than seven relatives, the whole family being descended from the same method, and if you can master one member of it, it needs only a little study and application to ring the rest.

If you ring Bob Major, you know that when the treble leads and a bell makes 2nds place over it, all the other bells above dodge in pairs. In Reverse Bob, instead of making 2nds over the treble when it leads, you make 7ths under the treble when it lies a whole pull behind; and the dodging which you get in Bob Major when the treble leads, you have, instead, in Reverse Bob when the treble is behind.

When you reverse a method you just substitute work from behind for work from the front, and vice versa. And that is what happens in the production of many methods.

Numerous plain methods have as the basis of their construction places 'made across the treble,' that is to say the bell hunting (up or down) in front of the treble stops to make a whole pull in some place, steps back across the treble, and, making another whole pull in the new place, takes up a hunting position behind the treble.

This placemaking across the treble necessitates dodging by the bells on that side of the 'place' farthest from the treble. Thus, if the places made are 4ths and 3rds as the treble goes up, the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodge when the 4ths is made, and the bells in 1-2 dodge when 3rds is made.

Perhaps you will see it better from this:—

1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8
4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7
2 4 3 6 1 8 5 7
4 2 6 3 8 1 7 5

In regular methods the work in each half of a lead is similar, and, if there are places in 3-4 when the treble goes up, there are places in 3-4 when it comes down. And that is just what Shipway's Court consists of. (It is No. 4 in the 'Collection.')

Its variations can be extended by adding 2nds at the treble lead, or 7ths when it is behind, or both. In actual ringing you get a different method because those places in 2nds or 7ths add extra dodging to the work. But you can realise the relationship between them all.

Now if you reverse Shipway's Court, that is, move the places from 3-4 to 5-6 or, in other words, do from the back what was done in Shipway from the front and vice versa, you have a method known as Lavenham Court, and to this you can also add 2nds or 7ths or both, so that you actually have eight methods of this type in their simplest form.

Then, of course, you can join them together and have double methods by making places both in 3-4 and 5-6 and you get another group of four, of which Double Norwich corresponds to Shipway and is varied by the addition of 2nds or 7ths, or both.

Shipway's Court would make a simple method for a Bob Major company to start on. Try first to construct a course on paper, by writing out the figures lead by lead. In the first lead make 4ths and 3rds with the 3rd across the treble as the latter goes up through 3-4, and 3rds and 4ths with the 5th across the treble as it hunts down through 4-3. This will produce 15738264 as a lead head. Make sure of this first and the other six leads should follow without trouble, if the construction is closely followed.

The placemaking bells in the second lead will be 7 and 8; in the third lead 6 and 4, in the fourth lead 2 and 3, in the fifth lead 5 and 7, in the sixth lead 8 and 6 and in the last lead 4 and 2.

When you have written out your seven leads, draw a continuous line from top to bottom over one of the figures, say 2 or 8, and you will have a diagram which you can use, not only to ring Shipway's Court, but which will help you in a way we hope to explain later, with the other methods. By the way, keep your figures in regular column and not too close together. The advantage of this you will find when you want to use them again presently.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Feering on March 14th, when members gathered from Halstead, Bocking, Black Notley, Feering, Witham, Kelvedon, Felsted, Stisted, Bures, Leytonstone, Finchingfield and Chelmsford.

The highlight of the afternoon was the service touch rung by eight ladies, this being the first time at any Northern Divisional meeting. The Vicar remarked there was less shouting among the ladies than when the men were ringing.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Everitt) gave an inspiring talk and Miss H. G. Snowden played the organ.

Miss Snowden presided at the business meeting and two honorary members were elected. The next meeting will be at Belchamp St. Paul's in May.

It was agreed that all the bells should be rung for the Coronation, and at towers where there are no ringers visits will be arranged by neighbouring towers. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept ringing in a large variety of methods.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

A Week-end in North Somerset

Four members of the Society of Roving Ringers, together with friends from local towers, held an informal ringing week-end, based on Long Ashton and Nailsea, on March 14th and 15th.

Ringing on Saturday commenced on the sixes at Abbot's Leigh, Clapton-in-Gordano and Tickenham, where a course of London unfortunately came to grief. After lunch, Clevedon St. John (5) and St. Andrew (8) were visited, and then on to the fine octave at Yatton, where a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung.

After tea, that outpost of the Chew Deanery 'Empire,' Nempnett Thrubwell, was visited and various Doubles and Minor methods were rung.

On again to Stanton Drew, which was a bait for the local 'tower grabbers,' as these bells are seldom rung. The reason was soon apparent! The only dispute was whether the fourth or the tenor brought one to one's knees most times during a 120. Double Bob Minimus was among the methods rung here!

The last tower was Queen Charlton, sounding like the front five of an eight and rung from the crossing. The new diffused lighting installation was much admired.

Following service ringing on Sunday morning a good 1,440 of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Nailsea in the afternoon. A quick visit to the disused church with a good ring of six at Uphill, near Weston-super-Mare, concluded the proceedings.

Ringers from Wraxall, Exmouth, Nailsea, Melksham, Locking, St. Albans and Long Ashton formed the main party and others joined at the various towers. Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor; Stedman Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples; and a host of assorted Doubles methods.

The sincere thanks of the party are due to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to the people who met and welcomed them at the towers and especially to the Uphill ringers for allowing an 'invasion' of their usual Sunday afternoon ringing hour. M. J. H.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Replaces Huddersfield and District Society

On Saturday, March 7th, the inaugural meeting of the Guild was held at Almondbury. Due, probably, to the fine weather, there were plenty of ringers for an early start on this musical octave. All ringers were fitted in from rounds to Cambridge before time for service. The Rev. A. L. Minns conducted the pleasant service, at which 39 attended.

Owing to double the estimated number of ringers and visitors turning up for tea, two sittings were arranged, the bells being kept going meanwhile. Credit is due to Mr. Dransfield and the helpers for rising to the occasion.

The business meeting proved to be a lengthy one, attended by 50 or more ringers. Following apologies for absence, minutes of last meeting and votes of thanks, the more serious business was then discussed. The powers conferred upon the committee in January to draw up recommendations for an Archdeaconry Society had been carried out. Stage by stage the proposed constitution was put to the vote with slight amendments and adopted.

Finally the following was the outcome. The body in future shall be known as 'The Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild of Church Bellringers' to replace the now extinct Huddersfield District Society. The Guild shall have as its object: 'To encourage the art of change ringing in the service of the Church.'

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was elected president, and the Archdeacon of Halifax, the Rev. T. Mathieson, the Rev. K. G. Gates and the Rev. A. L. Minns vice-presidents. All officers are to be elected annually.

With the exception of an additional auditor, Mr. C. Sutcliffe, and a new Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pearson, the other officers, including chairman, secretary-treasurer, auditor and three committee, were re-elected. The subscription remains at 1s. per year.

The area covered is practically the same as previously with a few towers added. It must be made clear, however, that there is no desire to encroach upon the work of the larger associations, but rather to do work in local towers which the larger associations cannot do, particularly in the training of young ringers. Seventeen new members were elected. The next meeting will be held at Elland on May 2nd.

A welcome was extended to Mr. F. Fisher, formerly a ringer in this district, who was on a business visit from St. John's, Newfoundland.

Further ringing on tower bells until 8.45 took place, after which several young members rang Grandsire Caters and Cinques on handbells to wind up a successful meeting. A. W. B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch Dinner Attracts 140

The fifth annual dinner, entertainment and dance of the Wirral Branch was held, as usual, at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on February 28th, from 5.45 p.m. to midnight and attracted a record gathering of over 140 ringers, relatives and friends.

The company was warmly welcomed by the Branch president (Mr. J. Cooke), supported by the chairman (Mr. W. R. Stanley), hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. J. Martin), Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers) and Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. C. B. Pemberton). Ringers were present from Bebington, Bidston, Birkenhead (St. Mary's), Bromborough, Eastham, Moreton, Oxton, Upton, Wallasey (St. Mary's and St. Nicholas') and West Kirby.

Guest of honour was the Rev. Kenneth Lee, newly appointed Rector of Heswall (late Vicar of St. Mary's, Birkenhead), and it was regretted that his wife was prevented by indisposition from being present He was asked to convey members' best wishes for her speedy recovery and a bouquet of flowers for her was presented by Wirral's youngest ringing recruit, Miss Ethel Pemberton.

After the excellent meal 'brevity and levity' was the order of the day for the speechmakers. On behalf of committee members a presentation was also made to Mesdames A. E. Webster and C. Pemberton for their repeated kindnesses and generous gifts to help make the functions so successful.

Immediately the tables were cleared the company relaxed and whilst the meal was digesting were entertained by the extraordinary miming of Molly and Syd Coglan, interspersed by songs by Miss Marjorie Jones (soprano) accompanied by Mr. R. Davies. The company then adjourned to the private lounge whilst the ballroom was cleared for dancing. The orchestra was duly installed and dancing continued until midnight.

Late transport was provided and all were conveyed safely home by devious routes, although it is rumoured that certain ringers from an outlying Anglo-Saxon hamlet, whose churchyard yew tree is mentioned in the Domesday Book, thought that they had embarked on a mystery tour and had bedded down for the night only to be rudely awakened by the driver on reaching their respective homesteads.

From comments it would appear that all present thoroughly enjoyed the function, which has since by many been voted the best ever. In fact a suggestion has been broached for a further 'do' in the autumn as part of the Coronation celebrations.

Northwich Branch

Twenty-one ringers and their wives attended the meeting of the Northwich Branch at Hartford on March 7th. The bells were rung up in peal at 3.15 p.m. and call changes, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and London were rung before tea. Local ringers provided the tea which was served by their wives in the Church Hall.

A short business meeting followed during which local arrangements for ringing for the Coronation were discussed. Mr. J. Ashmole was accorded a warm welcome to the meeting.

At 6.30 p.m. Canon Cheetham, president of the Branch, conducted a service which was followed by further ringing of call changes, Kent and Oxford Spliced, Grandsire and London Surprise. A most successful meeting was brought to a close by a good 'fall' at 8 p.m.

Towers represented were Davenham, Weaverham, Witton, Great Budworth and the local tower with a visitor from Crewe.

'THE CANTERBURY PLEASURE'

As a result of an article entitled 'The Canterbury Pleasure' which appeared in 'The New Yorker' magazine during January, the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, sent a letter of amplification, which appeared in a subsequent issue, and this has brought several interesting letters. One was from a Mr. Rodney O. Unz, of Highfield Farm, Sharin, Connecticut, who has just purchased a set of 'carillonic bells,' rung electrically from a small manual, for his Episcopal Church in Sharon, and who asked for a copy of 'The Ringing World' and for details of books on ringing. Another, from two members of the Department of Mathematics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, was as follows:—

'I was very interested to read your letter in the February 28th "New Yorker." Two of us in the Mathematics Department at Cornell, Professor Walker and myself, have for some time been interested in change ringing, having read through Troyte and Banister, which are the only books on the subject available in our library. We suffer from not being able to hear changes rung, and would appreciate it if you could list in more detail than your published letter the names and locations of churches near to us where change ringing is practised.

'We have, for our own amusement, been working for some time on the construction of a mechanical and electrical change ringer which will play peals of any length in Doubles, Minors, Triples and Majors, by any of the standard methods. We are afraid that this effort will shock all practitioners of the art, but let us reassure you that we have decided, if we ever finish the contraption and decide to patent it, to assign all rights to some organisation like your own, in order to prevent future demons from tainting the art by such methods. Incidentally, we would be interested to know if any such device has been encountered previously in the history of change ringing.

'We would also like to know where we can obtain an octave of handbells, and approximately what the cost would be. We would also appreciate receiving a copy of your publication. "The Ringing World," since we are seriously considering subscribing to it.

'Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with many thanks for your kind attention, I am,

Yours very truly,

JACK KEIFER.'

Mr. Barnett has replied to these letters, giving the available information. In the case of the above letter, it is most interesting to speculate on how Troyte and Banister—the latter a rare book—came to be in the University library, and further news will be awaited with interest.

PEAL AT KING'S BROMLEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Doubles rung at King's Bromley on September 6th, 1952, described as in five methods.

This was described as containing one extent of St. Dunstan's, this extent being rung in the Gloucestershire manner, which, as has been pointed out in previous correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' is not really St. Dunstan's at all but Grandsire with extremes. The correct description of the peal should be as follows (which has been accepted by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford):— A peal of Doubles in four methods comprising: Six extents of April Day; six extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew; nine extents of Plain Bob; eleven extents of Grandsire (one extent with extremes); five 240's (Morris's arrangement).—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. JOYNER.

Rugby.

METROPOLIS SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

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804TE1692735	x
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4810T6E29375	x
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First rung at Leicester Cathedral on Feb. 26th, 1953, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The March meeting, favoured with spring-like weather, was held at Penn on the 14th. A stranger standing in the vicinity of of St. Bartholomew's Parish Church and looking over the well-known Penn Common to the unspoilt countryside stretching away to the south-west, would find it difficult to realise that he was only 2½ miles from the centre of Wolverhampton.

This meeting had all the requisites necessary for an enjoyable time—pleasant surroundings, an easy-going ring of eight bells, a well-attended service in a fine old church, an interesting address by the Vicar and an excellent tea kindly provided by the local band. The Vicar of Penn, the Rev. T. O. Boulton, and his organist, ringers and their ladies are to be congratulated and thanked on their efforts towards the success of the meeting at which 69 ringers and friends were present.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Mavesyn Ridware on May 9th, when it is hoped to run a coach from Wolverhampton.

OBITUARY

MR. J. H. BLAKISTON

AN APPRECIATION

The obituary of Mr. J. H. Blakiston in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th reminded me of my associations with him in the early 1900's. At that time the bells at Saltburn-by-the-Sea had fallen into disuse through lack of ringers, and a new curate, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, himself a keen ringer, undertook to get the bells going again. He got together a band of learners, of whom I was one, and secured Mr. Blakiston's services as coach. The latter came over from Middlesbrough every practice night, and in a comparatively short time, with the help of the few old ringers left, the eight bells were being rung for the Sunday services again.

I was surprised to read that the majority of Mr. Blakiston's peals were rung for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. At the time I refer to the leader of that Association was the late Mr. Tom Metcalfe, while Mr. Blakiston was the local leader of the Yorkshire Association (Northern Section). There was great rivalry between these two associations and their officials resembled the Jews and Samaritans in that they had no dealings with one another. I have a lively recollection of a ringing meeting of the Yorkshire Association held at Saltburn, which both Mr. Blakiston and Mr. Metcalfe attended, and the refusal of these two gentlemen, the principal conductors present, to speak to one another caused some embarrassment to the local officials responsible for running the meeting.

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

MR. THOMAS WERRETT

Hertfordshire, and indeed the whole Exercise, has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Thomas Werrett, which occurred rather suddenly at his home at Letchworth on March 10th. He had been in poor health for some years.

Tom was born at Bristol 65 years ago and as a young man worked as a miner in Monmouthshire. While there he was taught to ring by Mr. J. Jones and rang several peals on a cover bell at Bedwellty Parish Church. He later moved to Letchworth with his family during the trade slump of the middle thirties.

The nearby Church of St. Nicholas, Norton, soon benefited from his being a member of the Church Council; his insistence that a bequest for the bells, by a late resident, should be applied to rehanging the old chime of three for ringing in a frame of six was successful and the work was carried out early in 1940.

He then set about the task, with the blessing of the then Vicar, Canon J. H. Bailey, to raise the money for three more bells which he not only did, but got enough for two extra to make the octave. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. again carried out a first-class job, the bells being dedicated in 1946.

He then created local interest in a ringers' gallery and a sound-deadening floor under the bells. The money was soon forthcoming and the work was duly carried out. Had he lived, his next interest would have been a clock and Westminster chimes on the bells.

With his two married sons he built up a mixed band of young and enthusiastic ringers. His granddaughter, Ivy Werrett, was elected to the Herts County Association at the Norton meeting only a few weeks ago.

Although he raised so much money from other sources he was a very generous and sociable companion and enjoyed being in the company of ringers chatting on matters relating to ringing.

He was laid to rest close to the tower at Norton on March 14th, the Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon officiating. The local band rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the open grave by members of the Norton and Baldock bands.

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NOTICES

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DEATHS

COX. — On March 22nd, 1953, at Green Banks, West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Gertrude Emily Mary, dearly loved wife of the Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox. 2329

ELKINGTON, SARAH ANN.—On Tuesday, March 10th, 1953, at 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, passed away, aged 86 years. Mother of R. F. Elkington and grandma of Ralph Elkington. 2332

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. J. BOWDEN is now 20, Oakfield Grove, Clifton, Bristol 8. 2317

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO.—Vacancies for Easter and onwards. Full board 16s. per day. Close to sea, bowls, tennis, golf and buses.—Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffiths, Maesteg, Clarence Road, Llandudno, Tel. No. 7271. 2341

PUBLICATIONS

'ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS,' by Edgar C. Shepherd. A survey of this ancient Society from 1755 to 1846, with index to John Day's 'Memoirs.' Post free 1s. 6d. from the Author, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 2304

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS.'—An encyclopedia of bells of all types the world over. Profusely illustrated. Price 21s. direct from the author, Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 2329

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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A large number of floral tributes were received from the family, friends, local organisations and ringers. Other towers were well represented at the service.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime;
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

H. S. BONNETT.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Highworth on March 14th and visitors attended from Chippenham, Gloucester, Fairford, Liverpool and Worcester. At the business meeting Coronation ringing was discussed and it is hoped that a few ringers will be available to assist undermanned towers in the Branch on Coronation Day.

It was proposed that meetings be held at Blunsdon, Malmesbury and Bishopstone during the next three months. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major.

MISCELLANEOUS

RINGING WEEK IN SUFFOLK.—Several ringers invited to complete party for week July 25th to August 1st. Standard methods plus. All replies answered. Details from Box 2328, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 27th, in Essex and West Suffolk. Maximum cost, including dinner and tea, 25s. To secure seat 10s. 6d. deposit. Further particulars from A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 2334

EXTRA COPIES — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Duffield (10 **(note the change of venue)** on March 28th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 2297

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday March 28th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, March 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road. No tea shops near. Special method: Little Bob. 2287

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Horton (6) on Saturday, March 28th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2317

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Harlow Common (Potter Street), Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30–4.30. Tea, Queen's Head, near Harlow Town Church, 5.15. Meeting and ringing to follow. Visitors welcome.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2286

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford, March 28th (note advanced date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. 2313

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, March 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Woodman Inn. 2283

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, April 4th, Long Compton (6), 3 p.m., and service and tea. Whichford after 6 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to Miss H. Purkiss, 61, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 2322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Hoddlesden on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2326

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—The Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary the Virgin's (8, 24¼ in D) extend a hearty invitation to all ringers to their tower on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 4th, 1953. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, obtainable at nearby cafe, 5 p.m. Choral Evensong (shortened) 6 p.m., at which your attendance is requested. Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—Ronald J. Sharp. 2285

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Bath on Easter Monday. Service 12 noon at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul (near G.P.O.). Lunch, by ticket, at the Christopher Hotel (near the Abbey). Business meeting to follow. Early application for tickets is desirable. Towers open before service: Twerton (8) 10.30–11.30; St. Matthew's (6) 10.30–11.30; St. Michael's (8) 11–11.55. Details of the nine other towers available after the meeting will be announced.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 2320

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Lunch (5s.) at 1 p.m. at the Dujon Restaurant, High Street, will be followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Biddenham 10.30-12; St. Paul's, Bedford, 10-12.45, 3-5 and 6 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's, Bedford, 10.30-12.30 and 2-4. Names for lunch, in writing, please, by April 2nd, to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 2307

CUMBERLAND & N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 6th, at Egremont. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by April 1st to Mr. A. Eilbeck, 2, South Street, Egremont.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2339

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Sidbury, annual, Easter Monday. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names, not later than March 31st, to Mr. Denner, 4, Hillside.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 2296

EAST DERBYS & NOTTS ASSOCIATION. —Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 6th. Tibshelf (6). Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. T. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbys. 2336

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Cambridge, Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells, R.C. (8) 11–1, St. Bene't's (6) 11.30-12.30 and 2.30-3.30, St. Andrew's (8) from 1 onwards, Chesterton (6) 2–3. Service, St. Andrew-the-Great, at 4, followed by tea and business. All towers open afterwards.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 2316

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gloucester on Easter Monday in St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room, Southgate Street, at 2 p.m. sharp. Divine service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Evensong. Bells available: Barnwood (8) 10-11.30 a.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) as required from 10 a.m.: Cathedral (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch (limited number) 12.45 p.m. 5s. Tea at 2s. per head at Saracen's Head, Eastgate Street. Names for lunch and tea not later than Monday, March 30th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 2310

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 12 noon, followed by lunch and meeting in Drill Hall. Other particulars previously advertised. If not already done so, order lunch tickets NOW.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 2325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury.—All applications, with remittance, for lunch tickets, members 3s. 6d., non-members 5s. 6d., must reach me by Monday morning, March 30th.—F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. 2323

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells 1.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Important business.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2299

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 6th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 12.45 p.m. Admission **only** by ticket, which must be ordered, **enclosing remittance**, 4s. each, **before** Wednesday, March 25th, to help caterer. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12), St. Giles (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 10-11.30 and after business meeting; St. Miles (8) and St. John-de-Sepulchre (8) after business meeting. Standing Committee, 11 a.m., Mancroft Vestry. Service 11.30, preacher the Rev. Henry Lillingston, Rector of Marsham. No unofficial ringing during business meeting. Remittance for lunch, before March 25th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 3, Colegate, Norwich. 2293

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

Next week 'The Ringing World' goes to press one day earlier because of Good Friday. The very latest time for receiving Notices is first post Monday morning. Subscribers will receive their copies on Thursday.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Ipswich. Bells 12, 8, 6 and 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower, 11 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12.15. No lunch. Business meeting 2 p.m., St. Stephen's Hall.—C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh. 2316

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. also Esher bells (8) 1.45 to 2.45. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Notice for tea, by April 2nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. —R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2312

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcesteer on Easter Monday, April 6th. Special service in All Saints' 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1-2 p.m.; bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 1st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10-11 a.m. and from 6 p.m. Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), all 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6-7.15 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2288

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY, LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (10) available from 1.30 p.m. No tea laid on, but British Restaurant and others open. Business meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. 2340

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 11th. Committee, 3.15 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Service, 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea and general meeting, 5 p.m., Cathedral Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Luke's, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m.; Cathedral, 3 p.m.–4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawns, Highfield Road, Derby. 2335

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 7th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2290

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-le-Hope (8), April 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. G. Hammond, 7, Webster Road, Stanford-le-Hope. 2319

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 11th. Bells of Cathedral Church, St. Mary's and S. Nicolas' open 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30. Tea and business meeting, S. Nicolas' Hall, 4.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by April 7th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon. 2325

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Mirfield St. Mary's, April 11th. For teas, please notify, by April 4th, A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec 2292

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Hadlow (8) on April 11th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by April 8th. 2328

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford, April 11th. Service 4. Tea. Rousham (6) evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2324

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cranford (6), April 11th. Names for tea Tuesday previous to B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 2338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Oakham (8), Saturday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, April 7th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Branch Sec., Estean, Market Overton, Rutland. 2331

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 6th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2321

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on April 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by April 8th to E. A. Stafford, 16, Tabard Road, Glasgow.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1995

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Retford, April 11th. Ringing at St. Swithun's (10), East Retford, West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30-8. Service St. Swithun's 4.15. Own tea arrangements; numerous cafes. Business meeting, St. Swithun's, 6 p.m.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 2322

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Lavenham Districts.—Joint meeting, Acton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. T. Lambert, The Vicarage, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk. 2324

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Llanfigan, April 11th, rearranged to coincide with induction of Rev. H. M. Hughes. Tea and meeting after service. Names.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 2327

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, New Alresford, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. Business meeting follows. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2331

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS. — The annual business meeting will be held at Hendra's Hotel, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, on Wednesday, April 15th, at 8 p.m., to elect officers, including a new secretary-treasurer, and committee, choose a centre for next year's tour, etc. —E. V. Cox, West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 2318

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea the Rev. Elliot Wigg, Wavendon Rectory, Bletchley. 2318

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NOTICES—Continued

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon., who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting, Liverpool, Saturday, May 9th. Details later. Names to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2342

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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THE Church Kalendar moves forward. The stirring events of Palm Sunday recede as Christendom lives once again the agony of the Saviour of the world in darkest Gethsemane in preparation for the supreme moment of Good Friday.

A careless world passes, for the most part, on the other side, too indifferent these days even to scoff, but the matchless events of two thousand years ago have an ever new significance in a world torn by wars and rumours of war, by bitter hatred and mistrust, by plague, pestilence and famine, by want in the midst of plenty, by griefs, bad faith, the broken word: a world of easy divorce, broken homes, the cosh, of over-full prisons, of darkness of spirit, of frustration and black despair. And so to Good Friday.

'Long years ago, when earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
When in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.'

The bells are silent this week. They hang still and lifeless in lofty steeple or squat tower save perhaps for the striking of the passing hours or the sonorous tolling of the great bell for service. On Good Friday itself even this should be hushed.

A day's further pause, and on Easter Sunday morning the bells burst forth in majestic sound to greet the risen Lord. Let no ringer be absent from his post that morning. This is the Church's greatest festival. We celebrate God's greatest gift to man. Ours is a great calling. Let us be worthy of our high honour. And so the great day will go on, until at evening time in the peace of our churches we shall assemble to give thanks again for the mercies of God and to praise His Holy Name. Perhaps we shall hear again the familiar and lovely story of the journey to Emmaus and our hearts will burn within us as within the apostles of old.

An Easter Sunday well spent will bring for many ringers a happy day on Monday. There will be peals and many meetings. Several of our great associations will be holding their annual general meetings. In particular the Men of Kent and Kentish Men will be following in the steps of countless pilgrims who, all down the ages, have made their way to their great shrine. The Kent County Association holds its annual meeting in each of its six districts in turn so that usually, once every six years, the choice falls upon Canterbury.

The weather at Easter is capricious, so it may be a pouring wet day. Or maybe, who knows, it will be a pink apple blossom morning. Perhaps nothing England has to offer could be more beautiful than a ride through Kent on a glorious spring morning with the birds singing and the orchards cloaked with blossom. But whatever the morning Canterbury Cathedral will stand there in all its glory, in stout defiance of the enemy so lately at its doors, reflecting the mood of the visitor and proclaiming in eloquent stillness the Glory of God.

On Monday, at twelve noon, the ringers of Kent will forgather in the shadows of the mighty choir, to give praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. Their deep and low-pitched voices will blend with the soaring notes of the Cathedral choir and it will be a privileged occasion. Perhaps the memory of it in years to come will stir pleasant thoughts in those who have the honour to be there just as the echoes of past ringers' services in the great Cathedral linger still. The rest of the day will be pleasant too. There will be lunch and the annual general meeting. No doubt some three hundred ringers will be there and there will be many reminiscences and some tall stories as well. Afterwards the ringers will disperse. Many of them will queue up patiently for a pull on the Cathedral bells, but others, on bicycles, in cars, or on foot, will visit other towers in the district. There will be some good ringing and some very bad, but it will be a great day for Kent ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	†IAN JONES	6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	7
*STANLEY WALMSLEY	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	8
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	4	JOHN CHARNOCK	9
†ALAN MEADOWS	5	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal (aged 13). † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for the restoration of the roof of the church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*BARRY COOK	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
BERNARD SADLER	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
WILLIAM S. MAY	3	†PHILIP SADLER	8
DONALD COOMBES	4	GERALD FROST	9
BRIAN J. HOWARD	5	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.
Rung as a welcome to Jennifer Ann Sadler, born March 7th, 1953, daughter of the 2nd ringer.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*H. JEAN HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	7
MARGARET E. RICHARDS	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
†ROBERT J. STOKES	4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	9
†ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	5	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pauline Manning and Miss Enid Roberts.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LODDON DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CEDRIC CURSON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method. A wedding peal for Simon Gilbey and Chloe Cadge, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Evelyn Barrett, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM J. CARTER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
JOHN BEARDMORE	2	HARRY CARTER	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
*G. ARNOLD MOORE	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* 50 peal.
A wedding peal for Geoffrey J. Burton and Miss B. M. Brown, ringers of St. John's, Longton, and Burslem, respectively, married at Burslem on Saturday, March 7th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

MRS. M. MOORE	*Treble*	FRANK ROPER	5
*TERRY STOCK	2	TERRY EARLE	6
†JUNE STARLING	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
†HAROLD MOORE	4	STANLEY BONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	‡DEREK W. STONE	5
*PETER R. ASLETT	2	‡ANTONY BATES	6
PATRICIA SMEE	3	‡MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
†PETER NEWING	4	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Patricia Smee.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part (variation) Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	*BRIAN BUSWELL	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	*JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
*SAMUEL PINDER	3	*PHILIP H. SPECK	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
*ROY K. DUESBURY	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
*GEORGE N. ORMAN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*RONALD W. STEWARD	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in method.

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LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Specially rung as a wedding compliment to Albert Davies, steeplekeeper, and Doreen O. Ragg, member of the local band, who were married at the church earlier that day.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	5
BARBARA COLVER	2	*FRANK K. MEASURES	6
FREDERICK E. WILSON	3	ALAN HOUGH	7
T. KELHAM DEACON	4	DAVID PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* 150th peal.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

DONALD G. CLARKE	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
TREVOR M. RODERICK	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the engagement of Donald G. Clarke to Miss Maureen Moore.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PAMELA WILLES (15)	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. HITCH	5
†ANGELA WILLES (15)	2	MAURICE A. COLLINGS (16)	6
REX M. DIXON (13)	3	ROY V. WEBB	7
JOHN F. COLLINGS (15)	4	WILLIAM A. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Werrett, who passed away on March 10th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN W. MEADE	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	PATRICK PAGE	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
Rung for the Feast of St. Benedict.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. HUGHES	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	JOHN F. GROVE	6
*C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam George Dawson, for 54 years a ringer at the above church.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	*DEREK P. JONES	6
BRYAN F. SIMS	3	†RONALD J. SHARP	7
*ALAN S. SMITH	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th peal of Yorkshire.
Rung with bells half-muffled. In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	PETER F. BORER	6
HENRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	*KENNETH J. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deep respect to Edward A. C. Allen, a ringer and devoted member of this church for 40 years.

SIX BELL PEALS

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
CYRIL A. HURST	2	PETER BORDER	5
*GEOFFREY PRATT	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.
* First peal.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	†JAMES E. CASE	4
HERBERT J. HUNT	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
*CLIVE BARBER	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents, two 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720 Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
R. GARDINER	3	HARRY STEBBINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY STEBBINGS.
First peal as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENE'T,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

T. REGINALD DENNIS	*Treble*	CYRIL A. HURST	4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	HARRY L. MARTIN	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon, St. Alban, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED E. TAYLOR	*Treble*	P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	4
*GERALD W. D. SMART	2	*HERBERT T. FERRIS	5
MERVYN WILTSHIRE	3	*CYRIL W. BATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in 21 methods for all. Greatest number of methods rung in a peal for the Association.

KEMERTON, NEAR TEWKESBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JESSIE NEWBURY	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. NURDEN	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	JAMES ATTWOOD	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

MAIDEN BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of Spliced Kent and Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

MRS. DORA EVANS	*Treble*	LEONARD COLES	4
ERIC NAYLOR	2	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
MAURICE HELPS	3	*ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* 25th peal together.

Arranged and rung in honour of the christening of John Michael Edward, son of Major Lord and Lady Seymour, and grandson of the Duke of Somerset, at which Bishop Skelton officiated.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and six 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HUGH JONES	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
†DAPHNE LLOYD	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Daphne Lloyd and John W. Griffiths.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR PEAKMAN	*Treble*	*SAMUEL BIRCH	4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Stedman, London No. 1, London No. 2, Chase and Antelope Combined, St. Blaise, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Wickendon, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Giles, St. Miles, Reverse St. Bartholomew Pleasure Bob, Clifford Pleasure, Morning Star, Southrepps, Northrepps, St. Columb, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Fourteen extents and two 240's (Morris's arrangement) of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
†BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	*F. KEVON THOMPSON	5
*ROYSTON WILMORE	3	*ROGER G. W. SOARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

* First peal in 25 methods. † First peal of Doubles in 25 methods.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

GERALD EVANS	*Treble*	PHILLIP E. DODD	4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	RICHARD M. CURRIE	5
MICHAEL J. GOSS	3	DENNIS A. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD M. CURRIE.

First peal as conductor and first peal of Doubles.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. J. F. Smith, captain of the ringers for the last eight years.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	4
*JOHN KAY	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

A farewell peal to John Kay, serving with H.M. Forces and who is being transferred overseas.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., March 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. One each of Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT	4
CECIL WADE	2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Her Majesty Queen Mary.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising: Two extents Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JACK THURLOW	*Treble*	RICHARD S. PAYNE	4
*REGINALD J. DARCH	2	ALFRED H. WATSON	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	JOHN BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BLYTHE.

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

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to H.M. Queen Mary.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., March 20, 1953, *in* 1 *hour and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 10, STOCKMORE STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods in seven extents: (1) College Bob and Wavertree College Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*WILLIAM H. JACKSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		R. JAMES COOK	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal of Spliced Minor on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN	1—2	DEREK G. GOODMAN	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*BENJAMIN J. ALLEN (12)	7—8

Arranged by PETER C. WRIGHT. Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.
Witness: GRAHAM J. STODD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

QUARTER PEALS

AXMINSTER, DEVON. — On March 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, R. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, H. F. Board 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. Carey Potter, who was inducted to the benefice of Axminster on March 11th.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. G. Ward (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Welton 2, H. G. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss S. Corke 4, R. Corke 5, A. E. Clarke (first quarter 'inside') 6, J. Worrall (cond.) 7, F. Hall 8. Six of the above are members of the local band.

BALDOCK, HERTS. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hutton 1, L. B. Scoot 2, J. S. Dear (cond.) 3, L. Hughes (first 'inside') 4, T. Holchouse 5, W. D. Pooley 6, P. Mehew 7, W. Collins 8. Rung for the birth of Colin, brother to Alan, sons of Mr. E. G. Buck (captain of the Baldock band) and Mrs. Buck.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Bryant 1, Heather Evans 2, Jean Powell 3, C. Thomas 4, Mrs. A. R. Price 5, G. Flower 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, A. Williams 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all excepting the conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung for Passion Sunday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Milsted 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss Reid 3, Miss Betty Solly 4, H. Luck 5, L. Everest 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8. Rung for mid-week Lent service.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On March 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, J. Salway 2, W. Seldon 3, A. Tapley 4, W. Reeks 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Triples: W. H. Yates 1, F. Townsend 2, W. Yates 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. C. Case 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, F. Pateman 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all. Rung for Confirmation service.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On March 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Bryant 1, Miss Pat Jones 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, M. K. King 4, J. J. Simms 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. S. Voss 7, D. J. King (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. A 15th birthday compliment to M. K. King.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—At St. Peter's on March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Griffiths 1, A. G. Hall 2, L. R. Hall 3, H. Wyre 4, A. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, M. Cobourne (first quarter) 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On March 21st, at St. Mary's Church (after a peal failure), 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Verney 1, M. J. Martin 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, C. A. Wratten 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. R. Cooper 6, T. H. Holmes 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. First of Major for the ringers of 2nd and 6th. A birthday compliment to J. L. Morris.

ERLESTOKE, WILTS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Hampton 1, W. Mortimer 2, R. Wheeler 3, I. Weeks 4, J. French 5, E. Oram 6. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower on March 22nd, on the back eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth D. Hale 1, F. G. Nurden 2, W. J. Newman 3, G. C. Hemming 4, R. W. Kyte 5, Brenda M. Smith 6, R. R. Savory 7, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service and on Brenda M. Smith's 18th birthday.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Elliott 1, W. Denyer 2, G. Charman 3, A. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, L. Warner 6, W. T. Beeson (cond.) 7, N. Stacey 8. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, this being the tower in which he learnt to ring.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, R. Mackerill 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, W. T. Elson 4, J. Chilcott 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Belcher 7, R. Linsell 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Newman 1, W. T. Cox 2, Joan Bussey 3, T. Price 4, J. Whiting 5, L. Barry 6, T. Pritchard (cond.) 7, C. Larner 8. Rung as a farewell to the Dean (the Very Rev. Costeley White) and a birthday compliment to W. T. Cox.

GROBY, LEICS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Oxford Bob): W. E. Geary 1, E. Geary 2, S. R. Gardner 3, T. E. Gardner 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, G. E. Spencer 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Enid A. Brown (a member of this band) to Mr. Haydn Harvey.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 8th, 1,312 London Surprise Major: S. Warwick 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, H. G. Hart 4, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter peal in the method for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On March 22nd, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HISTON, CAMBS. — On March 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. R. F. Muncey (age 13, first quarter) 1, M. N. Bland 2, Marie K. Roberts 3, L. V. Chamberlain 4, P. Border (cond.) 5, H. J. F. Muncey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Queen Mary.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Paul's Church on March 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Arbury 1, W. Seldon 2, C. J. Turner 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, O. Griffin 8.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXXIII.

IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL

There has been a good deal said at different times by correspondents upon how and what to teach beginners; whether the first method should be Plain Bob or Grandsire. The essential thing, to our minds, is that before he goes very far in his change ringing career the beginner should learn to ring both. Given a ringer of average intelligence and an instructor who knows his job, it does not seem to us that the novice should find it any harder to ring Plain Bob, after he had started on Grandsire, than he would to ring Grandsire after having started on Plain Bob. Whatever the explanation is, it is a fact that where there is a young band, as distinct from a single individual learning with a more or less proficient company, better ringing is obtained when there is a tenor behind to keep a beat and give the other bells a leading point. And the public need consideration even when we would make excuses for a new band.

That leads us to the point that in many cases beginners are not allowed to gain sufficient bell control before being pushed into change ringing. Bell control is not merely being able to catch the sally and keep the bell up; it means being able to put it in its place this time, next time and all the time. Only constant practice will do this, and call changes are a valuable step in enabling the beginner to gauge the spacing over the big and small bells. Until he can place his bell with precision in call changes he cannot be expected to do so when he is moving his position at every half-pull.

It is here that the ears must be brought into use; and the first step in this direction is most easily achieved if the bells are few and the pace not too quick. The slower beat will enable the beginner more easily to pick out the sound of his own bell and will emphasise the bad blows. The number of bells can be increased and the pace quickened when the learner has proved his ability at the first stage.

This type of practice may be tame for the older hands, but patience at this juncture may make all the difference between turning out an accurate or a slovenly striker. If he has never been taught better, he cannot be expected to do more than put his bell 'somewhere' among the rest; if he is taken along by simple stages and properly coached he will develop an 'ear' and accuracy.

That is not to say that he should not be started in the theory of change ringing. The sooner he is given some elementary instruction on paper the better; it will help to maintain his interest through what may be termed the 'drudgery' period—that is the stage between the time when he can pull a bell, and thinks he knows all about it, and the time when he can strike a bell accurately and knows when he doesn't.

Most instructors, we are afraid, do too little in the way of teaching theory. Sometimes even, it consists only of a verbal explanation and a finger of one hand making unintelligible signs in the palm of the other. And from this the pupil is put on the end of a rope and 'guided' through a course, so that at the end he is, if anything, more confused than when he started.

Like Columbus, as described by an American, when he set out he did not know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he returned he didn't know where he had been.

Every instructor should give his beginner paper and pencil work and, if he is unable to draw up some plan and explanation for himself, he should obtain one of the several good elementary text books now available, and go through it with his pupil. It is far better to do this than just hand the book to the beginner and say, 'Read that.' It may be sufficient for some apt learners, but quicker progress is made when the instructor supplements the written word with verbal assistance.

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C. H. H.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. Mary, Tenby, on March 14th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and from that time on members of the Guild arrived from Llandovery, Llandilo, Llanelly, Carmarthen and Llanstephan, who were well supported by the Tenby ringers.

The Rev. Canon H. J. B. Hallam officiated at the service and his address was very interesting, speaking on 'How bells came into being.' The organ was played by one of the Tenby ringers, Mr. Gwyn Thomas. After the service the members were entertained to a very nice tea at the Church Hall, which was provided by the Mothers' Union members, and approximately 30 members of the Guild enjoyed themselves.

The Rector presided at the business meeting and opened the proceedings by extending a hearty welcome to the members. The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Slaney, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, Mr. Scudamore and Mr. Chris Hawkins.

The secretary reminded the members of the competition which takes place at Llandovery on Saturday, May 2nd, and it is to be hoped that six bands will compete.

The annual meeting of the Guild will take place at Llanelly on June 13th, at which the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, has promised to attend. The next quarterly meeting will be on September 12th at Llanbadarn Fawr.

There were five probationary members elected from Carmarthen and one ringing member from Llandovery. The Rev. H. J. B. Hallam, Rector of Tenby, accepted the office of vice-president of the Guild.

The meeting was then closed with a hearty vote of thanks by Mr. Williams, of Carmarthen, to the Rector of Tenby and to the members of the Mothers' Union for providing the tea.

The Old Bells of Chobham, Surrey

THE tower is covered by a lead-covered spire and contains a ring of eight bells, also a clock bell. No fewer than five of the eight are scheduled for preservation on account of their antiquity, and it is remarkable that since the ring was augmented to eight, in 1892, the parishioners have readily subscribed to their rehanging from time to time, yet they desire no scheme for improving the bells in any way, even though they are far from being musical. Present-day experts would probably say the lack of tonal quality is due to the metal becoming 'tired,' for on working out the average age of the back five bells we arrive at the remarkable figure of 351, which is rather uncommon these days. Brief details of these five old bells are:—

4th.—W. Eldridge. 1684.

5th.—R. Eldridge. 1597.

6th.—Sancta Mergareta Ora Pro Nobis.

7th.—R. Eldridge. 1597.

Tenor.—R. Eldridge. 1610. About 9cwt. 3qr.

The 5th, 7th and tenor were from Wokingham and were probably recasts from older bells, for Chobham recorded four bells when the Edward VI. inventory was taken in 1552. The 4th was cast at Chertsey by the last of the Eldridges to carry on the business.

The sixth is a pre-Reformation bell and the inscription, in handsome capitals, also has a shield of unique design and two coins. No founder's name or date appears and the shield was a puzzle for quite a long time till Mr. A. D. Tyssen solved it. The centre is occupied by a bell on which the letters 'Town' are visible. Below is a W on the left and a bird on the right. On either side are the words 'In dno cofido' with a trefoil and De below. At the base there is a mark like two P's conjoined, one being reversed. The bird proved to indicate a culver, which is an old English word for pigeon, and with the W on the left together with the De below the solution to the founder's name was W. Culverden. The text he used was related to Psalm XI., the Vulgate of which runs: In Domino confido.

The other two marks are still unexplained, but the trefoil probably indicates a reference to the Holy Trinity. for Culverden had some relation with the Priory of that name at Aldgate. He resided in the parish of St. Botolph-without-Aldgate and was founding at St. Mary-at-Hill, London, from about 1510 till his death in 1522. Bells by Culverden are rare and only one other example is now found in Surrey.

Regarding the weights of the old five bells it can be said that they are by estimate only, for it is doubtful if any of them have seen the inside of a foundry since their installation in the 16th and 17th centuries. Should Chobham desire to improve their bells, at least five new castings would be required, but the parishioners are quite content with their present octave.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Mar. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Moore 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, June S. Starling 4, T. Earle 5, A. Syder (first quarter in method as cond.) 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Y. Drewe 1, Miss S. Bone 2, Miss M. Dowsett 3, I. J. M. Saunders 4, E. W. Roast 5, J. West (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

EAST MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Doubles 480 London Singles, 480 St. Dunstan's and 300 Grandsire): D. Edmunds 1, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 2, N. Line 3, A. E. Partridge 4, E. Smart 5. Rung for a welcome to the Rev. C. W .Knight, who was inducted that day.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Miss S. Booth 2, H. Corney 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock 5, S. E. Barrance 6. Conducted half and half by H. Corney and L. W. Bullock. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of this church.

KENSINGTON, S.W.—On Mar. 22nd, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, F. L. Blewer 3, Miss J. W. Weddell 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. Smith 6, P. Devenish 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Bullock 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

KILBURN ,N.W.—At St. Augustine's, on Jan. 18th 1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Hart 1, T. Lankester 2, Mrs. E. Lankester 3, Miss H. Shaw 4, Miss A. Barker 5, R. Meadowes 6, T. Dew 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Meadowes 1, Miss A. Barker 2, E. Kilbey 3, T. Lankester 4, T. Dew 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal 7, J. Hales 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Stepney.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silney 1, H. Buckingham 2, M. Spracklen 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday, and also to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole.

MARTINSTOWN, DEVON.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 480 Bob, 300 Grandsire): Irene J. Cordier 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Betty J. Dyke 3, J. H. Hayne 4, M. J. Ford (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey (first quarter) 6.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, F. V. Gant 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. E. Brown 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the bedding of Sheila M. Arbory and Kenneth Shaw.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. V. Webb 1, Miss A. Willis 2, J. S. Dear 3, I. Werrett 4, W. Hitch 5, M. Collins 6, J. Collins 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 5. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Willis 2, H. Werrett 3, Miss A. Willis 4, I. Werrett 5, M. Collins 6, P. Mehew 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First 'inside' in method for 2 and 7. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,280 Double Oxford Major: Miss A. Willes (15) 1, R. M. Dixon (13) 2, H. E. Werrett 3, I. T. Werrett 4, J. S. Dear 5, M. A. Collings (16) 6, J. F. Collings (15) 7, R. V. Webb (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for all.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, V. Pyne 2, L. Hine 3, C. Turner 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, J. Arbury (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Cox, wife of the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, interred at West Hill on that day.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Goldstone 1, A. Lane 2, A. J. Gould 3, Mrs. G. J. Simmonds 4, R. Way 5, C. G. Edwards 6, N. R. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. G. Gale 8 Rung for Mothering Sunday service.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Cook 1, Mrs. C. Woodgate 2, B. Sadler 3, B. J. Howard 4, D. Coombes 5, R. Brown 6, F. C. May 7, P. Sadler 8., F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, R. Chambers 10.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Drewett 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, J. P. Blond 4, H. C. Spencer 5, R. G. Clemens 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Queen Mary.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, T. H. Bullock 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6 Rung to commemorate Mothering Sunday.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Piper 1, S. V. Bailey 2, W. G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, Miss Beryl Cowlin 5, G. S. Piper 6, S. G. Smith (cond.) 7, C. H. Hankinson 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. S. Piper on his 70th birthday and a record of nearly 60 years' continuous ringing.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Robertson 1, H. Robson 2, D. Elwick 3, W. B. Kirby 4, H. Spencer 5, H. Parker 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Her Majesty Queen Mary.

SEND, SURREY.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Murrell (14, first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, W. Shepherd (cond.) 3, R. J. Andrews 4, R. W. Morant 5, G. A. Whittle 6. For Confirmation service.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Mar. 15th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, Mrs. C. J. Watts 2, Janet Bailey 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, C. H. Dearden 5, H. Belcher 6, A. A. Hughes 7, W. J. Southam 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. H. Crampion 10, J. Chilcott (cond.) 11, G. W. Debenham 12. First of Stedman Cinques 3 and 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, of Poole, Dorset.

STRATFORD, E.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. A. M. Beauchamp 3, Miss Hopkins 4, P. Devenish 5, C. Hopkins 6, E. R. Beauchamp 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Skinner 1 Miss J. Gumbrill 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, E. Pascoe 4, B. Farhall 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Stella M. Wickens 1, Blanche M. Ball 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, P. Page 4, A. Page 5, G. Barton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Mary.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, W. D. Prockson 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Iris Smith, a member of the local band.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Castell 1, F. Smith 2, A. Jarvis 3, J. Berry 4, E. Garard 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, J. Blond 7, W. Tame 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Frank Dover, 46 years a verger at St. Mary's, Wallingford.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Grierson 1, W. H. Flewelling 2, H. E. Flewelling 3, P. Spackman 4, C. A. Wilson (cond.) 5, J. Reeves 6, E. Brooks 7, D. Wells 8 (4, 6, 8 behind). Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. A. Wilson.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

'Peterborough's' column in 'The Daily Telegraph' had recently a reference to bells in recording that bells made for Sussex sheep a century ago will be heard again at the Royal Exchange this summer, when Bernard Miles puts on 'As You Like It.'

Wanting some canisters and cluckets for sound effect—the play has two shepherds and two shepherdesses—he discovered that specimens were still lying about in the Whitechapel foundry of Mears and Stainbank, who used to produce them for the Sussex trade.

Bells were being made at the foundry as long ago as 1570, writes 'Peterborough.' In 1588, the year of the Spanish Armada, Robert Mot made the unique Sanctus bell for the Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand.

Will Mr. D. Alfred Kirby please send his address to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

With reference to the touch of Stedman Triples reported on page 197, the composer, Mr. W. Wolstencroft, informs us that it contains 142 changes and not 148, as printed

With the peal of Minor at Trysull, Staffs, on March 21st, Mr. Ernest Stitch and Mr. Maurice G. Turner rang their 100th peal together.

After 85 minutes of good ringing in a peal attempt at Elham, Kent, on March 21st, one strand of the tenor rope being rung by the conductor (Mr. F. C. W. Knight) broke midway between the sally and the rope's end. The band continued ringing, hoping to complete a half-peal. But this was not to be. The strand of the rope gradually unravelled in both directions until one part reached the sally and the other the rope's end. This made the situation impossible and 'Stand' was called. The rope was spliced and an excellent quarter rung.

The peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Lancs, on March 21st, was truly one of thanksgiving. For more than two years this ancient church has been closed due to the presence of dry rot, death watch beetle and wood worm in the roof. The church has now been completely re-roofed at a cost of £12,000.

Miss J. Murrell (14), of Send, received many congratulations on ringing her first quarter peal and it is hoped that other young members of the band will soon follow suit.

M. L. A. Wilson, whose reminiscences of 65 years as a ringer appear in this issue, conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on March 18th, rung as a birthday compliment to him.

Mr. Donald G. Clarke, the young enthusiastic tower master of All Saints', Newport, Mon., is known throughout South Wales for his ability in teaching learners. One of his present pupils is his fiancée, Miss Maureen Moore! Very best wishes to them both from the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Congratulations to the young members of the local band who commenced and concluded ringing in very fine style for morning service at Marden, Kent, on Sunday, March 22nd. Their average ages were 12 years and it is believed to have been the youngest local band known to have rung the bells in the history of Marden.

Our quarter peal column records a tribute at Ewhurst, Surrey, to Mr. R. Whittington on his 85th birthday. Although not able to be present during the ringing owing to a recent attack of influenza, he is often in Cranleigh belfry for service ringing. Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington were the first married couple to ring a peal together.

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MORE ABOUT THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

who, in this article from 'The Birmingham Post,' provides the background for his book 'St. Martin's Youths' (price 1s. 6d.*), instalments of which were published in 'The Ringing World' last year.*

ALTHOUGH the making and use of bells dates from distant times, bell ringing as we know it to-day, and particularly the art of change ringing, is less than four hundred years old. This art, so peculiarly English, was, in its early stages, practised purely as a sport or pastime; and the ancient ringing societies met regularly to use church bells for their pleasure and exercise, ignored for the most part by the ecclesiastical authorities, and regardless themselves of anything but the secular nature of the pursuit.

Ringing societies and guilds existed at a very early date. In 1254 a Patent Roll of Henry III granted privileges and money to the Brethren of the Gild of Westminster, who were appointed to ring the great bells. The Deykins of Coventry (1462), the Gild of St. Paul's (1507), the Schollers of Chepesyde (1603), and the Western Green Caps (1683) were forerunners of societies like the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Union Scholars, the Cumberland Youths, and numerous other bodies formed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries for the practice of change ringing and for the social life so naturally associated with the Exercise.

Among these ringing societies one of the most important and influential was the St. Martin's Youths of Birmingham, whose records date from 1755. The Peal Book of the society records that in this year eight members rang at St. Philip's Church a peal of 5,185 changes of Bob Major, but the St. Martin's Youths must have existed at a much earlier date, performing regularly upon the bells of St. Martin's, St. Philip's and St. John's in Deritend.

The society flourished exceedingly during the closing years of the eighteenth century and the first twenty years of the nineteenth. The membership was made up of men of all types, business men, tradesmen, professional men and workmen of all kinds, and their occupations offer an interesting commentary on Birmingham's growing industrialism and diversity of trades. Prominent among the members at this time were Thomas Hadley the clock maker, Daniel Veisey the engraver, and Samuel Lawrence the farrier. Hadley's business premises were at Camp Hill, and it is possible that he was the son of Humphrey Hadley, who made clocks for Solihull Church and Aston Church. Veisey had a business in Moor Street, and his firm made the elaborately engraved plate from which the society printed its dinner invitations.

WEIGHT 32 STONE

Samuel Lawrence was a very extraordinary personage. He was a well-to-do farrier and travelled the country a great deal. He was said to be the second heaviest man in England, weighing some 32 stone in his prime. His size was such that at some towers he had great difficulty in ascending the stairs. The story is told that at the opening of Dudley bells, in 1819, Lawrence managed to squeeze himself up the narrow staircase. 'But,' said Old Elvins the carpenter, 'it took three men to get him down again: one to pull, one to push and Lawrence in the middle.' It was at the same gathering that the old carpenter, seeing Lawrence strip for ringing, expressed amazement at the sight of his arms. 'They were,' he said, 'as thick as a child's body.' Lawrence was a magnificent ringer, and was well known and very popular in London and Birmingham. He came from Shifnal, and after his death, which was the result of a fall, he was buried in Shifnal churchyard close to the belfry door.

In the opening years of the nineteenth century the leading figures of Mr. Martin's Youths were Benjamin Pugh, Joseph Riley and Henry Cooper. Old Ben Pugh was a maker of steel pipes for watch keys, and he taught a large number of young men to ring on the eight bells at St. John's Church down by the River Rea. Joseph Riley was a solicitor, a native of Cheltenham, and for some years he was the mainspring of the society. When the two long peals were rung at St. Martin's in 1820, Riley provided a bowl of punch per man for the successful band, and this hospitality was enjoyed by the ringers and their friends when ringing was over.

THE MISSING SILVER CUP

Henry Cooper was silversmith, publican, railway guard and stationmaster, all in turn. As a ringer and composer, he was well known and very able, but he did not hold too good a name among his fellow ringers. This may have been due to some of his queer tricks, particularly the affair of the silver cup. When the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were opened in 1814 several 12-bell bands were invited to ring. The Birmingham men travelled to the North and rang so well that they were awarded a silver cup for the best 12-bell performance at the opening ceremony. Henry Cooper, as leader and conductor, took charge of this cup and held it for some years. About the year 1830 he opened a beerhouse, 'The Bell,' in Ravenhurst Street and shortly afterwards the silver cup vanished. Careful and extensive search followed, but the cup was never found. Cooper was evasive and noncommittal, and the society, bearing in mind that Cooper was a silversmith, had its own views on the fate of the trophy. The truth was never discovered, but Cooper's reputation suffered. He was not a success as a publican, and when the Midland Railway was opened he obtained a situation as guard; and when he became too old for this work he was appointed stationmaster at Saltley, and kept this position until his death.

Round about 1820 the St. Martin's Youths had reached great heights of fame, and some notable ringing performances kept them in the front rank. Among these men were William Bennett the brassfounder, who had a business in Bordesley Street, Thomas Worrall the upholsterer, Alexander Sanders the sexton at St. Martin's, who got into trouble with the authorities for letting pews in the church, and Thomas Chapman the jeweller of St. Paul's Square.

FORBEAR OF ALD. PADDON SMITH

William Hassall was noteworthy. He was secretary to the old Birmingham Gas Company. When he was 78 years old he was superannuated by the company and he greatly resented being put on the retired list. William Marsh, a very fine heavy bell ringer, was great-grandfather to Alderman A. Paddon Smith, who was Lord Mayor of Birmingham a year or two ago and who is himself a very capable heavy bell ringer. The 1820 band also included Thomas Thurstans, the famous composer, and his brother, Charles Thurstans, who played in the town orchestra and was said to have been the first Birmingham man to play the ophicleide.

Between 1820 and 1830 the fortunes of the society declined, and for some years the main centre of activity was St. Philip's, where the baker, William Chattell, was very busy with a new band. The relations between Chattell and the leaders at St. Martin's were not good, and there was a great deal of friction. But the baker was eager to teach beginners, and he gathered round him a large number of young men who were attracted by his offer of free tuition in the art of ringing. Among Chattell's men one of the most notorious was Thomas Bingham, whose name is associated with many doubtful exploits. He it was who at one time made his home in the tower of St. Martin's Church while the Sheriff's officer was seeking him in the town. When Beardsworth's horse, 'Birmingham,' won the St. Leger in 1830, Bingham and a few choice spirits broke into the ringing chamber at St. Martin's and rang the bells, to the great indignation of the Rector. And when the Reform Bill was thrown out by the Lords in October, 1831, a black flag appeared flying on the tower of St. Philip's Church. Thomas Bingham and his brother Charles were implicated in this, and as the town authorities took a very serious view of the matter, Charles had to leave the district in a hurry.

HENRY JOHNSON

These queer pranks, and many more, may be related of a certain type of old ringer, but the Society of St. Martin's Youths was in the main a steady, respectable company, very proud of its traditions and achievements. By 1846 the centre of activity was again the Bull Ring, and the leadership was in the hands of John Hopkins the optician, aided and succeeded by that greatest of all St. Martin's Youths, Henry Johnson. Johnson was a native of Lichfield, a town associated for ever with another notable Johnson. Henry Johnson came to Birmingham as a young man, where he worked in a timber yard, rising eventually to the position of manager. As a ringer and composer he became famous throughout the land, numbering among his personal friends many notable people, including Sir Arthur Heywood, of Duffield. As a leader of St. Martin's Youths he commanded tremendous respect. His ability, his probity, and his strong character were recognised among bell-ringers throughout England; he was, so to speak, the last court of appeal in any matter connected with the theory of ringing, and his word was sufficient to set the seal on any ringing performance he was called to hear. He died in 1890 and was buried in the churchyard of Aston Parish Church. His tombstone, which may still be found, was subscribed for by the ringers of England. Each year the present St. Martin's Guild of Change Ringers honours his memory by holding a commemoration dinner near the beginning of March, and this dinner is perhaps the chief social ringing gathering of the year, being attended by ringers from all over the land.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths came to an end in 1889, when, through the efforts of John Day and one or two other leaders, it was amalgamated with the Holt Society of Aston to form the present St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Ideas have changed, and ringers of to-day are associated to a much greater degree with the offices of the Church; but the old traditions have not been lost, and a visitor to the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner may be astonished both by the geniality of the company and the earnestness of its tribute to the men of old time.

REMINISCENCES OF 65 YEARS AS A RINGER

By LOUIS A. WILSON of Wootton Bassett

Young ringers of to-day should read this story of triumph after continual frustration to become a ringer of the first class.

Mr. Wilson's boyhood days were spent at Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

NOW that I am not able to take such a prominent part in the ringing world owing to ill-health and age, it might interest the present generation of ringers to know a little of the struggle of the old ones to place the Exercise on the foundation it enjoys to-day.

In my young days, round about 1887, I aspired to be a chorister. The choirmaster said my voice was like a frog's, so says I, 'Well, let's be a ringer.' My grandfather warned me that ringers were a bad lot. His father was a ringer when Queen Victoria was crowned, and went on prize ringing, which was then very strong in the West Country and still is. At times he did get a little bit 'over the eight,' and very often thrashed his wife and children when he got home. Therefore, none of that generation became ringers. So you will see I had very little encouragement from them.

Anyway, I attached myself to the Godfrey boys, their father being bellman. We used to ring the curfew, the seventh bell. How we managed to learn was something like learning to cycle; if you got hurt well that was that. Being able to manage a bell, the next step was to ring with others in peal, so I attended every practice and Sunday ringing, put out the cards, and helped to raise the tenor.

SIT AND LOOK ON

This was my job; as for ringing, I had to sit and look on and wait until one ringer died or left the parish. About 1890 the Rev. Maitland Kelly became Vicar of Ottery St. Mary. He wanted the ringers to take up change ringing by method, but the old ones would not have it, so he decided to teach a band of youngsters. Some clapper stops were fitted to all the bells and we commenced to learn—first to handle a bell properly, then to ring rounds and be able to set the bells when called to. Meanwhile, handbells were used to teach the method. I, being rather short, still had to keep on the job of general factotem, keeping my ears and eyes open when watching the others perform.

Then came the time when the clapper stops were taken off and change ringing began in earnest. What a row! Bellman Godfrey was beside himself with rage; he and the Vicar went at it hammer and tongs. At last it was decided that the old band of ringers were to ring for Sunday services, and that continued until the new band could ring a course of Grandsire Triples fairly well.

I still looked on and longed to ring with them. At last my chance came. One or two of the band departed, and I was allotted the 3rd bell to ring, but took some time to get over the 4-5 down dodge. At last that bridge was crossed. Then I encountered the ill-feeling of one of the ringers whom we called the 'curate,' because he took tales to the Vicar, all of which weren't quite true. Anyway, it had the effect of keeping me back, and I was only allowed to ring when the band was short.

HIS CHANCE

Still I hung on, and one Sunday evening I was called to ring 168 Grandsire. At the time I had a bandaged arm owing to a bad abscess, which, of course, burst when my arm was straightened. What a mess! The ringing was stopped, and I went home in disgrace. After a time I got back to the old job of helping raise the tenor and then looking on. At last the band was short for method ringing, and I had a chance, again on the 3rd bell.

When we could ring Grandsire fairly well Father Kelly had at that time a rather big roan horse and a wagonette, in which he took his band around the various parishes to ring and try to enlist other parishes in East Devon to take up method ringing. He was very proud of his young band, and many a tale could be told of our adventures on these occasions. Having mastered Grandsire, we next tackled Stedman, with the help of Messrs. Ferris and Edmond Shepherd and F. Day, of Exeter. The élite, as I called them, would have a special practice, I, as usual, looking on and thinking I could do the job better if allowed to try. Eventually I was allowed to try on one practice night, when Father Kelly, ringing the treble, conducted a 504 of Stedman, being the first ever for a local band. I was ringing the 3rd with W. Godfrey, another youngster, on the 2nd. We rang like veterans; the only trouble was between the older ones, who, I suppose, thought they knew it all.



MR. LOUIS A. WILSON

Anyway, during my struggles to get a footing in the band, a visiting party came to ring a peal of Stedman Triples—the Revs. Robinson and Coleridge, Mr. Washbrook and other well known ringers of that time. I went up to the church to see them start. When I told Father Kelly I would be able to ring as well as they, he replied, 'You will never make a ringer like them,' but as time went on we did manage to ring some Treble Bob Minor.

ALWAYS IN HOT WATER

I kept pegging away in spite of the ill will of Father Kelly and his cronies. At that time my boss was a big noise in the choir, and when Father Kelly wanted to take a band to ring anywhere he would ask my boss to let me off. Of course he said 'Yes.' When the time came he would say 'No' to me, and then tell the old chap it was my fault when I didn't turn up. He therefore thought I was a bit of a liar; in fact I was always in hot water with the parsons.

At last, in 1897, I came to Wootton Bassett. The first night I was there was their practice night. You can guess I was in the church as soon as possible. There were ten ringers, two on the seventh and tenor. When the captain asked me if I was a ringer, I replied I could do a bit. We then rang some changes which they had on cards on the floor, which proved to be Grandsire Triples. He noticed I was always on the mark when he said 'Go.' When we stopped he said, 'You seem to know what to do without looking at the card.' I then told him I was a 'scientific' ringer and was working at the local ironmonger's as a fitter. He was an outfitter and tailor. He said, 'Will you look and see what is the matter with the two back bells?' I did and put them right. After that I took charge of the bells and got in touch with the Snowden ringers, with the result that I rang my first peal of Grandsire Triples on the 5th in 1898. I used to go to Swindon for practice, most times walking the seven miles to the tower after leaving work at 6 o'clock.

IN LONDON

This was really the beginning of my actual ringing career. Mr. Ernest Bishop, of London, helped me quite a lot. I rang most of my peals with the London band in various parts of the country. I also had the good fortune to be working in London for some time, and rang a good bit with the older generation of London ringers, mainly Cockerill, Winney, Garrard, Langdon and many others who always treated me with the greatest kindness. I also had the privilege of going to Bristol.

I have enjoyed all my ringing life in spite of the ups and downs, and to prove you can never tell when teaching a youngster what he will be in after years. Although my old teacher told me I should never make a ringer, I have rung with most of the old school of top men in a great many towers between Plymouth and London.

Father Kelly wrote me on one occasion after a peal of Cinques at Cirencester he saw in 'The Ringing World,' apologising for his treatment of me in my youth. I believe I'm the only one of the band he trained at Ottery who has rung peals on five to twelve bells, and am still doing a little to help on the good work, although ill-health and deafness make it rather difficult. In concluding, I wish to thank all members of the Exercise for their ready help and kindness in my 65 years of ringing.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN F. SMITH

The death occurred on Friday, March 20th, of Mr. John F. Smith, captain of the Highclere team and sexton at that church since the end of the war.

Although not a great change ringer, Mr. Smith had taught many ringers the rudiments of the art and it was largely through his enthusiasm that the present band consists mainly of so many of the younger generation. He served all his life as the local postman, retiring in 1946 after being awarded the Long Service Medal.

Though not a peal ringer he was known by many bands of ringers for his generous hospitality after peal attempts, when the ringers would walk the mile from the church to his home for refreshments. A staunch churchgoer, he was an inspiration to the rest of the band for his punctuality for practice and service ringing.

The funeral service took place on March 25th at St. Michael's, Highclere, when representatives of the British Legion, of which he was a member, met the hearse at the gate.

As the coffin was carried into the church the two standard bearers dipped their standards in salute. Half-muffled ringing was carried out in the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. C. A. Wratten's letter in 'The Ringing World' of March 20th on the variation of All Saints' Doubles. However, I am afraid this has been rung before. To the best of my knowledge it was first rung by us on practice night at Little Aston on February 6th this year. On the following Saturday we included it in a peal attempt at Handsworth, Birmingham, which was arranged to enable two of the Handsworth ringers to score their first peal. However, it was lost after 18 extents. It is almost certain that we have rung it more than once since then at Little Aston, as we ring some of these 'mixture Doubles methods' on a Sunday as a break from the everlasting Grandsire.

I sent the details of this, together with some fourteen other Doubles methods, to Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who has informed me that he knew of no name for them. The variation of All Saints' Doubles (i.e., using a Plain Bob plain lead as a bob) that Mr. Wratten has referred to has already been named 'Rushall Doubles' after a local six-bell tower. There are four different callings available as in All Saints'.

It will no doubt have been noticed that an All Saints' plain lead is only a variation in the work of a Grandsire Single and that the two back bells which have made places find themselves in the same position as if they had done the ordinary 'double dodge' as in a Grandsire Single. This, therefore, means that whenever a Grandsire Single is used, a plain lead of All Saints' would do as a substitute, thus providing the following methods:—

Little Aston — (Reverse Canterbury with All Saints' plain lead for a bob).

Seighford + — (Plain Bob with All Saints' plain lead for a bob).

Elford + — (St. Simon's with All Saints' plain lead for a bob).

Shareshill — (St. Nicholas' with All Saints' plain lead for a bob).

Austrey + — (St. Martin's with All Saints' plain lead for a bob).

Ryton — (Winchendon Place with All Saints' plain lead for a bob)

Marchington — (All Saints' with Old Doubles bob as a bob).

Newborough —(Grandsire except All Saints' plain lead instead of the usual single—ten callings).

Those with the + by the name have only three different callings.

I think it is only right to point out, however, that in my opinion it is far better, if anyone has a band which has time to spend looking up difficult methods, to ring methods each having their own plain course and bobs and singles and not 'borrowing' from other well-established methods.

I believe the Central Council are shortly publishing a collection of Doubles methods (long overdue) which are all different. It is actually possible to ring 42 **different** methods and there is no use of the above type of 'method' unless one wishes to cut down the boredom of the peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles to a minimum.

Referring back to the 'methods' above I should state that they are all named after five- and six-bell towers in this area.—Yours faithfully,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Little Aston, Staffs.

RANG AT BETHLEHEM

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note from Mr. Harold Gorton, of Bolton, in 'Belfry Gossip' on February 6th last, this rather belated letter is to inform you that I tolled one of the 'Christmas Bells' at Bethlehem, for Vespers on Monday, April 16th, 1945, whilst on leave in the R.A.F.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. CHENEY.

South Wigston, Leicester.

MORE ABOUT Q-SET LAWS

Dear Sir,—Q. E. D.'s article on page 125 is quite inadequate.

The main flaw lies in imperfect knowledge of the Q-set law and its validity. The law is briefly: 'The alteration of calling of one Q-set of odd order does not alter the parity (oddness or evenness) of the number of round blocks. The alteration of calling in one Q-set of even order alters the parity of the number of round blocks.' But this law is subject to two conditions. Firstly, every member in every Q-set must be utilised, otherwise it becomes possible for some members to be left out and the others to be treated extraordinarily. Secondly, there must be 'one-way traffic,' through all Q-sets. It so happens that Grandsire Triples obeys both conditions.

To give examples, Thompson, by using 5th place bobs in addition to 3rds place bobs, composed peals of Grandsire Triples, the Q-sets embracing the 5ths place bobs being treated extraordinarily, having both plain and 3rds place bob leads. Again, in the case of original minor 360 changes are reachable by bobs only, and this number can be attained as leads can be used forwards or backwards and the round block uses some Q-sets in mixed directions.

These two conditions emerge from a rigorous proof of the Q-set law.

To return to Q. E. D.'s article, the main fault lies in the confusion of the K or characteristic of the six, which was proposed as a means of proof, with unique members of Q-sets. The six changes in a six can be arranged as a six in six different ways, for there is a choice of three odd changes for the first one, and the six can be quick or slow. These six ways are, of course, identical in regard to proof, having the same K, but for the purposes of composition they are quite different, and therein lies the snag—in effect, the composing of a peal involves using only one sixth of all the possible different sixes, and while Q-sets do exist, one is by no means obliged to use every member. It is not possible to make a Q-set of Ks.

This is the main fallacy in Q. E. D.'s article, but not the only one. It is not possible to get 60 exclusive P-blocks, in fact it was proved in the 'Bell News' that 40 true courses is the maximum number, neither is it possible to get 60 $(BP)^7$ or $(PB)^7$ blocks (I have proved this). Despite his sweeping statement that 'there is no loss of validity in the assumption, and the conclusion will still hold,' he is basing an argument about a number of blocks derived from others which do not even exist. This is indeed a novel development of the 'reductio ad absurdam' argument! However, this is not a real obstacle as the 84 B-blocks exist, and one could derive from those.

The most surprising error is the mistake in dealing with 4-member Q-sets, which in fact render the whole argument of parity of blocks invalid. Certainly the idea of $1 + 2n$ as the number of blocks joined in is inadequate and erroneous, and springs from a lack of rigorous thought. Q-set behaviour never predicts the number of blocks or number of courses united in the general case.

Again, near the end of his article, Q. E. D. assumes that different Q-sets do not interfere with one another. This is quite untrue, for all sixes can take part in any of his Q-sets, and thus they interfere. The 5ths place bob peals of Grandsire illustrate this for either 5ths or 3rds place bobs alone cannot give a peal.

Q. E. D. should know his theory thoroughly before trying to use it on such tricky ground. Good luck to him, but he won't find it easy. I have been trying to resolve this matter since 1944, without success. During the last five years I have been trying to compose a peal with bobs only, and I think that this approach deserves as much attention as the negative one. Some years ago in Bristol I heard of a ringer who was certified as insane after trying to compose such a peal (perhaps someone can verify this).

Recently, I persuaded the staff of the Computing Machine Laboratory at Manchester University to try composing such a peal, on a 21-part plan I evolved, but I have not heard from them conclusively, and I hope to report later. They have kindly consented to run the problem at slack periods, and estimated that it would take 24 hours altogether. Considering that this 21-part plan is but a flea-bite of 1-part composition, and that the machine can perform 600 12-figure multiplications in a second, one realises the immensity of the task; last August the machine actually succeeded in compiling a block of 40 sixes, which, however, did not join up to the start, and so the extent is in 21 unjoinable blocks. This was no mean feat, although useless for our purposes.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN D. PRICE.

10, Greenland Road,
Brynmawr, Breconshire.

FIRST PEAL AT CAYTHORPE

Dear Sir,—Concerning the first peal at Caythorpe mentioned in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Southampton, I enclose a copy I have had many years of the first peal at Caythorpe.

'On Whitsun Wednesday the 10th June, 1778. Mr. Holt's peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples was rung at Cathorpe-on-the-Cliff in Lincolnshire by seven of the Nottingham Youths and one from Newark. Namely—Wm. Bradley treble. Fras. Draper 2, Jas. Wilkinson 3, Jno. Smith 4, Richd. Sherrah 5, Jno. Herrick 6. Wm. D. Croft 7, Wm. Burkitt (Newark) tenor.

Time 3 hours and 18 minutes, called by Mr. Croft.

This was the first peal of 5,040 ever rung on Cathorpe Bells.'

JOHN CRAGG.

Caythorpe, Lincs.

COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. William Shepherd's interesting leading article in last week's issue, it may not be generally known that the late H. B. Walters undertook the survey of Somerset bells for the County Archæological Society in 1920 and that his full and complete manuscript lies unpublished in Taunton Castle.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

YOUNG RINGERS AT S. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at S. Nicolas', Guildford on March 8th, a small error has crept in The ringer of the second bell, Miss Anne Cox, had previously taken part in two quarter peals. Her first (Grandsire Doubles) was at Ockham, and she rang one of Grandsire Triples at S. Nicolas' on February 8th, 1953. It is some satisfaction to us that all these 'firsts' have received their primary instruction in Guildford, also the ringer of the tenor on March 8th, Mr. D. Redfern, is the first of a young band at Bramley to achieve a touch of this length.—Yours sincerely.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—You will recall that the first mention of 'All Saints' Doubles' was made in the report of the Manchester University ringing tour in Somerset. The method we rang at Cossington had the bob described by Mr Wratten.

Perhaps the composer of All Saints' Doubles could tell us if that was the first extent.—Yours faithfully,

D. V. MORETON.

Manchester.

FLETTON HAS NOW A RING OF FIVE

With Three 16th Century Bells

The Ely Diocese has a new ring of five at St. Margaret's Church, Fletton. Previously in this tower were three 16th century bells of nearly eight cwt.

A contract was placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for providing two new trebles, removing the old wood frame, which was in a bad condition, and fitting in a new steel frame for six bells. The three existing bells were taken to the Loughborough foundry for retuning.

The church clock, which was the gift of the parishioners to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee, at the same time was renovated by Messrs. William Potts and Co. and the two faces have been regilded.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ely on March 19th in the presence of a large congregation. After dedicating the bells the Bishop handed the bell ropes to the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Rees, who, in turn, passed them over to the ringers. The customary rounds were then rung by Peterborough ringers and the bells were rung again immediately following the sermon by Dr. Wynn, and after the service. The local ringers were joined by Mr. J. P. Fidler (who represented Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.) and Mr. R. H. Dove (representing Messrs. William Potts and Co.) and Mr. Ralph Chapman.

The particulars of the five bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Diameter 2ft. 2½in., weight 4 cwt. 3 lb., note E, and inscribed 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. In praise of God and in gratitude for many blessings. A gift from an old Fletton family, 1953.'

No. 2.—Weight 4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., and after the founder's name the inscription reads, 'To the glory of God. The gift of the parishioners of St. Margaret's, Fletton. Coronation Year. 1953.'

No. 3.—Diameter 2ft. 6in., weight 5 cwt. 5 lb., by Newcombes, of Leicester, about the middle of the 16th century. It bears the inscription, 'S. Palle.'

No. 4.—Diameter 2ft. 8½in., weight 6 cwt. 7 lb., by Toby Norris, of Stamford Foundry, about 1620. It is inscribed, 'Omnia Fiant ad Glorium Dei. 1620.' Its note is B.

Tenor.—Diameter 2ft. 11in., weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb., cast originally by William Watts, of Bedford. It bears in bold letters the words. 'William Watts Made Me in 1590.'

A young band of ringers is being trained by Mr. Deanes Wright, who is organist and belfry captain at Stanground, a neighbouring tower.

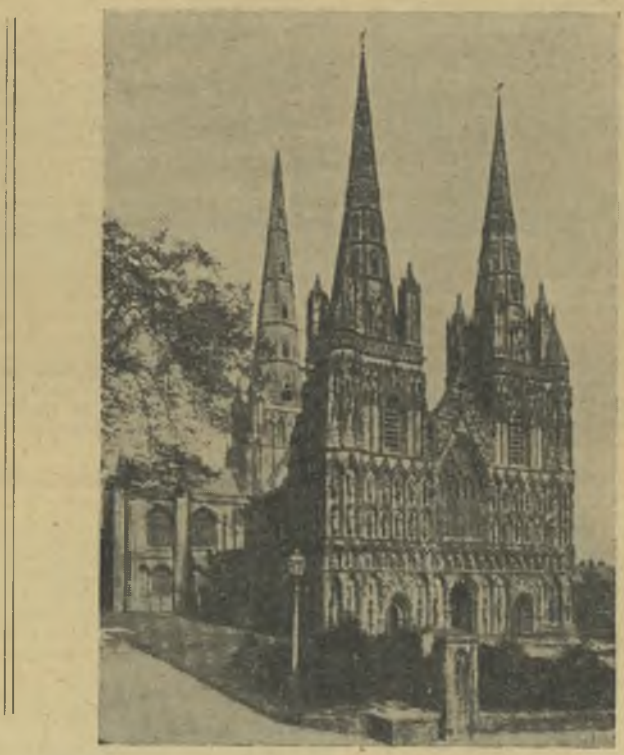
BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very happy and successful meeting was held at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, on March 14th, when the following towers were represented:—Barkby Don, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Rotherham Parish, Sandal, Shelley and the local company. A welcome visitor attended from Worksop. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. Tea was served in the nearby schools at 5 p.m., when a very nice meal was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. G. K. Dixon), who was supported by the president. It was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange the next meeting at South Kirkby on April 11th. The February meeting, which should have been held there, had to be cancelled at a very short notice. If it is not possible to meet at South Kirkby the April meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne. A committee meeting is to be held at Barnsley on April 18th at 6 p.m. to arrange the shield and cup contests. The best thanks of the company were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and the extra welcome shown, and also to the ladies and the local company for all that had been done to make the meeting a success.

Silver Tongues—Plea on their Behalf

[By A Bellringer]



[From the 'Wolverhampton Express and Echo.']

LICHFIELD Cathedral, pictured on this page, with its lovely tapering spires, if not one of the elaborate or ornate, is one of our most beautiful cathedrals externally and internally, almost from any vantage point.

Not the least of its assets (I would say its glories) is the very musical ring of ten bells (tenor, 31 cwt. in D), which, apart from very special occasions, is only available once a year for the annual meeting of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

This is a great pity; no one knows better that bells can be a terrible nuisance. But well-rung bells can be as pleasing as anything in music.

May we ringers hope that the new dean and chapter will be a little more generous with that portion of a great heritage?

What is the reason for withholding the use of some bells, usually cathedral bells? Is it on the score of 'noise'?

The primary function of bells was, and is still, to be heard; not to be seen and not heard. That is why they were given a 'tongue' (clapper); and are hung, dedicated and rung to the glory of God.

A DEFENCE OF RINGING

Some time ago a correspondent asked in 'The Ringing World' for a defence of ringing. Several replies were received. They might be summed up as under:

I know there will be many in the Exercise who can, and will, put up a better defence than mine; but here it is. In fact, I think the questioner gives his own sufficient defence in the penultimate paragraph of his letter, if any is needed, namely: 'Ringing is my hobby.'

Moreover, 'he offers his hobby to God's service.'

If that is not sufficient reason (and defence), we ring for pleasure, and physical exercise; and there are not many physical exercises open to people from 40-50-60 years of age.

One cannot participate in rugger, soccer, athletics, cycling and dirt track racing, to name only a few.

Moreover, why should we have to defend ringing, any more than the patrons and participants of those sports and exercises just mentioned?

On the score of noise alone, does anyone complain about, or have to defend the Hampden roar, the Wembley cheer, the Twickenham shout, or, nowadays, the Lords barracking?

Providing we observe ordinary codes of conduct, we need not be too apologetic.

RECORD PEALS

With regard to record lengths of peals, England is full of records, national and international; and a simple answer to the question 'What are records for?' is they are to be beaten.

Usually, those who are loudest in their condemnation of other people's hobbies, especially ringing, are the first to complain if the bells are missing.

Just let me relate one true story which happened right under our tower. A man came into the ringing chamber one Sunday at 10 a.m. and asked the ringers not to ring as his father was very near death.

At 10.30 a.m. the father asked the son the time. When told it was 10.30, he asked the son why the bells were not ringing.

The son dared not tell his father he had asked the ringers not to ring.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Suggested Minimum Standard for Membership

Two happy couples had the unexpected pleasure of the bells being rung for their weddings when the annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Walton-on-Thames on March 14th.

Following a short service conducted by the Vicar nearly 60 ringers and friends sat down to tea organised by the ladies of the two local towers.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected en bloc. Croydon Parish Church is the venue of next year's annual general meeting on March 13th, 1954.

It was reported to the meeting that about twelve-years' copies of 'The Ringing World' had been presented to the library but were unbound and it was decided to have these bound at a cost of 16s. per volume. Eight towers then offered to be responsible for meeting the cost of binding one volume each, any balance to be met from the general fund.

Another expensive item was a new peal book. Mr. Layton, who is writing the peals up, reporting that the present volume will be full by the end of July, and leave about 150 peals still to be entered. After some discussion it was decided to provide a new volume to match those already existing.

An alteration to Rule 15 (c) could not be voted on owing to the majority necessary under that Rule being unobtainable.

Mr. R. Tomlin gave notice of his intention to propose amendments to Rule 7 so as to set a minimum standard of proficiency before new members are elected.

After an announcement by the Master that subscriptions would have to be increased in the near future, Mr. W. Parrott proposed the subscription should be raised to 5s. per year.

Following hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies for their parts in providing a successful meeting, ringing continued until 9 o'clock. The ringing at Oatlands Park in the evening was shorter than anticipated due to the length of the meeting and the retiming of same because of the weddings.

W. F. O.

13,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Adapted by R. F. B. Speed from the 12,896 by E. Hims.

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6475328	—	—	—	—	—	—
7268345	—	S	—		—	—
6478325	—	—	—		—	—
4765328	—	S	—	—	—	—
6245378	—	—	—		—	—
2465378	—	—	—	—	—	—
6725348	—	—	—		—	—
7265348	—	—	—	—	—	—

Four times repeated.

This, as far as I know, is the longest peal so far obtained in this method. I believe this is the first example of a long length of Surprise Major being obtained by the use of singles. The use of singles is objectionable but I think that in this particular case it is impossible to achieve this length without their use. R. F. B. S.

SOME PERSONAL RECORDS

BRIAN G. WARWICK'S 200 PEALS

The appended list shows a very good variety, obtained in quick time by this young Leicester ringer. He is a pupil of Mr. Harold J. Poole, at Leicester Cathedral, and was taught simultaneously to ring handbells and tower bells.

He has been studying at Birmingham and it is suggested that there could be no better opportunities for a keen peal ringer than to alternate between two such enthusiastic ringing centres as Birmingham and Leicester. This in no small measure accounts for his quick success in reaching this total. He rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948, and, as the list indicates, he has shown quite an aptitude for conducting.

His peals have been rung in 54 towers in 12 counties for 12 Guilds and with 236 ringers. The list includes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus six times and 16 different Surprise methods.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Stedman 1 (conducted 1), Grandsire 1, five methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Stedman 7 (4), Grandsire 2 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 6 (1), Grandsire 2, Double Norwich 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 13.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (2), Cambridge Surprise 7 (3), two methods 1 (1), three methods 1, four methods 1 (1), five methods 1, seven methods 2, eight methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 3, Double Norwich 1. Surprise: Belgrave 1, Belvedere 1, Bristol 1, Braunstone 1 (1), Cambridge 14 (3), Cranborne 1, Crewe 1, Lincolnshire 4, London 3, Painswick 2 (2), Southgate 1, Superlative 1, Trowbridge 1, Whitminster 1, Whitwick 1, Yorkshire 13 (6).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Saltley Delight 1. Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 6, Harborne 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 3.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Albanian 2, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 7, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 4.

Total on tower bells.—137 (27).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1 (1), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Stedman 2 (1), Grandsire 4 (3).

Caters.—Stedman 3, Grandsire 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (1), two methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (10), Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob spliced 1 (1), Plain Bob and Little Bob spliced 1, eight methods spliced 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 12 (5), Kent Treble Bob 4, three methods spliced 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Total on handbells.—63 (26).

Grand total.—200 (53).

MR. H. O. BAKER'S 200 PEALS

Mr. Henry O. Baker, of Parkgate Road, Chester, has an interesting list in his 200 peals, of which he has conducted 16.

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 2), Stedman 1, two methods 6 (5).

Minor.—Bob 4 (2), Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, two methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 11 (2), Grandsire 6 (2), Oxford Bob 2, Double Court 1, Erin 1, London Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Grandsire 1, Reversed Grandsire 1, Court 1.

Major.—St. Clement's College 2, Double Norwich 3, Tiverton Little Bob 1, Victoria Little Court 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 2, Single Oxford 1, Little Bob 1, Little Albion Treble Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, St. Lawrence Bob 1, Bob 17, Spliced Plain and Little 2.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 19 (1), Bristol 18, Superlative 4, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 10, Watford 1, Rochester 1, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 2, Ashtead 1, London 19, Kendal 1, Wembley 2, Eastcote 1, Claybrook 1, Dublin 1, Hanbury 1, Ealing 1, Spliced (two methods) 1, (four methods) 4, (eight methods) 1, (twelve methods) 2.

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Bob 3.

Surprise Royal.—Yorkshire 3, Cambridge 3, Rochester 1, Rutland 1, London No. 3 2.

Surprise Maximus.—Yorkshire 4, Cambridge 4, Spliced Maximus (two methods) 1.

MR. BRIAN HARRIS HAS RUNG 100 PEALS

Mr. Brian Harris, of Manchester, who rang his first peal on January 25th, 1949, reached his 100th on January 31st, 1953. These have been rung in eight counties for nine Guilds and Associations in 43 towers. Mr. J. W. Griffiths, of Chester, took part in 67 of the peals and conducted 31. Mr. Harris's list is as follows.—

Doubles.—One to five methods 7 (conducted 5).

Minor.—One to seven methods 17 (5).

Triples.—College Bob 1, Court Bob 1, Double Grandsire 1, Grandsire 9 (2), Oxford Bob 2, Reverse Grandsire 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Stedman 3.

Major, Plain.—Cheltenham Bob 1, Chesterfield Bob 1, Colville Bob 1, Double Norwich Court 5 (1), Double Oxford Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Liscard Imperial Bob 1, Little Bob 3 (2), Little Oxford Bob 1, Loughborough Bob 1 (1), Marlborough Bob 1, Owen's College Bob 1 (1), Painswick College Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 10 (6), St. Clement's College Bob 1, Winchester Bob 1 (1). Treble Bob: Kent 4 (4), Little Albion 1, Oxford 1. Surprise: Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 1 (1).

Caters.—Double Norwich Court 1, Grandsire 1, Stedman 2.

Royal.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 3 (1).

Maximus.—Kent 1, Plain Bob 1,

Handbells.— Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 1.

Total.—Tower bells 98 (31); handbells 2.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held its last winter meeting at Stevenage on March 28th. Although the day was rough this did not affect the attendance. The bells were raised at 3.10 and were soon going to various methods under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dear.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. King) from the Association's service paper. Tea was provided by the local band and their wives in the Rectory, 35 ringers and friends doing justice to an excellent meal.

Before the business meeting the company stood in silence in memory of Mr. Thomas Werrett, of Norton, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The Rector took the chair for the business meeting. Two new ringing members were elected, H. A. Bracey and E. J. Mynott, of Graveley, and Mr. W. Miller, of Baldock, an honorary member.

The next meeting will be at Weston on April 25th, with Graveley after tea; the special methods will be All Saints' Doubles and Single Oxford.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also for the use of the Rectory for the tea. A special vote of thanks was proposed to the ladies who had done the hard work. This is always appreciated but more so at Stevenage where the tower is so far away from the town.

Further ringing continued until 9 o'clock from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise.

Towers represented were Baldock, Benington, Betchworth, Broughing, Clifton, Graveley, Great Wymondley, Harrow Weald, Hertford, Hitchin, Knebworth, Norton, Stotfold, Tewin, Watford, Welwyn Garden City and the local tower.

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MEETINGS

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—The Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary the Virgin's (8, 24¼ in D) extend a hearty invitation to all ringers to their tower on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 4th, 1953. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, obtainable at nearby cafe, 5 p.m. Choral Evensong (shortened) 6 p.m., at which your attendance is requested. Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—Ronald J. Sharp. 2285

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Bath on Easter Monday. Service 12 noon at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul (near G.P.O.). Lunch, by ticket, at the Christopher Hotel (near the Abbey). Business meeting to follow. Early application for tickets is desirable. Towers open before service: Twerton (8) 10.30–11.30; St. Matthew's (6) 10.30–11.30; St. Michael's (8) 11–11.55. Details of the nine other towers available after the meeting will be announced.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 2320

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Cambridge. Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells, R.C. (8) 11–1, St. Bene't's (6) 11.30-12.30 and 2.30-3.30, St. Andrew's (8) from 1 onwards, Chesterton (6) 2–3. Service, St. Andrew-the-Great, at 4, followed by tea and business. All towers open afterwards.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 2316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 12 noon, followed by lunch and meeting in Drill Hall. Other particulars previously advertised.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 2325

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 6th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 12.45 p.m. Admission **only** by ticket, which must be ordered **enclosing remittance,** 4s. each. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available: Mancroft (12), St. Giles (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 10-11.30 and after business meeting; St. Miles (8) and St. John-de-Sepulchre (8) after business meeting. Standing Committee, 11 a.m., Mancroft Vestry. Service 11.30, preacher the Rev. Henry Lillingston, Rector of Marsham. No unofficial ringing during business meeting. 2293

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting. Easter Monday, Ipswich. Bells 12, 8, 6 and 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower, 11 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12.15. No lunch. Business meeting 2 p.m., St. Stephen's Hall.—C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh. 2316

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. also Esher bells (8) 1.45 to 2.45. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2312

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 6th. Special service in All Saints' 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1-2 p.m.; bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10-11 a.m. and from 6 p.m., Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), all 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 6-7.15 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2288

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY, LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (10) available from 1.30 p.m. No tea laid on, but British Restaurant and others open. Business meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. 2340

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, nr. Rotherham, not later than April 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2368

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Paulton, April 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent buses from Bath and Bristol. Names for tea to V. Savage, 4, Northmead Avenue, Midsomer Norton. 2350

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bring your methods with you.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 2385

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 11th. Committee, 3.15 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Service, 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea and general meeting, 5 p.m., Cathedral Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Luke's, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m.; Cathedral, 3 p.m.–4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawns, Highfield Road, Derby. 2335

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 7th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2290

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Meeting, Eastern, Western and Ladies' Guild. — Chester-le-Street, Saturday, April 11th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, by April 9th. 2362

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Withyham (8), April 11th. Tea at the Dorset Arms. Please notify Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 2370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening practice meetings have been arranged: Duxford, Saturday, April 25th; Whittlesford, Saturday, May 9th; Stapleford, Saturday, June 20th; Lt. Shelford, Saturday, July 4th; times 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. — H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2377

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-le-Hope (8), April 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. G. Hammond, 7, Webster Road, Stanford-le-Hope. 2319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), April 11th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2360

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by April 8th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2379

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 11th. Bells of Cathedral Church, St. Mary's and S. Nicolas' open 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30. Tea and business meeting, S. Nicolas' Hall, 4.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by April 7th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon. 2325

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Mirfield St. Mary's, April 11th. For teas, please notify, by April 4th, A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon Sec 2292

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District. — Quarterly meeting at Wigmore (6), Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 9th to Rev. J. C. Williams, Stowe Vicarage, Bucknell, Salop. 2343

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 11th. Cathedral service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. E. Devonshire (Vicar of Royston). Meat tea (2s. 6d.) at Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. (Resolution re Hon. Members.) Annual reports available. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Cathedral (12), 2 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), if available, 2 to 3.30 p.m., otherwise Sandridge (6). Further ringing in evening. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 2357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Hadlow (8) on April 11th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by April 8th. 2328

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, April 11th, at Blankney, near Lincoln. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 6th, to Miss E. Wright, Kirk House, Dorrington, nr. Lincoln. 2349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at Halewood, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. *All* names for tea by *Wednesday* to Mr. John Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood. Price 2s.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Branch practice meeting at Millom on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2382

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby (8) on April 11th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 2363

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, April 11th. Bring own food. 298 bus from Blackburn at 12.47 and 2.47. 298 bus from Leyland via Clayton Green 1.56 p.m. Preston-Blackburn old road buses to Brindle Bar and Preston-Chorley, 123, 126, 130 buses to Clayton Green. 2378

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Whitworth, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Special practice method for next quarter, Double Oxford. — F. Pritchard, Branch Sec. 2347

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton, Saturday, April 11th. St. Michael's bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk. — W. O. Farrimond. 2364

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Oaks-in-Charnwood, April 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall. Names by April 7th to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. — C. W. Hall. 2333

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Dedication of rehung ring at Wrangle, Saturday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, April 6th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2374

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — North and East District meeting at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, on Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Bow Road Underground Station, turn right. Buses 10, 25, 96, 661, 663, 695 pass church.—J. T. Lock. 2367

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheddleton, Saturday, April 11th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, nr. Leek, Staffs. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2345

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield (8) on Saturday, April 11th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2366

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford, April 11th. Service 4. Tea. Rousham (6) evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2324

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cranford (6), April 11th. Names for tea Tuesday previous to B. S. Cope. 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 2338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Oakham (8), Saturday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, April 7th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Branch Sec., Estean, Market Overton, Rutland. 2331

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, April 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 2337

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, April 11th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Griffin, 2, Braybrooke Road, Oxendon, Market Harborough, before April 7th. East Farndon bells available after 6 p.m.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 6th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2321

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), April 11th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 2381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bishops Cannings (8), Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2365

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Maiden Newton, April 11th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. John Bishop, Maiden Newton, Dorchester, by April 8th, please.—J. H. Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury. 2353

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting and dinner to be held at Selby on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m., Londesborough Arms Hotel, 8s. 6d. per head. Please send names and remittance to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, on or before April 9th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION & HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Madeley, new Taylor eight, April 11th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanier, 8, West View Terrace, Madeley. 2355

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Retford, April 11th. Ringing at St. Swithun's (10), East Retford, West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30-8. Service St. Swithun's 4.15. Own tea arrangements; numerous cafes. Business meeting, St. Swithun's, 6 p.m.—J. W. Raithby, Gen Sec. 2322

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 11th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2346

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Lavenham Districts.—Joint meeting, Acton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. T. Lambert, The Vicarage, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk. 2324

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. Practice at Goring (6) April 11th, 3. Names for tea, please, by April 7th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside Itchingfield, Horsham. 2361

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Llanfigan, April 11th, rearranged to coincide with induction of Rev. H. M. Hughes. Tea and meeting after service. Names.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 2327

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, New Alresford, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. Business meeting follows. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2331

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, April 13th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2327

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Rockwell-Green, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please. —A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2359

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available 2.30-4.15. Tea 4.30 in Trinity Hall with business to follow. Service Holy Trinity Church 6 p.m. Bells until 8 p.m. **Imperative** that names be sent to F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford-on-Avon, by Tuesday, 14th. **Definitely no names no tea.** —Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 2371

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 2344

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting at Egham April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. if you notify, by Wednesday, April 15th, Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. —W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2383

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Sturry, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea following. Those who require tea must inform, not later than Wednesday, April 15th, and enclosing cash, please, Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2375

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 15th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2384

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 18th. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Resolution extending constitution of District committees to include Association officers. Ringing: St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, 2.30-4; Clerkenwell 3; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner,73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, (WORdsworth 5109.) 2372

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Saturday, April 18th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2373

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Chilmark (6) available in evening. Names **by April 14th**, please, to H. A. Roles, Hardol, Clarendon Road, Salisbury. 2351

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea the Rev. Elliot Wigg, Wavendon Rectory, Bletchley. 2318

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Ann, April 18th. Bells 3.30. Transport arranged from St. Mary's Andover, leaving 3.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Goodworth Clatford after tea. Ringers from other branches welcome. Names for tea, before April 14th, to G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 2358

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

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ESTABLISHED RINGING ORGANISATIONS

THE district secretary of one of our well-known ringing associations was recently called upon to enumerate the 'virtues' of the association for which he was conscientiously collecting annual subscriptions. He had always taken it for granted that all ringers understood that it is the proper thing to subscribe to the guild or association in whose territory one happens to reside.

Being a conscientious secretary, he decided to be prepared with his answers should the same question be asked of him again. However, on referring to the annual report of his own association, he found that very little space had been devoted to explaining the aims of the association. Reference to some half-dozen annual reports of other associations and guilds enabled him to compile a list of eight or nine 'aims.' Knowing this list to be far from complete, he gave careful thought to the problem and finally drew up the following list:—

1. To obtain full recognition of the ringers' office as a branch of church work.
2. The advancement of change ringing as a branch of church work and as a scientific interest.
3. Observation of good and peaceable behaviour in our belfries.
4. Friendly meetings and co-operation between ringers over a wide area.
5. Providing instructors at reasonable cost.
6. Promoting co-operation between clergy, ringers and the public.
7. Maintaining historical records concerning ringers and bells.
8. Promoting *proper* care, use and maintenance of church bells, fittings and belfries.
9. Promoting ringing for divine services and helping to instil a spirit of loyalty and service into ringers.
10. Financial help in needy cases to help restore bells.
11. Promoting help and encouragement to struggling bands.
12. Provision of literature and instruction books.
13. Disseminating knowledge and information about ringing matters, e.g., annual reports, etc.
14. Providing opportunity for practice, and maintaining enthusiasm of capable ringers who can and do pass on what they have learned (in knowledge and skill) to the less keen ringers, who never ring outside their own tower, but who nevertheless do benefit by the activities of ringing associations.

Though there is overlapping between some of the above items, they do constitute quite a formidable list, which, nevertheless, is far from complete. Surely no ringer, aware of these aims, would wish to stand outside the organisation and withhold his subscription.

Do our organisations, and do we as members thereof, actively carry out these aims to the best of our ability? If not let us assiduously endeavour to keep them in mind and make the best contribution we can in our own particular sphere. Little fault can be found with the ringer who attends regularly for service ringing and practice in cheerful and co-operative spirit, even though he or she does no other ringing.

On receiving Confirmation, one becomes a member of a Fellowship whose influence and activities extend far beyond one's own parish, and membership of this fellowship bestows both privileges and obligations.

Similarly acceptance of the office of ringer bestows both benefits and opportunities to serve, not only in one's own tower, but in a wider field.

Ringing would indeed be in a much poorer state but for the past and present work of established ringing organisations. Let us do all in our power to strengthen and rejuvenate them so that their high aims may be fulfilled.

N. C.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO QUEEN MARY

Born May 26th, 1867 : Died March 24th, 1953

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	8
JOHN THOMAS	3	†WILLIAM G. GIGG	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	10
*ARTHUR H. REED	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	11
GILBERT H. HARDING	6	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	IVOR R. NICHOLS	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ERNEST STITCH	7
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
WILLIAM DAVIES	5	JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*CEDRIC MURPHY	*Treble*	BETTY FAITHFUL	5
*ADRIAN TUMBER	2	†ROY FAITHFUL	6
†MOLLY DENBY	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
CHARLES TAYLOR	4	NORMAN HAYES	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(The St. Mary's Society.)
On Fri., March 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	*Treble*	CHARLES BOWER	5
DONALD L. MILLS	2	*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	6
†STUART T. HUME	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	4	EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary. Ringer of treble aged 14.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ALBERT J. ADAMS	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	5
*RICHARD A. E. HARBOUR	2	NORMAN HOBDEN	6
*JOYCE A. FISHLOCK	3	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
S. GEOFFREY WATERS	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	CHARLES COLES	6
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	3	PETER ANGER	7
GEORGE F. BURTON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

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CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, HANDBRIDGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*ROSELYN CREWE	*Treble*	†ROGER B. MORRIS	5
†BETTY GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
†SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	‡BRIAN HARRIS	7
‡J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 3).
Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.
‡ 25th peal together.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	*HARRY W. HOWARD	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	*HAROLD WORRALL	6
*HENRY PARKER	3	*CECIL RADDON	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 50th peal together.
Rung in memoriam H M. Queen Mary.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD	*Treble*	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
HENRY T. WILSON	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
COLIN E. WRIGHT	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	BERTRAM C. HINES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. VICARS. Conducted by COLIN E. WRIGHT.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

GEOFFREY INGHAM	*Treble*	*ROBERT E. MOULDS	5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	*ROY MANN	6
*JOHN F. BRYANT	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

MARGARET SOFTLEY	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
ROBERT BELL	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
CHARLES McGUINESS	3	*THOMAS COOKE	7
KENNETV ARTHUR	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* 50th peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

UFFCULME, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	R. JOHN KELLAND	5
*PERCY J. MAYNE	2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	6
MRS. C. F. MILES	3	*JAMES D. UPTON	7
GORDON WALFORD	4	*WILLIAM H. WARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. TAYLOR.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.
In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary and Mrs. E. V. Cox. At the request of the Vicar of Uffculme, as the peal started immediately after a wedding ceremony, the bells were rung open.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD SADLER	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	DONALD COOMBES	6
WILLIAM S. MAY	3	GERALD FROST	7
PHILIP SADLER	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
*SUSAN JACKSON	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Triples
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., March 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
GEORGE W. WATERMAN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Combined Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Combined Childwall and Thelwall, (3) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Spliced Plain and Double Bob, (6) Combined Single Court and Reverse Bob and (7) Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*DAVID HEIGHTON	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in more than seven methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BERNARD PARKIN	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	4
*GRAHAM MORRIS (14)	2	DUDLEY SURMAN	5
†ROY TAYLOR	3	FRANK PENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE MINOR
Comprising four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
*JAMES BROOKS	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of: Bourne Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
*RICHARD GARDINER	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
PETER J. CAME	3	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*DEREK PREECE	*Treble*	DAVID W. BARR	4
†BRYAN E. CARSON	2	‡MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
†JOHN R. JOYNER	3	CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal of Minor and first peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of York, Alnwick, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, London and Cambridge. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN MUSSELL	*Treble*	*†JOHN HARTLESS	4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
*DAVID R. REED	3	*RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.
* First peal of Surprise in seven methods. † 50th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung with the bells fully muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR BRYANT	*Treble*	LAURENCE H. TURNER	4
JOHN PIDGEON	2	RICHARD VALENTINE	5
ROBIN PITTMAN	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, eight Plain Bob and fourteen six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*JAMES GRIFFIN	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
†DEREK E. GRIFFIN	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. † First peal in four methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

UPPER CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*OLIVER MILLS	*Treble*	†RONALD COX	4
JOAN BUSSEY	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
*FREDERICK OAKHILL	3	†VICTOR JELLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WOOLPIT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
*ALAN FEVER	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
*JOHN S. WYBROW	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*PAMELA PEEL	*Treble*	ROLAND REED	4
WALTER J. HAMMOND	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
RICHARD SPENCER	3	HARRY FOLLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., March 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DOREEN WEAR	*Treble*	WALTER COATES	4
SYDNEY CARNALL	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
CHARLES COOK	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes.*
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN	1—2	DEREK G. GOODMAN	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*GRAHAM J. STODD	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.
* First peal.
In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JOHN WORTH	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	4	ERNEST BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.
Rung in recognition of the 52nd anniversary of the first peal in the method.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars'. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	RONALD I. SHEPHERD	5
*MONICA HOWARD	2	†MICHAEL HATCHETT	6
BRIAN TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in method.

CHIDDINGSTONE. KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN	*Treble*	*†REGINALD L. SILLS	5
FRANK W. TOMLIN	2	*WILLIAM R. MANSER	6
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	†FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 51, 49, 50, 48, 54, 28, 29).
Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
DENIS ALLSOP	2	KENNETH H. ROWLAND	5
REG. C. TIPLER	3	PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., March 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
GORDON HARRISON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor and first peal 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Gordon and Peggy Harrison on the birth of a son.



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CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and twelve extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR BIRD .. .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER 4
MONICA HOWARD 2	ROYSTON P. PURCHASE .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	†JEFFREY C. BIRT .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. ..*Treble*	DENIS ALLSOP 4
WINIFRED BURTON 2	KENNETH H. ROWLAND .. 5
REG. C. TIPLER 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
A birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Double Court. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. FORD .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	BERT GOGLE 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in seven methods.

BARHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,920 Grandsire, 1,680 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN E. CHITTENDEN (1937-43) *Treble*	*WALTER C. CHANDLER (1931-37) 3
M. JOHN MARTIN (1944-51) 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN (1945-) 4

†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT (1924-28) *Tenor*
Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal for the Association. The first peal on the bells, which were augmented to five in 1947.
Rung by past and present members of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, to commemorate the 375th anniversary of the birth at Folkestone of William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood and brother of the founder of the school.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 126A, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7—8
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 9—10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman, Surfleet, on the birth of twin boys, Peter and Timothy.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

TO H.M. QUEEN MARY OF BLESSED MEMORY

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 360 of London, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge: W. Smith 1, A. Ling 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Angela Carter 1, Dorothy M. Cockshead 2, J. W. Berry 3, D. O. Wilks 4, R. D. Prior (first quarter of Minor) 5, H. A. Treadgold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wootton 1, C. Evans 2, H. P. Schofield 3, W. Inwood 4, J. Schofield (first as cond.) 5, S. Jones 6. First in the method by all except conductor.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Paine (first away from tenor) 1, Mary ;W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, G. A. Steele (first of Plain Bob Doubles and first for 25 years) 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. Rung fully muffled.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. D. Staniforth 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, R. Copson 3, G. H. Arguile 4, A. Disney 5, W. A. Lacey 6, D. S. Harris 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Bob Triples: L. Hughes 1, Miss P. Hutton (first 'inside') 2, S. Bonnett 3, L. Scoot 4, T. Holehouse 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Rung half-muffled.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Weaver 1, Miss J. Gorton 2, Miss J. Huddleston 3, H. Balaam 4, S. Webb 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, K. Biggs 8. Rung half-muffled.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook (first quarter) 1, H. Scar (cond.) 2, W. Scar 3, R. Felce 4, R. Cadamy 5, W. Daniells 6, J. Meager 7, J. Marks 8. Rung half-muffled.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Miss L. Allen 2, Miss E. Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. W. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lowe 1, M. Page 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Lewis 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Bridges 1, E. Izzard (first of Doubles) 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, D. G. Horn (first of Doubles) 4, W. Stapleton 5, J. Pendall (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Palmer 1, A. Forsyth 2, J. Ling 3, A. Hodgson 4, J. B. Porter 5, J. Boustead 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. First quarter of Triples for 4 and 5. First quarter since the ban on ringing was lifted. Rung half-muffled.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Pannell 1, Bridget Cox (first 'inside') 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Parker 4, J. Carpenter (cond.) 5, V. Webster 6.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Martin 1, W. Dyer (cond.) 2, T. Newbury 3, F. Nurden 4, G. Kilmister 5, T. Boreham 6, P. Baker 7, L. Aston 8. Rung half-muffled.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 540 Grandsire): H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, F. Justain 6. Rung half-muffled.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Henson 1, Joan Hoodless 2, C. Barnes 3, A. E. Hoodless (first 'inside') 4, A. Simpsen (first as cond.) 5, B. M. Buswell 6. First in the method 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Brownett 1, P. Davis (cond.) 2, Miss V. Potter 3, Mrs. P. Vowles (first 'inside') 4, T. Blow 5, J. Relf 6, B. Newson 7, E. Vowles (first tenor) 8. Rung half-muffled.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, E. B. Crowder 2, R. G. Long 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, T. A. Easterby 5, P. G. Parrott 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled.

These are some of the many quarter peals rung to the memory of a beloved Queen

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Doubles: Rev. A. L. Nind (first quarter) 1, A. T. Weeks 2, P. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Nadin 1, W. A. Smith 2, B. Woodruffe 3, Mrs. M. E. White 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, F. R. Forster 6, I. Smith 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wells 1, C. J. Beadle (first as cond.) 2, J. Read 3, R. Hale 4, S. Meadows 5, W. J. Paice 6, E. J. Wells 7, C. W. Denyer 8. Rung half-muffled.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kept Treble Bob, 360 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Mason 1, Mrs. White 2, C. Fennel 3, M. Mason 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Court 1, A. Rye 2, T. Wickens 3, Miss J. Wells 4, F. Lawrence (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung half-muffled.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, on Mar. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping (15) 1, Miss P. Lord (15) 2, Miss S. M. Taylor (17) 3, J. F. Bryant (15, first as cond.) 4, J. H. Fielden 5, R. M. Mann 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, Miss W. Pretty 4, A. H. Harris 5, T. Greenhall 6, B. E. Woodall 7, D. Morton 8. Rung half-muffled.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,212 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Medhurst (first quarter) 1, D. A. Cornford 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, R. J. Sumner (first of Minor) 4, R. A. Juckes (first 'inside') 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright (first quarter) 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, W. T. Hill 5. Rung half-muffled.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, R. Pye 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Williams 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. J. Smith 3, G. Marriner 4, A. Harman 5, C. Smart 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. P. T. Peters 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10. Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.—On Mar. 31st, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Williams 1, G. H. Hebborn 2, P. Desbrow 3, A. Cattell 4, W. H. Clarke 5, C. Desbrow (first 'inside') 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: W. Bottrill 1, J. Rushton 2, A. Smith 3, A. King 4, J. Herbert 5, J. Scott 6, H. Burton (first as cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10. Rung half-muffled.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cocking 1, S. A. Jaine 2, Miss M. Addy 3, F. D. Livesey 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, J. A. Grace 6, D. E. Lodge 7, W. Hansom 8. Rung half-muffled, with 7, 6, 8 covering.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire): Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, J. H. Hayne 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Clothier 6. Rung with the front five bells fully muffled and the tenor open at handstroke.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): F. Smith 1, R. Wallis (first extent Cambridge) 2, Miss P. Warren 3, J. Etherington 4, J. O. Glanville 5, G. L. Grover (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Small 1, F. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, S. Howard 4, E. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6. Rung half-muffled.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Schofield 1, Jean Thompson (first quarter) 2, J. Close (first quarter) 3, R. F. Eccles 4, Marion Hayton (first quarter) 5, F. Postlethwaite (first as cond. of Minor) 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Milnes 1, W. Midwinter 2, F. Hooper 3, A. Muddell 4, S. Barley (first as cond.) 5, C. Copp 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willes 1, Miss A. Willes (first 'inside' to Grandsire) 2, H. Werrett (cond.) 3, I. Werrett 4, M. Collins 5, P. Meyhey 6, J. Collings 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Rung half-muffled.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob): W. Warner 1, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 2, W. J. Forder 3, D. Fenn 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Shepperd 1, E. Marks 2, C. C. Turner (cond.) 3, W. Burrows 4, J. Arbury 5, R. J. Wood (first 'inside') 6, C. J. Turner 7, C. J. Glanvill (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, J. Rootes 4, Mary Delderfield 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lewis 1, S. Jackson 2, D. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (last quarter of Holt's Original), rung on the back eight: F. Hurrell 1, P. Spice 2, M. Oakshett 3, P. Parrott 4, J. Warner 5, B. Aldridge 6, E. Crowder (cond.) 7, W. Rawlings 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the Lewisham district.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): A. Fudge (first in method) 1, Miss F. Attwood 2, J. Schofield 3, C. Slade (first quarter) 4, S. Warwick (first in method) 5, D. Priest (first quarter) 6, R. Stoddart (cond.) 7, B. Huntley (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, F. Mooring 3, G. Allam 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, P. Deadman (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, M. Sinden 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Both rung half-muffled.

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss Ann Vine 2, Miss Janet Wells 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, T. A. Wickens 5, F. Lawrence (first 'inside' of Triples) 6, G. Ruck 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, S. Birch 2, C. Wallater 3, E. T. Smith 4, A. T. Dutton 5, A. T. Dutton 6, G. W. Hughes 7, H. E. Green 8, M. G. Turner 9, J. S. Eastwood 10. Rung half-muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bell 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. G. Paul 3, E. B. Durrant (first of Bob Major) 4, A. W. Dix 5, R. G. Bell 6, F. H. Crook 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. C. Emery 1, W. G. Paul 2, E. B. Durrant 3, R. G. Bell (cond.) 4, S. H. Hoare 5, F. H. Crook 6, G. W. Seaman 7, R. B. King 8. Both rung half-muffled.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Best 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, Anne Hannam 3, S. A. Guppy 4, A. Guppy 5, H. W. Pearce 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Smith 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, R. Wallis 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. Etherington 5, J. O. Glanville 6, R. Morant 7, G. B. Grover 8. Rung half-muffled.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It was a case of youth and age in the memorial peal to Queen Mary at Sutton-in-Holderness. Four of the ringers are still at school while the Rodmell brothers have been ringing in the district for the past 50 years. Before the peal started the observation was heard, 'Four schoolchildren and two old crocks.' However, the 'old crocks' finished as fresh as the school bairns!

Mr. A. J. Adams, of Cheam, 'circled' Banstead tower by ringing the treble to an 'in memoriam' peal to Queen Mary on March 28th.

An example of perseverance comes from Uffculme, Devon. After 19 attempts under various conductors, Messrs. J. D. Upton and William H. Ware have rung their first peal of Triples.

By ringing a quarter peal of Bob Minor on handbells Miss Pauline Symonds has taken the art into the sixth generation of the Symonds family, which dates back to Jesse Symonds, 1800.

The centenary of the dedication of the bells at Hyde, Cheshire, which took place on Palm Sunday, 1853, was commemorated by ringing 1,344 Plain Bob Major on Palm Sunday by W. Shaw 1, Doreen Lawton 2, E. Simpson 3, H. Norgrove 4, A. Haughton 5, J. Heap 6, A. Hough 7, T. Wilde (cond.) 8.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Carlisle Cathedral to the memory of Queen Mary was the first quarter of Triples by a resident regular Sunday service band since the war. Progress in such a remote tower is something to be proud of as the nearest active tower is 30 miles away and help from outside is practically impossible owing to travelling difficulties. Hopes are entertained that a full peal will not be too far distant.

Among the 'in memoriam' peals to Queen Mary was one of 5,056 Whitwick Surprise Major at Buckland, Berkshire. This was the first peal in the method by all the band on the bells and by the Oxford Guild.

A reader has suggested that the dubbing of Grandsire as 'Ringer's Ruin,' originated from Mr. Stafford Green, who, we understand, is on his way home from Australia.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 22nd, 1901. The 52nd anniversary of this peal was commemorated by a similar performance at Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

Baltonsborough (Somerset) has been bereaved by the death of the former captain of the tower, Mr. A. Woolley, on March 13th. To his memory 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung on March 22nd by J. Rawles 1, H. Cannon 2, H. Attwell 3, C. Toogood 4, V. J. Farthing (cond.) 5, H. Jones 6.

Forty years ago last Easter Monday four peals were rung in a day in Kent, the first time this had been achieved. The peals were rung at Upchurch, Newington, Bobbing and Tunstall, all being conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, who took part in the octogenarians' peal last year. Other ringers were Cecil Bishop, James Nye, William J. Wood, William T. Hyland and William Nye.

It is hoped to make the peal by past and present members of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, an annual event. The peal recorded this week commemorates the 375th anniversary of the birth, at Folkestone, of William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood. Old Harveians who would like to stand in any future peals are asked to communicate with Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, Kenya, Castle Road, Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT CANTERBURY

MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED — SLIGHT DECREASE IN PRACTISING MEMBERS — 155 PEALS IN 1952 — MR. MARK S. LANCEFIELD NEW PEAL SECRETARY

CANTERBURY is always a popular meeting place of the Kent County Association. The service in the choir of the Cathedral, a prelude to the annual meeting of the Association on Easter Monday, was an inspiration to the large attendance. The hearty congregational singing of the Easter hymns was commented upon favourably by the Cathedral organist, Dr. Douglas Hopkins. The Precentor (the Rev. C. Ludlow) conducted the service, Canon A. O. Standen read the lesson and the Dean of Canterbury gave the address.

A company of 215 sat down to lunch in the Drill Hall, at which Mr. John Willis presided. Grace was said by the Dean, and other guests included the Bishop of Dover, the Archdeacon of Canterbury and the Precentor.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The Chairman, after extending a welcome to the Bishop of Dover, the Dean of Canterbury and the Archdeacon of Canterbury, said he had a pleasurable duty to perform. An Association of their size could not exist without capable officers, and the Kent County Association had been particularly fortunate in this respect. Some of them could look back to when the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was treasurer and secretary, and he thought it was he who laid the foundations of their strong and flourishing Society. He was succeeded by their friend, Fred Mitchell, and under his secretaryship until six years ago and for 25 years as hon. treasurer, the Association had gone on from strength to strength. Only that morning they learnt that, through his wise forethought, the Association had been able to secure an increased yield from its investments. That was the sort of treasurer they wanted to have and to keep.

Mr. Mitchell had had other honours in his career. He had been Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He had now completed 25 years as treasurer and, until recent years secretary, and the members desired to show their appreciation of his long and valued services. He asked the Dean of Canterbury to present Mr. Mitchell with a cheque for £50.

The Dean said he felt very loath to part with a cheque for £50, but the pleasure in handing it to an admirable successor of the founder made up for parting with £50 (applause).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, in thanking the members, said he had had one of the biggest shocks of his life. It was extremely kind of them, and he was very pleased they had appreciated his efforts. He was elected hon. secretary and treasurer 25 years ago, and he hoped to be able to carry on as treasurer for a few more years.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed a vote of thanks to those responsible for making the arrangements for the service. He asked the Precentor (the Rev. C. Ludlow) to express their thanks to the Dean and Chapter.

Mr. R. French seconded.

THE MOTIF

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. H. Spice), in his report, said in this Coronation year, when the bells everywhere would ring wildly forth to honour the crowning of the young Queen Elizabeth, they would do well to remember that God's plan insisted on an inward faith making the fullest demands on the talents with which He had endowed them. That surely was the motif for the corporate effort in the Association: the idea of an abiding enterprise of outlook embodied in a sustained loyalty. . . . To-day they thought of one member in particular; one who not only had been the inspiration of his own ringing chamber for very many years, but for a quarter of a century had held the highest offices of the Association. To Frederick M. Mitchell he proudly dedicated the report.

The total of practising members at the end of 1952 was 996, compared with 1,013 at the end of 1951. He hoped the Tonbridge District would do something to arrest the downward trend. The total membership was 90 out of 25 towers in union with the Association.

New practising members had joined from all districts, viz.: Ashford, 12 adults, 4 juveniles; Canterbury, 21 and 5; Lewisham, 27 and 11; Maidstone, 29 and 8; Rochester, 17 and 2; Tonbridge, 14 and 1.

The meeting stood while the following members who had died were remembered: Philip H. Pierce (Brabourne), James Wood (Pluckley), J. Sharp (Wingham), E. A. G. Allen, F. W. Richardson, King (Maidstone), Canon F. W. Hasserd-Short (hon. member), Dr. Simpson, A. W. Brighton, W. Keeble and E. J. Oliver (non-resident life members), Canon T. E. Teignmouth-Shore (first secretary of the Lewisham District).

Mr. Spice also reported that the committee had had 750 reprints of the Association's Form of Service with amendments; had ordered more badges and had made the following grants: Farningham, £10 10s.; Lynsted, £10 10s.; Wye, £5 5s.; St. John's, Erith, £10 10s.; Beckingham, £15 15s.; Bromley, £10.

PRE-REFORMATION BELL LOST

He called attention to the sale for scrap of a ring of five at Boughton Aluph, which had a particularly fine pre-Reformation tenor, and that efforts to retrieve it were unsuccessful.

The Lewisham District thanked Mr. H. Hoverd for a successful term as Ringing Master, and placed on record their gratitude to Mr. J. Bennett for his many years of work in the district prior to retiring to East Anglia.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell (Eltham) and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Richardson (Deptford) on celebrating their golden weddings, and to Mr. E. A. Barnett upon his election as secretary and treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

Maidstone District continued concentrating in selected methods at their meetings, and 'The Belfry' still carried on. A new band of learners at Cowden in the Tonbridge District was receiving instruction from Mr. Harry Gearing and Mr. G. Hadlow.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Palin, seconded by Mr. W. Knight.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Mr. F. M. Mitchell presented the treasurer's report. The general account started with a balance of £108 1s. 8d. and ended with £111 2s. 5d. The provision of badges proved very popular, and approximately 590 had been sold by the end of 1952. Of the 88 honorary members, Canterbury District had 42 and Rochester 22. He hoped more patrons would be found in other districts.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with a balance in hand of £218 8s. 7d. Income during the year was £21 6s. 3d. Grants for renovations amounted to £41 10s. A balance of £198 5s. 2d. was carried forward. During the 58 years this fund had been in operation £437 7s. had been paid out to assist renovations.

The Benevolent Fund started with £393 13s. 3d. Income amounted to £29 14s. 9d., and two grants had been paid out amounting to £15. By investing in War Loan interest had increased by £4 10s. The total assets of the Association were now £1,266 9s. 8d.

Mr. E. S. Ruck, the last foundation member, proposed the adoption of the report, and Mr. Isaac Emery seconded.

PEAL SECRETARY'S WARNING

Mr. P. A. Corby, peal secretary, reported 155 peals had been rung in 1952, a decrease of 28. The peals included first for the Association on tower bells of Apsley, Ealing, Warwickshire, and Watford Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus; on handbells Spliced Plain Major in three methods and Little Bob Royal.

There were 54 conductors, including six 'first as conductor.' Messrs. M. S. Lancefield and P. A. Corby each called 13, and Mr. T. E. Sone called 12. There were 38 first peals, a decrease of one. Congratulations were offered to all 'first-pealers' and their instructors. In April a band of octogenarians scored a peal of Bob Major at Deptford. They were proud to record this wonderful achievement. Another remarkable event was the 500th peal on Crayford bells, the largest total ever recorded in one tower. For Mr. Edwin Barnett, the conductor, it was his 250th on the bells—also a record.

The figures in the report were subject to correction if discrepancies were revealed when the Central Council's figures for the year were published.

'The urgent attention of all persons who wish to ring peals for the Association is directed to the rules of membership. Persons whose subscriptions are in arrears are not members of the Association, but instances have come to light where ringers are as much as two or three years in arrears but continue to stand in Association peals. It is the duty of the conductor to ensure that his band are all bona-fide members.'

Two young members moved and seconded the adoption of the report — Mr. Mark S. Lancefield and Mr. Cyril Wratten.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. John Willis' name was added to the list of vice-presidents. Mr. F. S. Macey, Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. J. Willis were re-elected trustees. In addition to district secretaries and representatives Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, R. A. Constant, T. R. Russell, W. R. Rayner and G. Cross were elected to the committee. Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. F. M. Mitchell were re-elected in their respective offices of hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, and Mr. George Cross was re-elected auditor.

The meeting received with regret the resignation of Mr. P. A. Corby as peal secretary. Mr. Mark S. Lancefield was elected his successor, with Mr. Reginald Sills as the other candidate.

The business of the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks moved by Mr. P. A. Corby to Mr. 'Bert' Luck for organising the meeting and for the excellence of the meal. He also thanked the incumbents for their co-operation in regard to the ringing.

Mr. Percy Page seconded and the vote was carried with acclamation.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

St. Patrick's Day in Limerick

From 10.30 a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, was a hive of activity on St. Patrick's Day as ringers began to arrive from various parts of Southern Ireland to compete for the Southern District Cup and to attend the meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association. Many people who hitherto had not seen the Cathedral had now an opportunity of visiting its precincts and expressed great delight at its beauty.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 a.m. by the Lord Bishop of Limerick (the Right Rev. E. C. Hodges, D.D.), who was assisted by the Rev. W. T. Beckerson, B.D. (Dean's Vicar). Many of the ringers attended.

At 12.30 p.m. the large party gathered at Ardhu Hotel for the luncheon and annual general meeting. Dr. Hodges presided and welcomed the visiting teams and their friends to Limerick and to its ancient Cathedral. These teams included Bandon, Doneraile, Cork, Waterford and Kilkenny, also the two home teams of St. Mary's Cathedral and Mount St. Alphonsus. He gave a special welcome to Mr. William Pratt, the president of the Irish Association, who came from Belfast for the event. He stressed that Belfast was a good distance from Limerick and was not a part of the Republic, but in the art of bellringing no border existed. He continued by regretting that the Dean (the Very Rev. G. L. Swain) was unable to be present through illness. He wished the meeting every success on behalf of the Dean and himself.

After lunch the meeting took place and the following officers were elected for 1953:—Chairman, J. H. Haydn (Limerick); joint hon. sec. and treasurer, F. G. Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, C. W. Galbraith (Limerick); Ringing Master, D. Benson (Limerick); vice-president on Executive Committee, F. Bogan (Cork); appointments to Executive Council: F. Bogan, F. G. Bingham, B. A. Brislane (Limerick) and C. W. Galbraith.

Following the meeting the various teams made their way to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the ringing competitions were held for the Southern District Cup, now known as the Cherry Cup. This new title was given to the cup at the meeting to commemorate Lord Chief Justice R. R. Cherry, Chief Justice of Ireland about 50 or 60 years ago. Lord Cherry was a very keen bellringing enthusiast; his ringing career started in Waterford, where Irish change ringing commenced. Later Lord Cherry was transferred to Dublin on a higher appointment and he then became a practising ringer there. He presented two treble bells to St. Patrick's Cathedral, which gave them the first and only ring of twelve bells in Ireland. Lord Cherry had also connections with St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, where he bore the cost of some renovations which were effected earlier in the century.

The Cathedral and grounds were looking their best on the fine spring day and the first team to enter the portals of the tower was St. Finbarre's, Cork; secondly, the St. Mary's Cathedral team rang, and thirdly, another Limerick team, Mount St. Alphonsus. The ringing given by these three teams was undoubtedly the best, but the victors were St. Mary's Cathedral ringers, whose performance was described as 'monotonously correct' by the judges (Mr. W. Pratt, Belfast, and Mr. J. E. Harris, Waterford). The runners-up were Mount St. Alphonsus ringers, who also had a very good ring, missing the cup by only one mark; the judges mentioned that they had great difficulty in trying to decide which team was the better. The winning team is now entitled to compete against the Eastern and Northern Districts for the Murphy Cup, which is the 'All Ireland' trophy.

Following the competitions tea was provided by a ladies' committee in the Presbyterian Hall. Here the cup was presented by Mr. Pratt to the captain of St. Mary's team, Mr. G. H. Ellis, amid enthusiastic cheering and clapping, and the Attendance Shield was presented to the Bandon team by Miss Swain. It was remarkable to note that Bandon have won this Attendance Shield for two successive years, which means that they have had a full team to ring for morning service every Sunday and Christmas day during the past two years. It surely is a headline for other towers to follow.

St. Mary's Cathedral team was composed of the following members: W. W. Cox 1, G. H. Ellis (captain) 2, J. E. Cole 3, F. G. Bingham 4, T. T. Marsden 5, B. A. Brislane 6, C. W. Galbraith 7, T. A. Brislane 8.

LEYLAND (LANCASHIRE) BELLS PEAL AGAIN

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung at St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, on March 21st, which was recorded in our last issue, was one of the few since these bells were augmented to ten in 1929.

Readily available records show that the original six bells, from the foundry of Abram Rudhall, of Gloucester, were installed in 1722, though the tower dates much earlier than that, and it is a fair conjecture that there were bells in the tower before 1722. Two bells to make the octave were added in 1897, and in 1929 the timber frame, having become unsafe, was discarded, the opportunity then being taken of augmenting the ring to ten, and rehanging in a steel frame with modern fittings.

The roof of the nave had been a cause of anxiety for many years, because of dry rot and the ravages of the death-watch beetle, until finally in the autumn of 1950 work started upon the complete stripping of the roof. Considerable work had to be done to the walls, galleries, etc. A great deal of voluntary work was contributed, and finally after many difficulties the church was reopened and rededicated on the evening of March 18th by the Lord Bishop of Lancaster.

Over two-thirds of the cost of £12,000 has already been contributed.

This ancient Parish Church will probably be called upon to perform an even greater service than it has done over the past centuries, for the village is growing fairly rapidly, several hundred post-war houses being already occupied, and there are proposals afoot for taking in 'overspill' populations from adjacent towns and cities.

There was an hour's good ringing preceding the rededication service.

It was not practicable, for various reasons, to include more than three of the local band, so friends from neighbouring towers, who have on many occasions lent a helping hand to Leyland ringers, once again came along.

Two of the band were having their first experience of a ten-bell peal, whilst 13-year-old Stanley Walmsley, ringing his first peal, was congratulated by his fellow-ringers for the steady and capable way he handled the third. He had had little experience of Kent, and had his first try at Kent Royal when he rang a short course on the evening of the rededication. He is quite modest about his achievement, which goes to show what can be done by anyone of average ability and with normal opportunities, providing they apply themselves diligently to the task.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Donation of £50 to Help Towers

The 26th annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 14th, when the area was well represented by ringers from 16 different towers. The service was conducted by the Guild's president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., assisted by his curate, the Rev. W. W. Reeve, with an inspiring address by a student from the Theological College at Lingfield.

As usual the president entertained the company to tea in the small parish hall and afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

The minutes were read and confirmed and, arising from same, the president spoke of the debt that East Grinstead tower and the Guild owed to Miss K. Shepherd, who was always ready to do anything that was required at a moment's notice.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, and two young members of the local band, Mr. J. and Miss P. Howard.

Mr. B. Collison proposed that the printed report and balance sheet should be accepted. This was carried, but one member protested that the balance sheet had not been made out correctly. It was pointed out to him that the balance sheet had always been made out the same, to save a lot of separate accounts for items such as 'Sale of badges,' which was the bone of contention. Quite an argument ensued and the chairman had to smooth things over and pass on to the next item.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Golding-Bird was re-elected president, and in proposing him Mr. Collison said that an annual meeting without his genial personality could not be contemplated, and, in seconding, Mr. Wellington raised a laugh when he said that Dr. Golding-Bird's name was on all the stationery and the Guild could not afford to have that altered.

The rest of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. G. D. Burroughs, who had left the district. Mr. R. D. Divall, who had audited the current accounts, was elected in his place. The chairman, Mr. E. J. Ladd, had hoped to stand down in favour of the vice-chairman, but, in seconding his re-election, Mr. Wellington said that Mr. Ladd did so much to foster the family feeling in the Guild that he hoped that he would carry on.

Further meetings, at Withyham in April and Wadhurst in May, were arranged, and it was decided to hold the summer outing on July 11th with a trip into South Kent.

It was also decided that, if possible, another dinner should be held in the autumn, and it was left to a sub-committee to see what arrangements could be made, it being thought that suitable accommodation could be found in Tunbridge Wells.

The secretary then read a letter from Mrs. E. J. Oliver, who had enclosed a cheque for £50, the interest of which she hoped would be used to help towers in the area where the late Mr. E. J. Oliver used to ring. After the company had stood in silence for a few moments, Mr. E. J. Ladd explained the conversations that he had had with Mrs. Oliver, the outcome of which was her generous gift. It was decided to call the fund 'The E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund,' and that the trustees should be the chairman, the treasurer and the secretary.

After Mr. A. F. Lewry had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Golding-Bird and to all those who had made the meeting a success, the company returned to the tower.

Ringing during the day included Bob Minor on the back six, Doubles with three cover bells, and the standard methods up to Cambridge Major.

C. A. B.

LETTERS

ST. GEORGE'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—We have been ringing at Wembdon, Somerset, for a long time, the variation of All Saints' Doubles that Mr. Wratton, of Hythe, gives in his recent letter and which he is welcome to call 'Newington.'

The method can also be rung with an Old Doubles 'single' for a call and if this variation had not been named I should like to name it St. George's Doubles (after St. George's, Wembdon). I haven't seen this used before and St. George being England's patron saint would make it an appropriate name this Coronation year.—Yours faithfully, R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

BRINKLOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Whilst looking through my records I came across the report of a peal of Brinklow Surprise Major being rung at Willesden, November 24th, 1951. I cannot find any trace of the figures of the method being published. I wonder if the same might be available through 'The Ringing World,' or from anyone in a position to oblige. I feel that without having this information I am in an awkward position, as I might hand out a method that has already been rung. Will anyone please oblige?—Sincerely yours, E. W. TIPLER.

Rugby.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. F. R. Scott, may be interested to see the touch below of Stedman Triples which brings up Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums in 120 changes.

This touch has the slight defect that Whittington's comes at backstroke, but this is offset by several advantages over the touch communicated by Mr. Scott. This touch is shorter, uses fewer singles, and has no bells other than 4, 6, 7 dodging in 6-7.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID A. EDWARDS.

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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXXIV.

FROM CALL CHANGES TO HALF-PULL RINGING

We referred in our last article to the great importance of gaining bell control before a beginner proceeds to half-pull ringing.

When there are one or two learners who are practising with a competent band the time spent in reaching this stage ought not to be unduly long. The difficulties arise when a young band are endeavouring to teach themselves. They will need patience and regular practice and should seek any help they can get from neighbouring ringers.

When they are able to strike rounds and call changes well, they can go on to half-pull ringing, but should not attempt to do so before they can strike accurately. The better they can 'strike' the easier they will find it to ring changes, because nothing confuses a ringer more, when he is endeavouring to find his next to strike over, than two other ropes coming down together.

There will be very few readers of these notes who do not understand what 'call changes' are, but in case there are any such we would explain that these are changes 'called' by the conductor. Usually he changes the positions of one pair of bells at a time by telling them each which bell to pull over next, and when this has been done they go on ringing in the same order until the next alteration is made.

What happens to one pair of bells at intervals in call changes happens to as many pairs as possible at every pull when 'change ringing' is done, but while in the former the ringer may have several whole pulls after one bell and thus, if he has ears, the opportunity of improving his accuracy before he is moved again, in changes he has got to find the exact position for his bell at each pull on the rope, and, in addition, instead of being told which bell to pull over, he has got to find it for himself.

Here is one way in which a young band can approach change ringing, after having learned to manage their bells successfully in call changes. Instead of advancing all at once to half-pulls, they can change with the next bell at every whole pull, trying it at first by returning at each alternate whole pull, to the previous position. Thus suppose they are ringing rounds on six bells, they can have alternate whole pulls (that is handstroke and backstroke), in the order 214365 and 123456.

They can do this for a time until, at each handstroke, the change is cleanly made all round. This accomplished, they can then do the same thing by making the change at backstroke, and completing the whole pull at handstroke. This will give them experience in making the change both ways of the rope.

From this stage the next should consist of whole pull ringing while changing with the next bell, opposite to the one that the previous change was made with, so that if in the first 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 respectively change, producing 214365, in the next 1-4 and 3-6 change producing 241635. At the following whole pull all three pairs will change, that is 2-4, 1-6, 3-5, and following this two pairs 4-1 and 6-3. If this is continued systematically the bells will come back into rounds in twelve changes. If the beginner can work these out on paper for himself, changing three pairs and two pairs alternately, he will see what happens.

One advantage of beginning by ringing this in whole pulls is that it gives the learner more time to get his new position and pick out the next bell he has got to change with. He will learn that when he has to put an additional bell between himself and the lead he must hold up a little longer—a fraction of a second—because more bells have to strike round before his comes in; while as he gets nearer the lead, he has to pull in a little quicker to maintain the beat, because there is one less bell to strike before his own.

In going from the lead upward he will probably have no difficulty in finding the bell he will strike after at the next change, because it is following him in this one. But coming back to lead it is not so easy to see the next bell he will strike over, because it is in a sense hidden by two others which are striking in between. If, however, he can see the total number of bells in front of him, in other words, see that he is pulling after five or four others (or whatever the number may be), and if he then ignores the one he is striking over and pulls in a trifle quicker to place himself over the last of the others which have been below, he will have found the bell he wants. If he has not been quite accurate at the first blow, he can further correct his position at the next before having to move again. That is the advantage of beginning by ringing these simple changes in whole pulls.

When this can be done so that the movement is not only understood by the ringer but the ringing itself is good, then the young band can take the first step in half-pull ringing by putting this 'method' into practice in the proper way, and changing position at both handstroke and backstroke.

It is a good thing not always to ring the same bell at these practices, but to take a different one at different times. It gets one used to making allowance in the striking for bells of different sizes. There is more 'space' required in striking a small bell over a large one than in striking a large one over a small one, assuming that they are all correctly clappered. But sometimes a bell may not be evenly clappered, and then it is that the beginner must most particularly use his ears.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Visit Hazelbury Bryan

The first quarterly meeting for 1953 of North Dorset ringers was held at Hazelbury Bryan on March 14th. The attendance was disappointing but towers at Hazelbury, Shaftesbury, Childe Okeford, Shroton, Yetminster, Kington Magna, Sturminster Marshall and Hampreston were represented.

Ringing took place under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shute. The Guild office was taken by the secretary: Mr. W. E. Trevett read the lesson and the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. Munro). Mrs. Hunt was organist. Tea was served in the Rectory by ladies of the congregation.

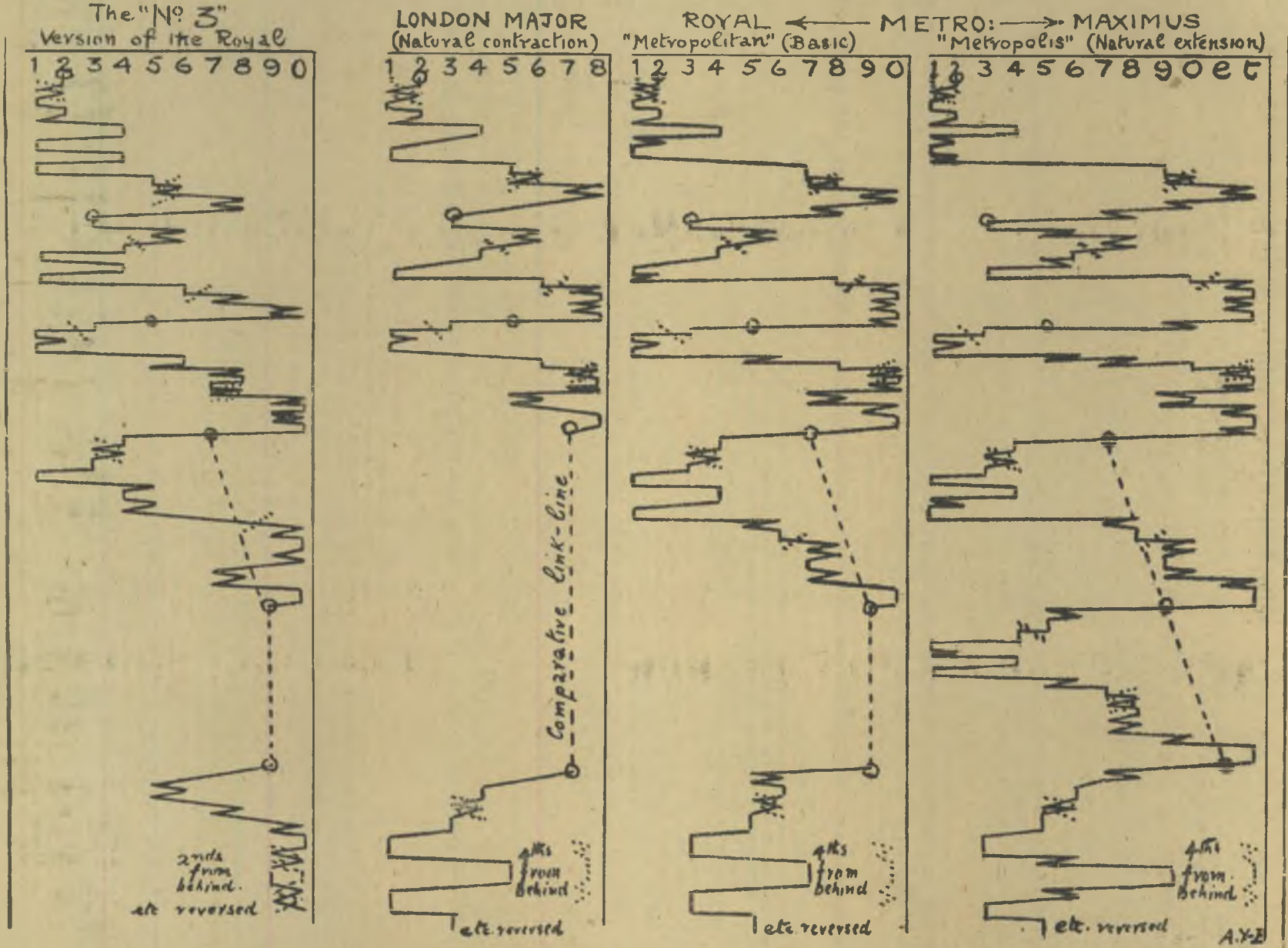
At the business meeting which followed, the secretary presented the complete statement of accounts for 1952, which showed a total income of £69 9s.; expenditure amounting to £44 16s. 10d. Notice was given of the Diocesan Guild Festival to take place at Calne on May 9th, and of the Dorset Ringers' Festival at Blandford on July 4th.

The question of ringing on Coronation Day was discussed. The chairman (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) said suitable times would be early in the morning and during the return of the Royal procession to the Palace.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rector, to those who had served tea and to the organist. Ringing was then resumed.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Wakeling 3, W. Ransom 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

'FAMILY PORTRAITS – BY THE BLUE LINE'



TECHNICAL NOTES TO THE DIAGRAM ON OPPOSITE PAGE

The first or 'parent' form of this method appeared in 1734 on the Minor stage under the title of 'London.' In 1788 it appeared on the Major stage; and because of its pattern similarity with that of the Minor, efforts have been repeatedly made to 'extend' the Major to Royal and Maximus. By 1948 the nearest obtainable to the natural form, and therefore claimed as the Proximate, appeared as 'London Royal (U.A.).'

But by this time the renewed work in the science of method structure had established a mathematical process of determining the basic stage (lowest stage embodying all innate features of the design) of any method form, and hence the derivation of the stages (if any) of natural extensions and contractions of that basic form.

At once a number of methods (including London) were recognised as having a basic form other than that of the parent stage. Indeed for many years London Minor (the 'parent') had already ceased to be regarded as the basic, being considered as a contraction. The method now appeared as basic on the Royal stage, with London Major and Minor as the natural contractions, and with a natural extension to Maximus.

To avoid controversy over names, pending the Central Council adoption of principles of method structure (which may take some years at the present rate), the basic Royal was named 'Metropolitan.' It was first rung to a peal by the Leicester Cathedral band, who also rang the Maximus, naming it 'Metropolis,' again to avoid controversy over name.

The half-course blue lines of the three stages are set out 'in parallel' for ready comparison of 'leads' or divisions of blue line, each being marked by a small circle at the 'go-off,' and by dotted lines at meeting with treble. (Columnar rulings are omitted for clarity.) Identity of pattern and of work-sequence (allowing for extra dodges) are noteworthy.

The 'No. 3' version of the Royal is given on the left-hand side, for contrast.

Backward hunting, dodging and places and leadings 'wrong' are innate features of the London design.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Ossett

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on March 21st, attended by about 35 members from a very representative area. Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed until 5 p.m., when members adjourned to the nearby schoolroom for an excellent tea provided by the local company.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar of Ossett extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. A. E. Marsh was re-elected hon. district secretary and Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and H. Lofthouse were re-elected to the District Committee. Mr. J. Ambler also retains his seat on the general committee of the Association. Five new members were elected.

A discussion which ensued concerning the adoption of an Association badge produced a difference of opinion, and it was decided to defer further consideration until the next meeting in order that tower secretaries might obtain some idea of the possible demand of such badges.

The vice-president reminded members that the closing date for the S. F. Palmer Testimonial Fund was April 16th. He hoped that all those who had not yet contributed would give generously, in order that the presentation to be made at the annual general meeting would be worthy of the many years of faithful service rendered by Mr. Palmer as hon. treasurer.

SOME LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No. 5. — Coughton

To most people, the name Robin Hood conjures up thoughts of Nottingham and the Sherwood Forest, but this famous character was really born in the Warwickshire village of Loxley and he actually gave a stained glass window to Coughton Church, which is but 15 miles from his birthplace. It was in Coughton Court, next to the church and formerly home of the famous Throckmortons, but now the property of the National Trust, that some of those who had planned to blow King and Parliament skyhigh on the Fifth of November, 1605, first learned of the failure and arrest of Guy Fawkes.

The Throckmortons were great benefactors to their parish church—it was Sir Robert who entirely rebuilt it, except the tower, in the latter years of the 15th century. To-day the church is spacious, consisting of a west end tower, aisled nave and a chancel with north and south aisles. Many and varied are the interesting relics in this church, two miles from the old Roman town of Alcester.

Two screens in the aisles are 16th century and the pulpit and reredos were made out of the rood screen—unfortunately pulled down only half a century ago. One of the ancient tombs in the church is in the centre of the nave, a table-tomb made for the founder, Sir Robert, but as he died on a crusade in Palestine it remained empty until a descendant was laid to rest in it 200 years later. In the south aisle is a unique bread cupboard dated c. 1715, while in the windows all round are many fragments of mediæval stained glass and an abundance of rich and priceless Flemish glass.

Up to the belfry, the tower is the oldest part of the church. The bells are rung from the ground floor, but instead of the usual circular guide frame for the ropes there are two parallel girders—a most unusual arrangement. In the south-west corner of the tower is a clock made in 1690 by the village blacksmith—'R. P. B.' It has no face, owing to the church being hidden from the village but the hours are struck on the tenor bell for the convenience of local farmers.

The spiral staircase has wooden-covered steps. In the middle chamber is the very windlass used in 1686 to raise the bells to the belfry. How many more remain besides this one? Above this are the bells, never recast, still on the same wheels and in the same frame as when they were first put up there. Experts have said that this sturdy frame—remarkably preserved and, so far as the writer could see, free of the 'worm'—is one of the strongest original frames remaining. The beams are so thick that chunks have been cut out so that the lips of the bells could pass through without touching!

Inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—Matthew Bagley made mee. 1686.

2nd.—Cantate Domino Canticvm Novvm. 1686.

3rd.—Matthew Bagley made mee. 1686.

4th.—Henry Bagley made mee. 1686.

5th.—Feare God and Honnor the King. 1686.

Tenor.—Campana Gravida Peprit Filias. 1686.

It appears that there was an original ring of three when the Bagleys came to recast them in 1686, but the bells were so huge as to enable their metal to be made into twice the number of bells.

This was probably the last complete ring by Henry and Matthew Bagley before they separated for Ecton (Northants) and Evesham respectively. The bells were rehung and quartered in 1893.

There is a most interesting story about the old bells of Coughton which merits inclusion, for it is, fortunately, authentic. In November, 1686, a number of local recusants entered Coughton Church and—it is alleged with the minister's approval—broke two of three large bells there. As a result there was no ringing for five months. When the bells were recast into six the good folk of Sambourne, in the parish of Coughton, complained that the bells were so small that they could no longer hear them as they had previously heard the large (original) ones. Moreover, a debt was incurred to the amount of £80, which Sir Robert Throckmorton, then Lord of the Manor, could not meet. Consequently he unlawfully levied a tax on his people, many of whom refused to pay. Those poor people of Sambourne did not benefit by the new ring and yet, they argued, 'wee must paye for spoyling our good bells.'

A point worth mentioning is that the bells, broken in November, 1686, were recast before the year was out. This seems to have been an impossible task to complete in, it appears, such a short time. Of course the reason is that the year began on Lady Day (March 25th) and not, as at present, January 1st. A. A. A.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District's Plans for Greater Interest

The quarterly meeting at Charlwood on March 21st was blessed with fine weather and attracted ringers from all parts of the District as well as visitors from Croydon, Epsom and Leatherhead.

Ringing started at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held conducted by the Rector Canon W. Granger-Thompson. The company then adjourned to the Half Moon for tea and, the inner man having been well satisfied, proceeded to the business meeting with the Rector in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. W. Slaughter, of Horley, and Messrs. S. Mews, J. Humphrey and R. Hayes, of Burstow. Consideration was then given to three suggestions by the District Committee for creating greater interest and encouraging progressing ringers in the District and after considerable discussion, the meeting accepted them. They were:—

(1). A selected method to be practised at each meeting, Kent Treble Bob being chosen for the next meeting.

(2). A quarterly peal, the first to be conducted by Mr. C. J. Champion.

(3). Monthly combined practices at various towers in the District, Bletchingley being the venue for the first, to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd.

The secretary then announced that Mr. J. W. Knight had found it necessary to resign from the office of District Ringing Master and the committee had appointed Mr. A. P. Cannon in his place. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Knight for his services to the District and a welcome was extended to Mr. Cannon.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for so ably presiding at the business meeting, and to Mr. A. J. Ede for arranging the tea. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where good use was made of the bells until 8 p.m. Methods were rung to suit all tastes, from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and touches of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

ESSEX BELLS HEARD AT GOSPORT

Dear Sir.—Re the bells over the telephone, St. Leonard's, Southminster, Essex, ringers were having their weekly practice and the bells could be heard at Gosport, which is near Portsmouth, a matter of 80 or 90 miles away. The bellringers were trying a touch of Grandsire at the time.—Yours sincerely,

S. F. WARD.

Southminster, Essex.

OBITUARY

MR. E. A. G. ALLEN

The Kent County Association, and in particular the Rochester District, has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. E. A. G. Allen, who passed away after a long illness on March 21st at the age of 66. He had done no ringing for about two years chiefly, in the first place, owing to being unable to ascend the stairs to the belfries. About 12 months ago he made a special effort to attend a district meeting, but, alas, that was the last time he was to attend such gatherings, as he was confined to his house from the following day until he passed on.

He leaves his widow and a brother to mourn their loss.

'Ted' was a well-known figure at Rochester Cathedral. He held the post of secretary to the Cathedral band for many of the 40 odd years he was a ringer there, was most regular and punctual in his attendance and whenever possible he made it his business to meet and welcome visitors for peals and outings.

During the same period that he was at the Cathedral he also served in the same capacity at Frindsbury Parish Church, in which parish he had resided all his life. The pleasurable ringing on these two rings of bells which were in his charge testifies to the great care and attention he bestowed upon them. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but had rung just over a hundred peals from Minor to Royal, including Superlative and Cambridge Major. He was a most valuable ringer in that he could take his place wherever required without question. He was a very heavy man and could handle a heavy bell with ease, whilst on the other hand he could ring the lightest of bells with a gentleness that belied his strength. He served the Kent County Association for many years, first as Rochester District secretary and later as district representative.

A very staunch churchman, 'Ted' sang in Frindsbury Church choir and on occasions deputised at the organ. Also for a few years of his career he was organist at the neighbouring village of Higham, where he was also instrumental in getting the bells augmented from five to six. Perhaps one of his biggest ringing disappointments was that he was not successful in ringing a peal on this handy little ring.

The cremation took place on Friday morning, March 27th, preceded by a service at Frindsbury Church, conducted by the Vicar of Frindsbury and Minor Canon Welch, of Rochester Cathedral.

Frindsbury bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers on Friday evening, and a peal was rung on Saturday by members representative of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, whilst the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled for matins on the following Sunday to his memory. V. A. J.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good weather favoured the Society for the March meeting, which was held at St. Andrew's, Kirk-Ella, 34 members attending. The sunshine or the small number of steps from the church to the belfry, two, attracted the older members of the Society. Over a quarter of the members attending were over 70 years of age, an excellent example by the 'old brigade.'

Standard methods, Double Oxford and Cambridge were rung on this heavy six (tenor 19½ cwt.), with a 70 foot draught of rope; some good touches were brought round.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Storer, deputising for the Vicar, who was ill. Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist.

Tea was taken in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Storer for his service and excellent sermon, and to the Vicar with good wishes for a quick return to normal health. Mr. A. H. Fox, past vice-president of the Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, was welcomed back to the fold.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Will ringers residing outside borough boundary who will be able to assist in the ringing at Northampton at 7 a.m. on Coronation Day kindly inform the secretary?—E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 2404

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS. — Advance Notice.—Would members and those intending to join in this year's tour in Norfolk and Suffolk area, commencing Saturday, August 1st and ending 16th, please notify me as soon as possible. List of methods intended to be rung will be issued. The subscription is 2s. 6d.—John E. Cook (Ringing Master), Station Road, Branston, Lincoln. 2396

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Practice night now Thursday, 7.30-9 p.m. All are welcome for 8, 10 and 12-bell ringing. — E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3. 2408

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Ringing after.—A. B. Peck. 2390

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Paulton, April 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent buses from Bath and Bristol. Names for tea to V. Savage, 4, Northmead Avenue, Midsomer Norton. 2350

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton, Bath (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 2412

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Londesborough Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton. 2387

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 11th. Committee, 3.15 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Service, 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea and general meeting, 5 p.m., Cathedral Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Luke's, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m.; Cathedral, 3 p.m.–4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m. 2335

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Withyham (8), April 11th. Tea at the Dorset Arms. Please notify Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 2370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening practice meetings have been arranged: Duxford, Saturday, April 25th; Whittlesford, Saturday, May 9th; Stapleford, Saturday, June 20th; Lt. Shelford, Saturday, July 4th; times 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. — H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2377

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-le-Hope (8), April 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. G. Hammond, 7, Webster Road, Stanford-le-Hope. 2319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Emmanuel, Clifton (8), April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Mr. Gregory) at 39, Royal Park, 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 2416

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 11th. Bells of Cathedral Church, St. Mary's and S. Nicolas' open 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30. Tea and business meeting, S. Nicolas' Hall, 4.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon. 2325

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 11th. Cathedral service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. E. Devonshire (Vicar of Royston). Meat tea (2s. 6d.) at Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. (Resolution re Hon. Members.) Annual reports available. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Cathedral (12), 2 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), if available, 2 to 3.30 p.m., otherwise Sandridge (6). Further ringing in evening. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 2357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Hadlow (8) on April 11th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 2328

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, April 11th, at Blankney, near Lincoln. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2349

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — North and East District meeting at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, on Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Bow Road Underground Station, turn right. Buses 10, 25, 96, 661, 663, 695 pass church.—J. T. Lock. 2367

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Maiden Newton, April 11th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. John Bishop, Maiden Newton, Dorchester.—J. H. Havne, Sec., Abbotsbury. 2353

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting and dinner to be held at Selby on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m., Londesborough Arms Hotel, 8s. 6d. per head. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2348

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION & HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Madeley, new Taylor eight, April 11th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanier, 8, West View Terrace, Madeley. 2355

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 11th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2346

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, New Alresford, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. Business meeting follows. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2331

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, April 13th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2327

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Rockwell-Green, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please. —A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2359

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, April 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2411

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting Husborne Crawley, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names. Look up Rutland.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 2414

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting Heswall (5), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2403

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stranton, West Hartlepool, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th. —P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 2422

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available 2.30-4.15. Tea 4.30 in Trinity Hall with business to follow. Service Holy Trinity Church 6 p.m. Bells until 8 p.m. **Imperative** that names be sent to F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford-on-Avon, by Tuesday, 14th. **Definitely no names no tea.** —Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 2371

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 2344

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.— Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2397

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2407

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Boreham. 2402

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday April 15th, to Mrs. D. Stafford Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2401

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting at Egham April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. if you notify, by Wednesday, April 15th, Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. —W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2383

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, at Iden, Sussex. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by April 15th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2391

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Sturry, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea following. Those who require tea must inform, not later than Wednesday, April 15th, and enclosing cash, please, Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2375

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Meeting at Twyford (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 14th, to Mrs. R. Spencer, Fern Light, Twyford, Melton Mowbray. **No names—no tea. All ringers welcome.**—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2395

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2420

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2423

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names **must be sent** to Mr. A. W. Ward High Street, Bottesford, by the 14th.—J. H. Cook. 2393

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5; p.c. to F. Staniforth, 48, New Road, Kibworth, by 15th.—L. W. Allen. 2405

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 15th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2384

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barkston, April 18th. Names for tea, by Monday, April 13th, to Mr. W. Dale, Barkston, Grantham, Lincs. 2394

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 18th. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Resolution extending constitution of District committees to include Association officers. Ringing: St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, 2.30-4; Clerkenwell 3; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner,73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore. (WORdsworth 5109.) 2372

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ticknall, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 2410

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Church Room. Names or numbers for tea, not later than April 15th, to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 16, Cawston Road, Aylsham.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 2392

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Saturday, April 18th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2373

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Chilmark (6) available in evening. Names by **April 14th**, please, to H. A. Roles, Hardol, Clarendon Road, Salisbury. 2351

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Oxted, April 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Kent. Notifications, by April 15th, to J. Hollands, Dormolleen, Woldingham Road, Oxted. 2389

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, April 18th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 15th, please, to Mr. B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 2400

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Ann, April 18th. Bells 3.30. Transport arranged from St. Mary's Andover, leaving 3.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Goodworth Clatford after tea. Ringers from other branches welcome. Names for tea, before April 14th, to G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 2358

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX. — Service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church roof and bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, Right Rev. Dr. Wilson. A programme of vocal and 'cello music at 3 p.m. Bells available 10-11 a.m. and 12.30-3 p.m. For lunch or tea please notify Pond View Cafe, Finchingfield. 2369

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne, April 25th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2409

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Dudley, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for those only who send in their names, before April 21st, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2418

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Whickham, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 2424

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2415

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Preston, April 25th. Towers available: Preston Parish Church 1.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the meeting: Penwortham 1.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m.; Walton-le-Dale 1.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. Service in Preston Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea (hot) in Avenham Lane Schools 4.45 p.m., 3s. 6d. per head, for those sending names to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston, before Wednesday, April 22nd. Business meeting in School 5.30 p.m. Please note new address. 2354

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Dinner, April 25th. Bells available: Wanlip 2-3 p.m.; Thurmaston 3.30-4.30 p.m.; Syston 4.45-6.15 p.m. Dinner, Red Cross Hall, Syston, 6.30 p.m., followed by social. Tickets from B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 2398

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by 18th, please.— C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th, latest. High Wycombe 7 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, please, to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Roade, April 25th. Names for tea, not later than April 22nd, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2421

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Further details later.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2417

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THE MOTIF

THE annual reports of the Kent County Association, since Mr. G. H. Spice has been honorary secretary, have always been something more than a catalogue of events. The prelude to Mr. Spice's report delivered at Canterbury on Easter Monday was again a useful contribution to ringing literature. His observations were as follows :

'Once again it is my privilege to report on the work of our Association, and by tradition to preface factual matter with thoughts of a more abstract nature. My theme last year was the teaching mission of all ringers, and the challenge which comes to us as individuals of passing on to a younger generation that love of bells which has been our own inspiration. This year let us think of ourselves as an Association, and endeavour to discern a motif for our corporate effort.

'With what thrill we come to Canterbury, its glorious cathedral telling of the richness of our Christian heritage. Here is no mere fossilisation of the past, but the pulsating heart of a world-wide Communion, sharing a common allegiance with generations of men and women through the centuries, yet always going forward with new vision and creative energy.

'"Who's that old fossil?" is a question thrown out about some elderly person rather old-fashioned in dress or manner, but the true answer would probably be enlightening and very different from the one implied. Outward appearances can indeed be quite misleading, and their fixation into ceremonial is really a means of preventing them from obscuring the inner view. We must ourselves be careful to distinguish these two levels of vision when looking at our Association. On the outside are our rules, our organisation, our meetings, our varied activities, all of which have crystallised out of past experience, and which proceed along with a momentum almost of their own. On the inside is our real motive power, the faith which gave us birth, the love which sustains us, and the loyalty which guides our way.

'Only a few days ago a very great and gracious lady passed from our midst. She was born in 1867, thirteen years before the foundation of the Kent County Association, yet at the age of 85 she possessed a freshness of outlook which is an example to us. Many thousands of words have been written of her, and spoken of her, but Queen Mary's faith in new ideas of art and culture, industry and home, was the quality which shone out. Yet this was not at the expense of the rejection of the old, but was a realisation that only by an inward freshness of meaning could the outer pageantry be preserved. So with our Association, for even in only 73 years it has forged traditions worthy of preservation, but only for so long as its heart is young, and its innermost scene damp with the morning dew.

'So, too, with our Exercise at large; so, too, with our nation. And in this Coronation year of 1953, when the bells everywhere will ring wildly forth to honour the crowning of our young Queen Elizabeth, we shall do well to remember that God's plan insists on an inward faith making the fullest demands on the talents with which He has endowed us. That surely is the motif for our corporate effort in the Association, the idea of an abiding enterprise of outlook embodied in a sustained loyalty.

'Translated unto the terms of every day, what does this really involve? Simply that we should foster the creative impulse, should recognise the value of new thinking about our art, and should expect to witness the rise and fall of our own generation as the main originators. Then, as the sparks of enthusiasm seem to fly from younger and still younger exponents, let us bask in the sunshine of our traditions knowing the future of the Association to be in the safe keeping of guardians determined that its brightness shall not dim.

'It is in this light that we begin to appreciate the past achievements of our Association. But wisely we do not seek their origin in the printed reports, or the minute books, or even in the code of rules, but in the years of devoted and enterprising service of individual members who number many. To-day, however, we shall think of one member in particular, one who not only has been the inspiration of his own ringing chamber for very many years, but for a quarter of a century has held the highest offices of the Association. To Frederick M. Mitchell I proudly dedicate this report.'

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO QUEEN MARY

Born May 26th, 1867: Died March 24th, 1953

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
JOHN B. BENNETT	3	*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
*PETER C. WRIGHT	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
S. ANTHONY JESSON	6	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected and glorious memory of H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*REX J. CORKE	*Treble*	*JOHN GILBERT	5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
PATRICK PAGE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES CATCHPOLE	5
*JAMES B. MORLEY	2	HARRY MOSS	6
*BETTY SYRETT	3	FREDERICK C. ROPER	7
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of H.M. Queen Mary.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	5
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	*FRANK BRADLEY	6
†MARION BRADLEY	3	PHILIP COOTE	7
†DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H WOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 Wembley, 640 Bristol, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Superlative and 480 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
*†RICHARD E. PRICE	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of seven Spliced. † 50th peal for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	†RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	‡ALBERT E. WHITING	7
*GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb.

*DAVID E. WEST	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
†URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	7
FRED W. ORRISS	4	*FELIX H. ERITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal of Triples. † Has five times 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	5
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ANN SLINGER	*Treble*	CHARLES WARD	5
†STANLEY IRELAND	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JOHN ORME	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memoriam Queen Mary.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK W. CROFT	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	5
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	†DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
*DAVID L. GULLICK	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	7
PETER CROFT	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells.
Rung for the Easter Festival.
The ringers would like to associate this peal with the memory of a gracious lady, H.M. Queen Mary, who has gone to the Fuller Life.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*E. E. GIBSON	*Treble*	REGINALD SCOTT	3
I. TOWNS	2	F. G. VICKERS	4
H. WAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	NEVILLE WHITNEY	4
CECIL WADE	2	HENRY P. COLLIN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's Kent. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	SYLVIA IREDALE	4
*SUSAN M. HARROP	2	HENRY RODMELL	5
JOHN M. HARROP	3	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to H.M. Queen Mary.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	4
C. ERIC LUCAS	2	GERALD BOWEN	5
A. REGINALD ROWLEY	3	GEORGE LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK PEARSON	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	4
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	8
HENRY O. BAKER	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
ALAN A. POTTS	4	WALTER ALLMAN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	11
JOHN WORTH	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus with 5,040 changes only to be rung.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN HILL	9
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	6	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers. Messrs. G. E. Fearn and A. Walker are honorary members of the Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

William S. May	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*David W. Beard	2	Frank C. May	7
Frank V. Gant	3	Charles F. Willington	8
Brian J. Howard	4	Gerald Frost	9
†Andrew J. Salisbury	5	‡John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal for Essex Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Ronald Kenrick	*Treble*	Thomas Marshall	5
Peter Coxall	2	Eric Cook	6
Doreen Dutton	3	Arthur Mawdsley	7
*Jean Marshall	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell, who was interred at Parbold on Wednesday, April 1st, 1953.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Frederick W. Burnett	*Treble*	*John W. Meade	5
*Richard M. Currie	2	†Brian J. Luff	6
Charles H. Kippin	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
*Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Superlative. † First Surprise peal.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*John F. Collings	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
Peter W. Croft	2	Edwin G. Buck	6
*Horace E. Werrett	3	George W. Debenham	7
*Philip Mehew	4	Frank W. Croft	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal in the method.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Frank V. Gant	*Treble*	*Peter J. King	5
David W. Beard	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Brian J. Howard	3	Charles F. Willington	7
Andrew J. Salisbury	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ernest F. Wilcox	*Treble*	John F. Butler	5
Bessie A. Carter	2	Frederick G. Beddow	6
Clifford A. Barron	3	John N. Lindon	7
G. Leonard Hewitt	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
A compliment to Mr. H. Edge, of the local band, on his 21st wedding anniversary.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick S. Price	*Treble*	Edgar C. Shepherd	5
Samuel Pinder	2	Edward C. Gobey	6
Albert H. Ward	3	Edward F. Gobey	7
Clement Glenn	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. S. Price, 80 on the above date.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Hilda,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brook's Variation. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Robert Bell	*Treble*	†Stanley Hewitt	5
Charles Lea	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Arnold Brunton	3	*J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Mrs. C. Lea	4	Stephen Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 24¼ cwt.

*Frances E. Ellison	*Treble*	*Stewart Bracegirdle	5
*Richard G. Latham	2	Charles Blackburn	6
James W. Grounds	3	†William O. Farrimond	7
Herbert Ashton	4	‡Harry Blackburn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Blackburn.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th. This was his first peal of Grandsire Triples for over 40 years.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

Eric Hornby	*Treble*	John Scott	5
Henry Parker	2	John E. Bibby	6
Harold Worrall	3	Walter Allman	7
William Allman	4	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*David M. Lees	*Treble*	Maurice G. Turner	5
Roderick J. Lees	2	†Stanley Prestidge	6
Howard Howell	3	William Davies	7
Harold J. Shuck	4	Jack Tromans	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Davies.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.
The quarterly peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Linda R. Binnington	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
William H. B. Wilkins	2	Harry P. Floyd	6
M. Angela Carter	3	†Bertram J. Coggins	7
Douglas O. Wilks	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope (C.C.C. No. 119).
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.
Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Canon E. W. Kemp, Fellow and Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford, and Miss L. P. Kirk, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Oxford.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 38 extents and two 240's (Morris'). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*DOREEN I. MARTIN ..	..*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
F. KEVON THOMPSON ..	2	†THOMAS H. EARBY	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	3	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN	..*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. 25th peal as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY* ..	..*Treble*	RONNIE KENRICK	4
DOREEN DUTTON	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
MARGARET RIDYARD ..	3	JACK POUNDS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. approx.

*MARGARET PATON ..	..*Treble*	†RUTH PATON	4
†HILARY J. EASON	2	*ANNE HUMFREY	5
†JANET EASON	3	MARIE R. CROSS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration of the bells. First peal on the bells since their restoration and first peal of Minor by the Sunday service band. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. G. Cross.

BLAKENHALL HEATH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 methods, viz.: Two different extents each of (1) Old April Day, (2) Rangemoor, (3) Seighford, (4) Little Aston, (5) Newborough, (6) Plain Bob, (7) April Day, (8) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (9) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (10) Kennington, (11) Southrepps Pleasure, (12) Clifford Pleasure, (13) Northrepps Pleasure, (14) All Saints, (15) Rushall, and ten different extents and one 240 (Pitman's arrangement) of (16) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*F. TREVOR WARRINGTON..*Treble*		DAVID W. BARR	3
BRYAN E. CAWSON ..	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	4

CLIVE M. SMITH .. ..*Tenor*
Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal on five bells. First peal in 16 methods by all the band and on the bells; this also being the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Little Bob '-in hand.'

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 24, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

JAMES TAYLOR	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ..	3—4
JOHN HUBER	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.



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TO H.M. QUEEN MARY OF BLESSED MEMORY

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Michael's Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, Rev. P. Cole 4, E. Cragg 5, W. Viggers 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, B. Batt 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Pervin (cond.) 1, J. W. Taylor 2, M. Callow 3, H Summers 4, D A. Carpenter 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, P. Stone 7, G. Gardner 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weston 1, Miss E. Burton 2, W. Wills 3, T. Bolingbroke 4, C. Weston 5, F. E. Wilson 6, J. A. Walton (first as cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Graham 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, P. Soars 6.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Williams 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, H. D. Taylor 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. Hallett 6, S. S. Woodburn 7, W. J. Prescott and H. J. Merrett 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Mar 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Holland (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Owen (first quarter) 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, B. A. Critten (first quarter) 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, S. D. Sutton 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Reid 1, T. Milsted 2, H. Luck 3, Miss Solly 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Hinkley 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8.

BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Miss Joy Davis 2, J. Romain 3, W. Mortimer 4, R. Combes 5, F. Hale 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, G. Oram 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Uren (first quarter) 1, P. Crook, sen., 2, N. Tompkins 3, A. Pendlebury (first as cond.) 4, J. F. Wood 5, T. Bratby 6, G. Pearson 7, J. Thornley 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Brown 8.

BOYN HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North 1, E. Eldridge 2, J. Eldridge 3, R. McGinlay 4, G. Lister 5, B. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, E. Hobbs 8.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 27th, 720 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, 240 Single Court, 180 St. Clement's: J. E. Cook 1, M. Billings (cond.) 2, A. Ingall 3, P. Mason 4, A. Brummitt 5, R. Applewhite 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge: A. Ingall 1, R. Applewhite 2, M. Billings 3, P. Mason 4, J. E. Cook 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): R. Price 1, D. Hinksman 2, T. Cooper (cond.) 3, W. Hinksman 4, A. Wall 5, G. Wall 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Yates 2, W. Townsend 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers (cond.) 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Pateman 8. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Coleman (first of Triples) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, F. Townsend 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Pateman 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 2 and 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Bangs (first in method) 1, R. Picton 2, C. W. Woolley 3, P. Nash 4, N. Jenkins 5, L. J. North 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,209 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Wright (first quarter) 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Horn 4, J. B. Long 5, D. Kitchener 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Beaumont 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. S. Jarrett 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, H. Springate 5, P. F. Borer (first of Stedman) 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8. Also to the memory of Edward A. G. Allen, late Deputy Ringing Master and Secretary of Rochester Cathedral band.

Muffled quarter peals rung to the memory of a beloved Queen

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gilks 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, J. Bosley 3, D. Bosley 4, W. Corderoy 5, R. Dandridge 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Mar. 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H. L. Cooke 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gilks 1, D. Jordan W. Francis, jun., 3, G. Goodson 4, F. Hinton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, F. Bennett 8.

CORSTON, NR. BATH.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): Miss D. Quartermaine 1, Miss M. Taylor 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, H. L. Palfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6. First quarter peal in five methods by all the band.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, A. G. Hall 3, L. R. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, H. J. Shuck 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Duddridge (first quarter) 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, G. Davis 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, A. E. Welsher 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, R. Overy 2, G. Jennings 3, J. W. Jeffery 4, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 5, H. E. Lilley 6, K. Snelling 7, E. J. Brett 8.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsirc): H. C. White 1, R. Holmes 2, F. Absalom 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. Snell 6.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old, April Day, Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): E. Nobles (cond.) 1, R. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, M. Bushell 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carlson 1, D. Gale 2, S. Delve 3, L. W. Allen 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, E. Light 6.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 31st, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ball 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, Miss D. Luke 4, G. M. Harvey 5, H. J. Eldred 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8. Also on April 1st, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Miss D. Luke 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, S. Croft 5, F. D. Bishop 6, H. W. Rogers 7, G. M. Harvey 8.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Single Court Minor: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Green 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, E. W. Furbank 3, B. Sydenham 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, G. Green (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 720 London): G. Cherry 1, P. W. Croft 2, J. S. Dear 3, D. L. Gullick 4, W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ivor Holmes 1, Barbara Haldane 2, Ruth Case 3, J. Pounds 4, C. Ackers (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsby 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, W. Aley (cond.) 3, E. Larter 4, S. Clark 5, L. Whitby 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wheeler 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, W. Gilks 4, W. Corderoy 5, B. Bosley 6, R. Dandridge 7, P. Davies 8. First of Doubles for 3 and 4. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung with 1 and 2 leading: K. Purse 1, M. Collins 2, W. Kersell 3, P. Dodd 4, G. Evans 5, D. Johnson 6, G. Dodd (cond.) 7, R. Evans (first quarter) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear, 1 Miss D. J. Hose 2, J. Harland 3, A. W. Dilley 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, G. Dear (first as cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: S. Clements 1, W. Papworth 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Tapley 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Also in memory of Mrs. E. V. Cox (wife of our president).

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, R. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, J. E. Dews 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 22, Audrey Trott 3, E. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. R. Rapley 6, W. L. Weller 7, C. Denyer 8. Also for the Rev. Canon R. W. D. Lee, 17 years Vicar of this parish.

HURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, Mrs. C. A. Eele 2, J. Froome 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, C. A. Eele 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kinsey 1, K. Whittel 2, F. Bowell 3, J. Munnings 4, C. Woodcock 5, E. Bloomfield (cond.) 6, C. Woodard 1, P. Whittel 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. V. Bowen (first of Royal) 1, N. N. Cousins 2, S. G. Elsey 3, C. Cousins 4, T. Greenacre 5, E. Barker 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, J. H. Raper 8, C. V. Ebberson 9, W. Rose 10.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Ambrose 1, F. Turner 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, W. Faiers 4, S. Smith 5, F. Boreham 6, F. Mortlock 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Carter 1, G. R. Finch (cond.) 2, H. J. Vince 3, E. Steward 4, A. S. Pipe 5.

LISS, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: T. Riley 1, H. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, Sergt. D. Holbrey, R.E.M.E., 6, K. Wright 7, A. Cross 8.

LITTLEHEMPSTON, TOTNES, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Lilley (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, D. J. Gay 3, G. A. Uglow 4, W. J. Harvey 5. First quarter peal on the bells. Also to Mrs. E. V. Cox, wife of the president of the Devon Guild.

LYDD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Terry (first quarter 'inside') 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, J. R. Cooper 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, Miss A. Boulden 6. First of Stedman for all except conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins 1, Jill Haffenden 2, P. Carter (first as cond.) 3, F. Mitchell 4, Betty Vidler 5, K. Collins (first quarter) 6.

MARLESFORD, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Finch (cond.) 1, H. J. Vince 2, G. R. Barry 3, J. W. H. Preastner 4, A. S. Pipe 5.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gilson (76) 1, F. J. Stimson 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Fenton 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton (first as cond.) 7, J. Day 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st. 1,260 Doubles (one six-score each of Norfolk, Kennington, Union and April Day, 3 of Plain Bob and 3½ of Grandsire): E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, E. F. Shearn 4, C. Kortright 5, M. J. Horseman 6.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, J. Alderton 4, H. Hollocks 5, R. Chambers 6.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. Roughley 1, J. R. Austin 2, F. Saunders 3, E. Roughley 4, H. Blackburn (first half peal as cond.) 5, G. Raspin 6. First half peal for 1, 3 and 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 4, H. F. Perry 5, H. Corney 6, A. T. Langstone 7, J. Merrett 8. 7–8 behind.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Ager 1, Miss M. Reay 2, Miss S. Rymer 3, H. H. Fearn 4, S O'C. Holloway 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, F. E. Haynes 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, A. Frecston 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, T. Frecston 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob, alternate six-scores): I. A. Campbell (first quarter) 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, H. Parker (cond.) 5, E. Thorley 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Chew, a local ringer.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Latham (first quarter) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Barbara Bangs (first away from treble) 3, N. Jenkins 4, P. Nash 5, L. North 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Pickthall 1, D. Watson, sen., 2, R. Ferris 3, D. Watson, jun., 4, A. J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. L. Shepherd 6. In memoriam Mr. E. Pickthall (mother of treble ringer).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Miles 1, Miss R. Marwood 2, Miss J. Sturgess 3, Miss B. M. Ball 4, Miss C. A. West 5, A. H. Sturgess 6, P. Page 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, H. M. Page 9, R. Linsell 10. For divine service at All Saints', Fulham. Also an 86th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harland 1, C. W. Haslop 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, J. R. Waller 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. A. Alexander 7, T. N. Tindale 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. S. Bedlington, a ringer at this church, and Miss B. Allison, married on March 21st.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rosemary Parkinson 1, J. Langstrofe 2, E. J. Gower 3, Jean Dawson 4, Diana Banks 5, W. Wilkinson 6, Patricia Bourn 7, V. J. C. Wood (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob by 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, F. Hayes 2, A. E. Cox 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, R. Biggs 5, R. Moring (13, first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of the daughter of the treble ringer.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary R. J. Parsloe 1, A. J Stone 2, Mrs. E. M. Hicks 3, D. H. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First quarter by 1 and 2.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, J. Dear 2, D. J. Hare 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, G. Dear 5, G. Mayes 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, E. J. Parish 3, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Warren, son of the churchwarden, and local ringer.

KINGTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Jones (cond.) 1, A. Keen 2, D. J. Roberts 3, T. Giddings 4, W. Norgrove 5, W. Price 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. W. Powell.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Barr 1, Mary Wallace (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. T. Warrington 3, B. E. Carson 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. W. Fairey 6. Rung for the Easter Festival prior to the early celebration of Holy Communion.

MARDEN, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, Jill Haffenden 2, Betty Vidler 3, P. Carter 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, F. W. Mitchell 6, C. Claeys 7, T. Pert 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. E. Gough 1, P. H. Wright 2, H Franklin 3, E. G Holdgate 4, J. W. Price 5, W. Swain (cond.) 6. Rung before the Confirmation service and in honour of five young ringers who were confirmed.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 covering: G. Bonser 1, R Clark 2, K. Edwards 3, P. Millward 4, G. Halls (cond.) 5, J. Byron 6, John Maudesley, jun., 7, John Maudesley, sen., 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, J. Cordell 3, S. Stevens 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Murphy (first quarter) 1, Molly Denby 2, C. Taylor 3, R A. Reed 4, Betty Faithful 5, R. Faithful 6, N. Hayes (cond.) 7, P. Sanders (first quarter) 8. A farewell to the Rev. G. Roberts, now appointed Rector of Weston.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Parkin 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, B. Dowdeswell 4, D. Surman 5, F. Pendry 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Scott-Stewart, much-loved village doctor, died March 24th

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, B. Pike 2, A. A. Livings (first as cond.) 3, B. G. Burton 4, L. Beal 5, J. Terry 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw, organist for 40 years.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, D. Docking 3, S. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, R. Green (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Vowles 1, P. Davis (cond.) 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Miss V. Potter 4, T. Blow 5, W. Brownett 6, J. Relf 7, J. Adcock 8. Rung for the Easter Festival, also for the christening of Graham John Adcock, grandson of the ringer of the tenor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Mar 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, L. Forster 2, J. S. Wybrew 3, A. Fever 4, H. D. Lister (cond.) 5, G. A. Blaxcell 6, M. Page 7, O. G. Barnard 8. First of Major by 3 and 4.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Berry 1, G. W. Townsend 2, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 3, W. Sidwell 4, T. Townsend 5, R. Townsend 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8 Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. Palmer, aged 82, a ringer at Swindon for many years.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. H. Durrant (first on ten) 1, J. Schofield 2 R. Rowley 3, R. G. Smith 4, W. Watson (Banbury) 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. King 7, R. G. Bell 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, H. Schofield 10. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Castell, who is leaving for Collier Street, near Maidstone.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, E. T. Embrey 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, L. Colley 5, J. D. Green 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Lofthouse is retiring from the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers, a post he has held for 30 years. We shall miss his regular contributions to our columns.

Six children, aged 11¼ years, 11 years, 10½ years, 10 years (two) and 9½ years, ring Radley Church bells for Catechism each Sunday.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, on March 28th. A quarter peal to his memory was rung at Dunster on March 29th.

With reference to the touch of 120 Stedman Triples on page 235 our correspondent repeated the row 1532764 S in which Queen's appears. Will conductors please amend their copies. We thank readers who called attention to the error.

The Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, is seriously ill in hospital. The band which rang a peal on the Radley bells on Easter Monday wish to associate his name with the peal. Mr. Pixell stood in at a previous attempt.

Regarding the figures of a peal of 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, a correspondent writes: 'If the introduction of singles is to be allowed, as suggested by Mr. Speed, the whole foundation of the C.C.C. and its principles go "flop." A 5,000 is as much as is required for the purpose of proficiency in any method.'

Mr. Roger O. Fry, of 5, Morford Road, Bath, is the new secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. Leslie W. Pullin, Clevedon, hon treasurer; and Mr. H. J. Sanger, Evercreech, peal secretary. The Association presented a handsome pipe, tobacco and a cheque for £35 to the retiring secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke. We hope to publish a report of the meeting in our next issue.

On Easter Sunday the bells of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London, E., were rung to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The bells had not been rung for about 20 years previously, and there were two ringers on the 28-cwt. tenor. The band was A. A. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, T. G. Fox 3, D. G. Clift 4, J. Hill 5, J. A. Crampion 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, J. S. Mason and M. V. Chilcott 8.

The 11th bell at St. John-the-Baptist's, Cirencester, is now back from the foundry and in good going order. Sunday ringing is at 5.30 p.m. and all visitors are welcome.

We are informed that at the meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild at Aberavon on March 7th the tea was supplied by the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, and not as stated on page 188.

The first peal on the restored ring at Radley was of interest to Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., who, during one leave, helped to teach four of the ringers to handle a bell, thus forming the nucleus of the present band.

Members of the Wyggeston School Campanological Society, after a very successful term's ringing, would like to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Peter C. Wright for his help and support during his short stay as a student master. Three peals of Plain Bob Major have been rung, two of the members of the Society ringing their first peals.

On April 4th, at the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Myrtle Ridout, to Mr. Geoffrey House, at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, Mr. Frank Ridout and his five sons rang 120 changes each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. They all belong to the Okeford Fitzpaine team. Mr. Ridout has been a ringer at this North Dorset tower for over 62 years.

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The annual general meeting was held in Norwich on Easter Monday. The bells of Mancroft, St. George Colegate, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre (but not St. Andrew's owing to dust on the ringing chamber floor) were open during the day. The Rev. H. Lillingston, Rector of Marsham, preached at the annual service at Mancroft.

The business meeting was held after lunch in Mancroft Parish Hall. At this the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (absent through illness) was unanimously re-elected president, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Nolan Golden Ringing Master, the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Bishop Belcher, Vicar of Diss, and Mr. George Fletcher was re-elected hon. auditor.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. Fletcher noted that too many subscriptions remained unpaid from last year, and a searching appeal is made to all to pay up and do their share of supporting the Association.

The 1952 annual report was stated to be nearly ready. The general secretary said they were to receive a bequest of £50 from the late Herbert Morley. It was agreed to pay this handsome bequest into the Belfry Repair Fund.

The revision of the Association's rules, as recently carried out by the Standing Committee, was passed, except that the date of the annual general meeting is to be described as 'determined by the Standing Committee,' as it is felt that a better attendance may be secured by having it on a Saturday, perhaps the last Saturday in April, in future, instead of on Easter Monday.

Warm tributes were paid to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who has resigned after 21 years as secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, and encouragement was offered to Mr. Peter Newstead, his successor. The meeting stood in silence in honour of Mr. William J. Eldred, hon. secretary of the West Norfolk Branch, who had recently passed away.

The Rev. H. Lillingston asked if the Association could organise more instruction for beginners in outlying towers. The general secretary said a panel of instructors was very necessary and any who would form such a panel would be most welcome. He added that in certain conditions the local education authority would sponsor a scheme for an instructor to give a course where desired.

Thanks were given to Canon Waddington and the other local clergy for the use of their bells, Mr. Coleman for playing at Mancroft, Mr. Lillingston for preaching, and the verger for his help.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements for Whitsun

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TOWER BELL PEAL ATTEMPTS

The Southampton ten-bell towers and several eight- and six-bell towers will be available for peals on Saturday, May 23rd, and on Whit Monday. Bands desiring to make peal attempts should apply to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.

HANDBELL PEAL ATTEMPTS

Mr. D. Matkin will arrange handbell peal attempts. All interested should apply to him at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth.

WHIT SUNDAY

Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart has very kindly invited anyone interested to view his extensive nurseries at Ferndown, near Wimborne, on Whit Sunday afternoon. Assemble at Mr. Stewart's private house at 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided, and in order to cater for these names should be sent to Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants, not later than May 9th. Ringing at Wimborne Minster afterwards from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY

Subject to sufficient support, all-day coach tours will be arranged as follows:—

(1). **Isle of Purbeck.** Ringing at Swanage, Kingston, Blandford, Wimborne Minster, etc. Approximate fare 9s.

(2). **New Forest.** Ringing at Lymington, Lyndhurst, Southampton, Romsey, etc. Approximate fare 9s.

(3). **Salisbury** (to view Cathedral). Stonehenge. Ringing at Fordingbridge, Amesbury, Salisbury, Cranborne, etc. Approximate fare 12s.

All applications for these tours should be sent to Mr. A. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, **not later than April 30th.**

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church at 8 a.m.

Council meeting at the Town Hall, 10 a.m. Will members please note earlier meeting time.

By kind invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Bournemouth, Council members, ringers and friends will be entertained to tea at the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only, and all wishing to be present should advise Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Road, Eastleigh, Hants, not later than May 9th. Tickets will be distributed at Bournemouth.

All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the week-end and after the Council meeting.

Arrangements for ringing at local towers will be published later.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH'S DINNER

The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on March 4th at Redcliffe Community Centre, Bristol. Nearly 80 ringers and friends attended including visitors from the Bristol Rural and Swindon Branches of the Association, the Bristol University Society and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Immediately following the dinner the loyal toast was drunk. The chairman, Mr. F. G. Leaker, then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' in which he emphasised the ringers' duty to both Church and clergy and expressed his gratification at the co-operation he had received from incumbents throughout the City during the past year.

In replying, the Rev. T. P. Tindall, M.A., referred to the spiritual uplift ringing brought about among the public, particularly to the aged and infirm, to whom the bells were a message of hope and faith in resurrection. He hoped ringers would, by means of their art, assist many to declare their loyalty to our Church and Queen this Coronation year.

Mr. S. S. Woodburn, from Bath, gave the toast of 'The Bristol City Branch,' and conveyed the very good wishes of his friends there. He commended the Branch officials on their work at the St. John's Ringing School in persevering with the teaching of learners.

Mr. E. F. Hancock replied and, on behalf of the Branch, accepted Mr. Woodburn's good wishes.

The Branch secretary, Mr. A. Bennett, welcomed the visitors in giving the toast of 'Ringing Friends' and in the final speech of the evening, Mr. L. Derrick, from Nailsea, replied, recalling his earlier visits to the city some years ago and the welcome he was given. He was pleased to find the welcome still there when he was able to visit some of the city towers.

During the course of the evening entertainment was given with change ringing and tune ringing on handbells, and 'The Music Makers Ladies' Choir,' who concluded the evening's programme.

P. P. A. B.

MISS MURIEL REAY'S 200 PEALS

Miss A. Muriel Reay includes 26 Surprise Major methods in her list of 200 peals and 25 peals of Stedman Cinques. She rang her first peal in Lancashire in June, 1948, and her second with Mr. G. E. Fearn's band in Birmingham a week later. Most of her peals of Surprise have been rung with the Birmingham band, many of them without previous practice. Miss Reay feels that the credit for her Surprise peals must go to the Birmingham ringers rather than to herself. Without such capable and experienced ringers she would not have had such a list. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Two methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 5, Three methods 2, Four methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 12, Stedman 5, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 26, Yorkshire 15, Lincolnshire 8, Rutland 7, Superlative 3, Pudsey 2, Apsley 1, Belvedere 1 Bristol 1, Chiltern 1, Cornwall 1, Cranborne 1, Crewe 1, Jersey 1, Langley 1, London 1, Painswick 1, Pyrford 1, Radnor 1, Sandringham 1, Southgate 1, Tring 1, Trowbridge 1, Warnham 1, Warwickshire 1, Whitminster 1. Spliced. Two methods 1, Four methods 1, Six methods 1.

Caters.—Stedman 8, Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 10, Yorkshire 3, Langley 1, Pudsey 1, Warwickshire 1, York 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 25.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 4.

Total.—200.

MORE CORRESPONDENCE FROM AMERICA

The letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, which appeared in 'The New Yorker' of February 28th, to which we referred a few weeks ago, has brought him several more interesting letters, in one of which Mrs. T. Grantmyre, writing from Nova Scotia, mentioned that her uncle, Robert Duckworth, who is now in his 76th year, was a ringer at Deane, Lancs, before going to Canada in 1911. Among the peals in which he took part was a 12,000 of Kent Treble Bob at Deane on June 4th, 1908.

Father Charles Keenan, S.J., of New York, Managing Editor of 'America,' a Roman Catholic weekly review, asked to see a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. C. McK. Lewis, also of New York, inquired for 'some publication or source from which I could get a more detailed explanation of just what this change ringing really is and just how it is carried out.' Mr. Gerald Marion, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, also asked for a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and details of subscription rates, as did Mrs. Grantmyre.

From the University of Chicago, Mr. A. L. Putnam wrote that 'along with many other Americans, I acquired a taste for change ringing from Dorothy Sayers' "Nine Tailors,"' to which Mr. Marion also referred, while, like Mrs. L. R. Wells, of Evanston, twelve miles from Chicago, he asked where, in Chicago, bells were hung for ringing. According to the 'Bellringer's Guide' this is in the University itself, but evidently they are not used for the purpose.

Mr. Brian Price has kindly sent a copy of the articles on ringing machines which he contributed to this paper during 1950, to be lent to Mr. J. Kiefer, of Cornell University, who, it will be recalled, is engaged with a colleague in constructing a machine of this nature.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Approves of Division Into Districts

ABOUT 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting at Cardiff on Easter Monday. At 1.30 the bells were set going by early arrivals. The Master (Miss Jacqueline Evans) was in charge of the ringing arrangements and saw to it that everyone had a chance of a pull.

Owing to the heavy agenda the service was brought forward one hour in order to give more time for the business. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes) the service was taken by the curate (the Rev. J. Lewis), who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The visitors were afterwards invited to St. James' Guildhall where tea which had been generously and amply provided by Mrs. Lewis and her lady helpers was awaiting them. On the proposition of the Rev. I. J. Richards the ladies were duly thanked.

The Rev. J. Lewis took the chair at the business meeting which followed. Before the minutes were read members were asked to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. Fred Way, of Porthkerry, and Mr. Sam Jones, of Caerleon, who had recently passed away.

The balance sheet showed a healthy financial position. There was a balance on the year's working of £7 19s. 9d. and total cash in hand of £72 16s. 9d. The treasurer asked permission to cash savings certificates which were in the name of a previous treasurer, and to re-invest them in the Post Office Savings Bank. It was decided this should be done and the amount increased to £50.

The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) gave a short report on the year's working reporting that 31 peals were rung during 1952. There were 276 fully paid up members and 42 towers in affiliation.

DIOCESAN DISTRICTS

Next came the recommendations of the special committee which was appointed at the last annual meeting to draw up suggestions for the division of the Association into Districts. These were presented by the Master and it was decided to accept the committee's proposal that there be two Branches, one to be known as the Llandaff Branch and the other the Monmouth Branch, each to be coterminous with its own diocese.

The same committee put forward proposals for the revision of the rules, which, after a good deal of debate, were, with slight amendments, accepted by the meeting. One alteration in the new rules is a change in the title—Church Bell Ringers being substituted for Change Ringers. The full title is now 'The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.' The committee were thanked for their services.

Officers elected were:—Master, Mr. Robert E. Coles: secretary, Mr. F. J. Hannington (re-elected): auditors, Messrs. T. M. Roderick and R. H. Addis.

Progress was reported from Bedwellty tower by Mr. Ryan Price, where the young band are now ringing Bob Triples.

Mr. L. H. Jones said he is going to Llangattock to instruct a new band there. Mr. R. Lucas said it was hoped to form a new band at Peterstone Wentloog. Progress was also reported from the new band at Radyr.

MONMOUTH BELLS READY FOR CORONATION

Restorations was the next item and Mr. L. H Jones reported that Monmouth bells would be ready for the Coronation. The secretary reported that Llandaff bells had been rehung but it would probably be some time before they were dedicated because the Dean wanted the whole of the work dedicated together. Caerleon bells, which had been recast and rehung, were to be dedicated on Whit Sunday. Coity bells, which have been rehung, are ready but there is some roof work to be done before they are re-dedicated. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Woolos', Newport.

The Association badge was next considered. Miss Jacqueline Evans submitted three designs she had obtained from the makers. One, a bell in blue enamel with the name of the Association in silver lettering inscribed on it, was chosen. It was decided to purchase 100 studs and 50 brooches.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulation to the Vicar of All Saints', Newport, on being made Archdeacon of Newport, and also a letter of greeting to Mr. J. W. Jones, who was unable to attend owing to illness. The Rev. I. J. Richards moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Lewis for taking the chair and so ably conducting the meeting.

The meeting then split up, the Monmouth people to one room and the Llandaff people to another, to choose their own Branch officers and arrange their first meetings. Miss Jacqueline Evans was elected Branch secretary, and Mr. A. Ryan Price Master of the Monmouth Branch, and Mr. R. E. Coles secretary and Mr. A. J. Pitman Master of the Llandaff Branch. The first Branch meetings were proposed to be held at Abergavenny and Cadoxton Neath. Thus ended a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

THE BELLS OF WEYBRIDGE

The Church of St. James, Weybridge, Surrey, was dedicated in 1848, after erection on the site of a much older church. The tower contains a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb., cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1875, but owing to the situation of tower, much sound descends to shops and houses nearby which curtails the ringing of lengthy touches.

The spire has outlets for the sound to ascend over the tops of buildings in the vicinity, but the louvres are too open and a nice-toned octave is not heard at its best in the near neighbourhood.

The entrance to the tower is via one of the pews at the west end, and after seeing a well-kept church one is not greatly impressed with the ringing chamber, a place seldom open to the Diocesan Guild or County Association. Very few peals or quarter peals have been rung on these bells, and they need rehanging after 78 years' service in the tower.

Weybridge had 'ij bells in the steple and a sauns bell' in 1552, and prior to 1875 three bells of different dates, all from the Whitechapel foundry, formed a ring of three as follows: Robert Mot 1597, Thos. Mears 1798, and William Carter 1614. There appears to be no record when the bells were increased from two to three, but it is recorded in the 1623 accounts: 'Pd for drinke for the Ringgers upon the Prince came out of Spain and at other tymes £00 02s. 08d.' This refers to the return of Charles I., then Prince of Wales, after his journey to Spain in search of a princess.

November 5th was observed in many towers by paid ringing, and Weybridge seemed no exception judging by an entry in 1667, which tells us: 'Item given to the ringers one gunpowder treson day 1s. 0d.'

Thirty years later, in 1697, is recorded: 'Sept ye 16 gave ye ringers for Joy of pees £00 04s. 00d.' This event was the peace signed at Ryswick, which ended the war between Great Britain and her several allies against France.

For many years very little method ringing has taken place here, and it is a matter of regret that none of the ringers will join the Diocesan Guild or the County Association, both of which operate in nearby towers. Sunday service ringing is irregular here on account of insufficient ringers, and the bells are seldom rung on practice nights.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Mr. Lofthouse Retiring After 30 Years as Secretary

The March meeting was held at Christ Church, Armley. Ringing started at the advertised time and was enjoyed until the break for tea at 5 p.m. Tea was served in the Parochial Hall and the business meeting was held in the same room. Mr. T. W. Strangeway (vice-president) presided, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Thorner, Woodlesford, Collingham and Doncaster.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. Lofthouse replied for the Vicar, wardens, local company and the ladies for service at the tea tables, and promised to see all the individuals concerned and pass on the Society's thanks.

The next meeting is to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th. The local company have arranged a tea (cooked meal), price 3s. 6d. per head, for all who notify their intention to be present to Mr. I. Slack, 25, Hollin Park Terrace, Leeds 8, by April 22nd.

The following nominations for next year's officers were received: President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway: vice-presidents (three required), Messrs. S. H. Barron, L. Drake, W. Dixon, H. Lofthouse and J. Gibson: Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake: secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack; auditors, Miss M. Rhodes and Mr. J. Roberts; trustees, Mr. H. Lofthouse and Mr. J. Gibson.

Mr. J. Gibson proposed and Mr. J. Roberts seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Lofthouse for his services during the past 30 years as secretary-treasurer. This was supported by Mr. T. W. Strangeway and Mr. L. Drake.

On return to the tower the bells were kept ringing until 8.30 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY IN CORNWALL

On Easter Monday, despite the almost wintry weather, about a dozen ringers from Cornwall, Devon and Dorset had an extremely pleasant outing amongst the six-bell towers of S.E. Cornwall. The party met at Menheniot, where the Rev. E. M. Thomas, himself a ringer, welcomed them and also stood in for a touch. The organiser was severely reprimanded for his unavoidably late arrival, but all enjoyed this lovely ring of bells (tenor 11¼ cwt.). Will any change ringers within reasonable distance please note that the Vicar is keen to start a 'scientific' band and would be grateful for offers of assistance in doing so.

Leaving here, Mr. Wilf Panter assumed the role of guide and after taking the party on a conducted tour over a reliability trials course brought them safely to Pillaton (tenor 12 cwt.). After three-quarters of an hour's ringing and an alfresco lunch a move was made to St. Mellion (tenor 7 cwt.), where further ringing was enjoyed. Landulph Church, the next stop, is close to the River Tamar and was found to have lovely bells with a tenor of 10¾ cwt., and an hour's ringing here was much appreciated. After a sumptuous tea at the Cecil Arms, St. Stephen's-by-Saltash (kindly arranged by the Vicar) a move was made to the tower opposite. Here it was found that the best wine had been kept for the last and no one really wanted to leave these fine bells (tenor 15¼ cwt.) and over an hour's ringing passed far too quickly before the goodbyes and dispersal for the long trips home.

During the day five Doubles and two Minor methods were rung but the chief objective was good striking and this was, on the whole, achieved. Best thanks are due to all incumbents for permission readily given and to those locals and the two Vicars who met the band and extended such warm welcomes.

E. T. P. F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Dear Sir, — The formation of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild should be welcomed as a step in the right direction. The idea of a ringing guild working within the same boundaries as an Archdeaconry is something new in Yorkshire, and its name more closely allies its work to that of the Church. Furthermore, the object of the Guild, 'To encourage the art of change ringing in the service of the Church,' is worthy of notice and certainly reads much better than do the objects of many older guilds, e.g., 'To promote belfry reform and the recognition of bell-ringers as church-workers.' 'Belfry reform,' whatever it may mean, is outdated and ringers are now regarded as good church-workers by all right thinking people.

Since the last war several district societies have been formed in Yorkshire to meet a need not provided for in the organisation of the County Association. The many district organisations are not affiliated and hold no allegiance to the Yorkshire Association, but all work for the betterment of ringing in their respective spheres of influence and so, ultimately, for the good of the Yorkshire Association. Indeed, I think it is true to say the district societies are the backbone of the Yorkshire Association.

If the position in Yorkshire is examined a little closely it will be seen the areas covered by several of the district societies conform, more or less, to archidiaconal boundaries. Thus:—

Cleveland & North Yorkshire, Archdeaconry of Cleveland.
Beverley and District, Archdeaconry of the East Riding.
Selby and District, Archdeaconry of York.
Doncaster and District, Archdeaconry of Doncaster.
Sheffield and District, Archdeaconry of Sheffield.

An amalgamation or affiliation of the first three may result in the formation of a diocesan organisation (York), and as the Doncaster and Sheffield Societies cover the Diocese of Sheffield it will be seen the Halifax people, intentionally it is to be hoped, have started something and given a lot of food for thought in Yorkshire. The seed has been sown. Will it grow, by a process of evolution, into a Yorkshire Association of Diocesan Guilds?—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

THE OLD BELLS OF CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—W. Shepherd is wrong when he says Chobhamers do not desire the tone of their bells improved. Much has been done to beautify the old church in the last five years, much, including the bells, remains to be done. In any case would a recast be justified in view of their historic value? They are not nearly so bad as he implies.

Further, in my opinion, it is the 1892 bells which are bad! There has been no clock bell in the tower for many years, the clock uses the ringing bells.

I have returned to Chobham recently after two and a half years at Farnham and hope to start a team of change ringers shortly. The present ringers use cards, but most are old and have no desire to learn anything else. My hope is to train a team, while not interfering with the old team's service ringing till they can no longer muster enough. Some of them have been ringing over 50 years at the tower and their numbers are rapidly dwindling.

I hope W. S. will visit us one day to bring his information up to date.—Yours faithfully,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

BOB MAJOR WITH THE TENORS PARTED

Dear Sir,—It is gratifying to know that I am not alone in my opinion that Bob Major with the tenors parted produces some very fine music. (Letter: W. J. G. Brown, Ipswich. 'Ringing World,' March 27th, 1953, page 203).

Whilst realising that to part the tenors for so long a period, 20 courses out of the 42, is highly unconventional, I do feel that to depart from convention occasionally is very advantageous in that, in this case, new music, equally as good, is produced and also one is awakened from a sound sleep by the fact that the invariable coursing order, 8-7, is broken. Had we been 'weened' with the tenors parted would it not be unconventional to keep them together in so many of our compositions?

I agree with Mr. Brown that having the tenors reversed for two leads reduces the musical value of the composition but feel that this is a very minor point in view of the music that follows. In any case, this is only a means to an end and not an end in itself, and may we overlook this discrepancy as it is of such short duration? Had a similar occurrence taken place at any of the W's in the composition the waste paper basket would certainly be the place for it. An illustration of this occurs in the following 384 Bob Major:—

234567	W	5	In	M
526374	—	x	1	—
357246	—	x	1	—
234567	—	x	1	—

In conclusion, perhaps the following 5,056 Bob Major, by myself, would prove of interest to those who are not averse to ringing with the tenors separated:—

234567	W	5	4	B	In	M	R
237546				1	4		3
527346	—						3
357246	—						3
632547	—	x			1		3
532467	—			1		—	3
432657	—			1		—	3
523647	—			3			
235647	—	x	—			—	
324567	—			2			S

Repeated

This composition gains where the 5,024 loses, in that the tenors are not reversed. On the whole, though, I feel that each is worthy of as much merit as the other.

I would like to write privately to Mr. W. J. G. Brown, if he would kindly let me have his address.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone.

'PROFESSOR OF CAMPANOLOGY' AT RUGBY

Dear Sir,—The account of the unique performance of a 'Professor of Campanology' given by W. S. in 'The Ringing World' of March 20th was interesting and rather intriguing. The bells at Rugby at that time would be five in number, the same five as are being rung at present, being the bottom five of an octave (s, f, m, r, d in the sol-fa notation) and it would be interesting to learn how the 'Professor' could play 'God Save the King' and other popular tunes of the day with such a limited number of notes at his disposal. There seems to be no local knowledge of the event and one would like to know the source of the information.—Yours faithfully,

Rugby. G. A. PECK.

Into a Midlands belfry walked a young visiting ringer recently. 'And your name?' inquired the captain. 'Maurice Stout.' came the reply.' 'How peculiar,' remarked the captain, 'I know of two other bellringers named Edward J. Beer and Mansfield Ginn!'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of April 18th, 1913

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Wednesday, April 9th, 1913, in 2 hours and 35 minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. Pulling.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES.

Holt's Original.

Charles Hazelden	1–2
Alfred H. Pulling	3–4
*John S. Goldsmith ..	5–6
Bernard Clark	7–8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of J. S. Goldsmith's first peal, rung on April 8th, 1893.

[Though he will always be remembered mainly as the founder of this journal, Mr. Goldsmith was an excellent practical ringer. Beginning when very young, he reached 100 peals in March, 1899, with a peal of London when just 21 years of age, an outstanding record for the time. In all, he rang 463 peals, one of which was the first of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major to be accomplished.]

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AT HARTEST, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the account, in your issue of 27th ult., of the rededication at Hartest, but may I point out that Roan, who was Master of the College Youths 300 years ago, is credited with the invention of the method, about 1650, and that it was to his friend, Richard Duckworth, that he contributed matter for the latter's famous book, 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668.

Duckworth was appointed Rector of Hartest in 1650, where he probably met Stedman, who published his work and then, later, his own more ambitious work, the 'Campanologia,' 1677.

Robert Roan was one of the King's Court and so it is more likely that his methods were first rung in London than at his friend's tower, Hartest, down in Suffolk.

We are indebted to the research of both Trollope and Morris for much of the above. But the mention of the Rev. Mr. Drake, Rector of Hartest in the 18th century, joining the College Youths, caused me to look up the Roll, where there seems to be no record of his name. I was disappointed to find that the name of so famous a ringer as Duckworth is also missing therefrom.—I am, Your obedient servant,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

THOMAS POWER

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Thomas Power, Gent.,' it would appear that this Thomas Power was the man who made a lantern clock about the same period inscribed 'Tho. Power de Wellingborow Hoc Fabricavat.' and a basket-top bracket clock of a little later date inscribed 'Thos. Power, Wellingbrow.'

Beyond this nothing appears to be known regarding this maker but a search of the registers at Wellingborough might well reveal interesting information.

HARRY KING.

North Weald.

COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS

Dear Sir,—The article by Mr. Shepherd mentions Dorset as one of the counties without any reference books on its bells. 'The Church Bells of Dorset,' by Canon Raven, with an appendix by Miles Barnes, was published at Dorchester in 1906. Many of the inscriptions were obtained by the three brothers Hughes D'Aeth, who went round on bicycles to explore the various towers.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS

Kington Magna.

OBITUARY

MR. J. H. BLAKISTON

An Appreciation

I was interested to read the letters of Mr. Semmens and Mr. Peck regarding Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, and perhaps I may be permitted to advance a little further information. Jack Blakiston, as he was called, was the son of Mr. William Blakiston, who was, I understand, the cashier to an old-established Quaker ironfounding business in this town and which ultimately developed into one of its largest commercial undertakings. As a young man he moved to Middlesbrough and took up a post with another predominantly Quaker concern, the owners of the Middlesbrough Estate, with whom he served until well advanced in years.

He was born in Darlington and learned his ringing at St. John's Church, joining the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1880, three years after its formation. He relinquished active membership of this Association when the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was formed in 1898. He was a founder member of this Association and was credited with forming the band of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough. He continued an active member for ten years and then, in 1908, he retired from the Middlesbrough tower and transferred his affections to the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association. The following are the peals in which so far as is known he took part and the figures in brackets are those he conducted:—Durham and Newcastle Association 38 (19), Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association 29 (24), Yorkshire Association 20 (13), a total of 87 (56).

My father recalls that Mr. Blakiston took part in his first attempt for a peal at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, in the early nineties and in my boyhood days I rang with him on one or two occasions at Yorkshire meetings.

W. N. PARK.

MR. ERNEST PARKER

The death occurred at Holt, Wiltshire, on March 29th, of Mr. Ernest Parker, aged 73. A native of Bleadon, Somerset, where he learned to ring, he was for many years conductor of the band at St. John's, Weston-super-Mare. On retirement, 16 years ago, he came to live in Holt and from then until the time of his death was a regular member of the Trowbridge band, cycling the four miles each way in all winds and weathers until the last few months to ring for morning and evening service and the weekly practice night.

He was a Ringing Master of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild for 12 years. Although not a great lover of peal ringing he rang quite a number of peals in all standard methods and was always willing to stand in if needed. On several occasions he had conducted Holt's Original, the last time being on his 70th birthday, at that age a performance of which any ringer might well be proud.

After the funeral service at Holt, attended by many ringers of the Devizes Branch, he was buried at Bleadon, and a muffled peal was rung at Trowbridge in the evening. He leaves a widow, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended. In the course of a friendship of 30 years he showed himself to be a devout churchman who conscientiously adhered to the highest principles and he won the respect and affection of all who came in contact with him. He was a true Christian gentleman.

G. H. H.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. O. Davis 1, G. K. Westlake 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. W. Baker 8.

MR. WALTER CLIFF

By the passing of Mr. Walter Cliff at the age of 81, Tenterden has lost a good tradesman. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent Association of Change Ringers. He rang for Queen Victoria's two Jubilees and covered several peals of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes).

Mr. Cliff joined the parish church choir when a boy and only resigned a few years ago on account of ill-health. He was chief officer of the Tenterden Fire Brigade for many years and was held in high regard by all who knew him.

The ringers of St. Mildred's Church, in the evening of the day of his funeral, rang half-muffled.

MR. SIDNEY PALMER

The death has occurred of Mr. Sidney Palmer, of Swindon, after a short illness, at the age of 82. He was a native of Potterne, near Devizes, where he learned to ring and had been a member of Swindon Parish Church band for nearly 50 years.

Mr. Palmer kept no record of the peals he had rung but they must have been a considerable number. Among them was the first peal of Surprise by a Wiltshire band. His last peal was Kent Royal rung at Christ Church, Swindon, in 1945.

On the day of his funeral a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church. The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. W. H. Trueman (chairman) and Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary). Former colleagues who attended were Mr. E. J. Berry (Master of Christ Church tower) and Mr. C. E. Gardiner, who had rung with Mr. Palmer for 50 years.

W. B. K.

SIR GILFRID CRAIG, J.P., D.L.

Ringers in West Middlesex and those of the St. John-the-Baptist Guild, Hillingdon, in particular, have lost a good friend by the death of Sir Gilfrid Craig, of The Grange, Hillingdon. He was for many years an honorary life member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and had always taken a kindly interest in the work of ringing.

A churchwarden for many years, he took great pleasure in being associated with the welcome extended to the Association at Hillingdon, and had attended several of the autumn annual joint meetings with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His modest, unassuming manner and generous disposition endeared him to everyone fortunate enough to know him well. The occasion when, in a gracious and friendly way, he delightrd members of both Guilds by personally paying tribute in making the presentation to the late stalwarts J. J. Pratt and W. H. Honor, after they had completed 60 years of service as ringers, will long be remembered.

He married the elder daughter of the late Mr. John Stillwell, who was himself a ringer, and who, in 1911, generously defrayed the cost of the restoration and augmentation of the ten bells at the Parish Church.

Sir Gilfrid, as he was affectionately known, passed away on Easter Day, and the funeral was at Golders Green on Thursday, April 9th.

In the evening the appropriate prayer taken from the Guild's form of service was said in the belfry before the commencement of half-muffled ringing on these bells, a tribute to one of whom it could be truly said, 'He walked with kings—nor lost the common touch.' Deepest sympathy is extended to Lady Craig, with whom we would wish to share this great loss.

W. H. C.

TO QUEEN MARY

Half-Muffled Quarter Peals

(Continued from page 246)

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Audrey B. Castell 2, R. Willis (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. O. Berry 5, F. C. Castell 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter peal of Doubles in 11 different methods (Erin, Carters, Rugby Slow Course, April Day, Norfolk, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, New, Stedman and Grandsire): C. Underwood 1, G. A. Peck 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, J. Underwood 4, J. Wiseman 5. First quarter in 11 methods for 2, 4 and 5.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Nicholls 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, A. Clements 3, W. Ransom 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, F. W. Lack 6, L. W. Fisher 7, H. S. Peacock 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and 419 Grandsire): Molly Bates 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, O. J. Cripps 3, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Simpson 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. R. Harrison 4, T. W. Robinson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6, R. A. Hickton 7, R. G. Newsum (first quarter of Triples) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clements 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. J. Birt (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Birt 4, W. Birmingham (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. Scott 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Farr 1, Miss B. Mockridge (first quarter) 2, Miss Allen 3, Mrs. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Williams 1, D. Brown (first of Stedman) 2, W. Faithfull 3, Mrs. J. Kippin 4, E. Brown 5, M. J. Butler 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, A. J. Print 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, H. Huxley 7, F. C. Lyne 8.

STYTHIANS, TRURO.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Clemens 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. Drewitt (cond.) 3, R. G. Clemens 4, H. C. Spencer 5.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: M. A. Randall 1, P. H. Reynolds 2, F. A. Porter 3, F. A. Bullock 4, T. E. Wilson 5, J. Thorold 6, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 7, G. H. Penniston 8. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 5.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Langabeer (first quarter) 1, R. Ford 2, G. Court 3, H. Butt (cond.) 4, W. Butt 5, W. Baker 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Mary de Wych, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Knott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 3, Miss B. Holm 4, H. Cole 5, W. Holm 6.

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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Contined from page 186)

The following lines, from two belfries of the Welsh border counties, are somewhat different from the 17th century rhymes (although they are evidently adapted from them) and contain some lines of more recent composition. The first version is from LLANFYLLIN, Montgomeryshire.

'If for to ring you do come here
You must ring well with hands and ear;
And if you ring with spur or hat,
A quart of beer is due for that.

And if a bell you overthrow
A shilling pay before you go:
The law is old, well known to you
Therefore the Clerk must have his due.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 17.)

The next version is from BANGOR-ISCOED in Flintshire:—

'If that to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
But if you ring in spur or hat,
Fourpence is always due for that;
And if a Bell you overthrow,
Sixpence is due before you go.
But if you either sweare or curse
Twelvepence is due—out with your purse.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Therefore the Clerk must have his due.
If to our laws you do consent
Then take a bell, we are content.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 18.)

In the belfry of BUCKLAND Church, near Tavistock:—

'We ring the quick to church, the dead to grave;
Good is our use, such usage let us have;
Who swears, curs'th, or in cholerick mood
Quarrels or strikes, Altho' he sheds no blood;
Who wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling marrs a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious against another time.
Now round let's go, and when we've done let's sing,
God bless our Holy Church, God save the King.
17 Amen 55.'

Similar lines to these were in force at St. Cleer, Cornwall.

In 1849 the following lines were written on a sheet of paper affixed to the wall of the village church of PITMINSTER, Somerset:—

'If Aney one do ware hise hat
When he ringing here
He straitte way then shall sixpence pay
In Sider or Bere.'
(Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 40.)

This is from St. Mary's, ROTHERHITHE:—

'Fear God honour ye King
Whoso comes here these ropes to handle,
Must comply with these rules for buying of candle.
For each oath that you swear or bell yt you throw
Deposit your sixpence before that you go.
These rules are so just and orders so plain,
Who refuseth compliance shall not practice again
Without paying one shilling to wipe off the stain.'

(1). At St. Andrew's Church, PLYMOUTH, were these belfry 'rhymes' dated 1700. with the motto 'Nos resonare jubent pietas mores atque volutas':—

'Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
And praise unto the Holy Trinity:
Then honour give unto our noble King,
So with a blessing let us raise the ring.
Hark! how the chirping Treble sings most clear,

And covering Tom comes rowling in the rear;
And now the Bells are up, come let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety,
Then all agree to make this their decree.
Who swears or curses, or in a choleric mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood:
Who wears a hat, or spur, or overturns a Bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal:
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime.
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time!
But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be,
We call on him a double penalty.
If any should our Parson disrespect,
Or Wardens orders any times neglect,
Let him be always held in full disgrace,
And ever more be banished this place:
Now round—let go—with pleasure to the ear,
And pierce with echo through the yielding air.
So when the bells are ceased, then let us sing,
God bless the Church—God bless the King.'
1700.

Almost identical with the foregoing are those at (2) LANDULPH, in Cornwall. Some rhymes bearing the date 1811 are on the walls of the tower at (3) LANLIVERY, Cornwall. They are slightly abridged from those at Fowey (already given.

In the belfry of DREWSTEIGNTON Church, Dartmoor.

'The Ringer's Articles

I.
Whoever in this place shall swear,
Sixpence he shall pay therefore.

II.
He that ring here in his hat,
Threepence he shall pay for that.

III.
Who overturns a bell, be sure
Threepence he shall pay therefore.

IV.
Who leaves his rope under feet,
Threepence he shall pay for it.

V.
A good ringer and a true heart
Will not refuse to stand a quart.

VI.
Who will not to these rules agree
Shall not belong to this belfrie.
John Hole, Warden.'

The following is found scrawled at BUTTERWICK, Lincs, with much more to the same effect:—

'All You that hath A mind to Ring
Must to the old Ringer Admission money bring.
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.....

Each coult must, sirs, just three and sixpence pay
When our accounts are passed for truth
And you are styled then a College Youth.
So now, my lads, admission money bring
And we will learn [sic] you presently to Ring.'
(North—'Church Bells of Lincs,' page 347.)

(To be continued)

(1). Briscoe—'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 15.
(2). Dunkin—'Cornwall.' page 38.
(3). Dunkin—page 82.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Flintham (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Brown (first of Major) 2, F. Bishop 3, D. White 4, J. Kemp 5, E. Fisher 6, J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Flatters 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A combined meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Selby and District Society was held at Goole on March 21st and was attended by about 30 ringers from various towers in the district. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. B. Greathead) and was followed by the tea and business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. B. Sellers.

Two new out-county members were elected: Messrs. D. Ladd, of Walmer, Kent, and E. F. Gilbert, of Basingstoke, Hants. These two young men were recently stationed at Leconfield Aerodrome, near Beverley, and the chairman asked the meeting to stand in silence to the memory of the airmen from there who were recently shot down over Germany.

Pocklington was selected as the place for the annual district meeting in June. Mr. L. Woodhead gave particulars of the Selby dinner to be held on April 11th. The usual votes of thanks were passed, special mention being made of Mrs. Taylor, who provided the tea. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 10s.

MARRIAGE OF MISS ANNIE POTTER

A large number of ringers from different parts of Lancashire were present at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on Easter Monday, for the wedding of Miss Annie Potter, a member of the local band for 25 years and for many years the competent secretary of the tower, to Mr. William McDermott. Her marriage has ended a well-known name in Lancashire ringing circles as her father, the late Mr. John Potter, was one of the Association's stalwarts and a very reliable conductor in any method.

The service was fully choral as both the bride and the bridegroom have been members of the choir for many years. The bells were rung for the service and afterwards they were 'fired' and Queens and Tittums rung.

The bride was dressed in a powder-blue costume and she received from the bridegroom a gold watch.

Immediately after the reception and lunch a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a mixed band from different towers in Lancashire.

There was another band of ringers at the station to meet the couple as they left for their honeymoon at Morecambe and to the amusement of the many onlookers they led them down to the platform ringing handbells and continued until the train departed.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Harlow Common and Harlow Town on March 28th. A lower attendance than usual was no doubt due to uncertainty owing to the royal bereavement.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, the following new members were elected; Shirley V. Rymer, Dudley; Joan Beresford, Lichfield; Evelyn M. Fletcher, Birmingham; Alison Clarke, Hampton Hill; Geoffrey Paul, Lincoln; G. D. Ingham, Sunbury Hill; David Hawkins, Hampton; Michael Collins, Hampton; C. E. Brown, Lincoln; John Worsdall, Bassingham; John S. Barnes, Attleborough.

The company stood in silence to the memory of F. Richardson (Chatham), George Dawson (Leytonstone) and the Rev. F. J. Winterton (Barnet), members who had recently died.

The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on July 4th, and Mr. Cross asked all members to give their support.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the incumbent and tower keepers of both churches. Ringing took place in methods up to London Surprise Major.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 Waterloo Bob Triples

Arranged by N. GOLDEN

C.C.C. of Triple Methods No. 14

1234567
2135476
2314567
3241576
2345167
3254617
2345671
3254761
2345716
3254176
2351467
3215476
3124567
1325476

1352746
Bob
1325476

1235746
Single
1325476

1325746

M	F	I	O	H	23456
—				3	52436
—				—	43526
S				3	23546
—				2	25436
—	—			3	64532
		—		3	43652
			—	—	43256

Twice repeat the last seven courses, omitting the bob M, then repeat the whole.

Contains the 5th and 6th their maximum number of courses home at backstroke.

The composition is true to any P triples method.

Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, January 14th, 1953.

5,376 Double Norwich Court Bob Major

By ERNEST MORRIS

	23456	1	4	6
	35624	S	—	—
	45326		—	
	54623		—	—
	34526		—	
A	24635	—	—	—
A	54236		—	
A	45632		—	—
A	25436		—	
A	52634		—	—
A	42536		—	
A	23546			
	43625	—	—	—
	53426		—	
A	32456			

Repeated.

Sixth full extent in 4th and 6th alternately.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary, the composer called this same peal at Whitwick, March 16th, 1953.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. W. E. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, W. Simpson 3, O. J. Cripps 4, R. A. Hickton 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, C. Gough 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung in thanksgiving for installation of new heating system.

OUTING

DANBURY, ESSEX

On Easter Monday the Danbury ringers and a collection of other 'tower snatchers' met in Chelmsford for their cycle tour of Northern Essex.

Great Easton was reached without serious mishap although some apprehension was felt on the part of two of the young ladies who dragged behind and arrived at Great Easton 20 minutes after the main body of the company. The six at Great Easton were soon swinging and good touches of Cambridge downwards were rung.

Then over the hills to Thaxted, where the tourists were in time to see the traditional folk dancing. The fine ring of eight was soon set going watched by a large crowd of sightseers who had adjourned from the folk dancing. Most of the ringers partook of lunch sheltering behind a large windmill on a hill just outside Thaxted.

Finchingfield was reached in twos and threes as most of the band had stopped in a public house (watching the television!). But the heavy eight at Finchingfield were soon ringing out. The ringing here did not do justice to the bells but some well-struck Grandsire rounded off the ringing here.

After tea at Great Bardfield a tough road led to Stebbing. The six here have not a very good 'go,' nevertheless the best touch of the day (London Minor) was rung on these bells.

About a mile from Felstead the rain came down in torrents and a wet and cold party arrived at the tower. This did not impair the ringing and the eight at Felstead were soon going very well

Thanks are due to the local bands who helped by preparing their bells and to Peter Came and Joe Roast for so capably organising a very pleasant day.

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HARRISON.—On April 11th, at 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, Alice, beloved wife of William H. Harrison and mother of Albert G. Harrison. Aged 85 years. 2461

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2397

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2407

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Boreham. 2402

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD — Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, at Iden, Sussex. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, April 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Note date.—R. Benson. 2440

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barkston, April 18th. 2394

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, St. John's, Leytonstone. Ringing 3. Tea 4.45, nearby cafes. Business in tower 6 o'clock and further ringing till 8.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 2443

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 18th. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Resolution extending constitution of District committees to include Association officers. Ringing: St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, 2.30-4; Clerkenwell 3; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, (WORdsworth 5109.) 2372

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ticknall, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 2410

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Oxted, April 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Kent. 2389

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, April 18th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 2400

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Ann, April 18th. Bells 3.30. Transport arranged from St. Mary's Andover, leaving 3.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Goodworth Clatford after tea. Ringers from other branches welcome. 2388

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne, April 25th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2409

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Banwell, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2433

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 21st.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2445

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Pavenham, April 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2432

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Mottram, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Tuesday, April 25th, Mr. A. L. Townend, Arnside, Matley, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 2441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sandiacre (6) on April 25th at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Names for tea to Mr. D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire. 2455

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Cockington, Torquay, Saturday, April 25th Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Corneways, Buckfastleigh. 2435

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Tickhill (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 22nd, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue Bentley Road, Doncaster. 2449

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Dudley, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for those only who send in their names, before April 21st, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2418

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Farewell meeting to our president (The Vicar).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2466

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Eastington (6 bells), April 25th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea after service. Names by April 21st. —S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 2427

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Carter, Lydgate, Seale Lane, Runfold, Surrey.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2442

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice, Hereford Cathedral (10) on Saturday, April 25th, 6 p.m.-8.30 p.m.—J. W. Downes, Sec. 2456

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.10.—G. Randle. 2434

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Weston, April 25th 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gravelev after tea. Special methods: All Saints' Doubles and Single Oxford.—F. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Linton (8), on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2451

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Meopham, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (cooked meal) 3s. 6d. per head for those who notify, by April 22nd. Mr. I. Slack, 25, Hollin Park Terrace, Leeds 8. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 2460

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Cups of tea in Schools at 5. Please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Leicester District.—Whetstone (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2437

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 25th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Eastgate Court, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank. Business meeting Cathedral Chapter House, 6 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by 18th, please.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th, latest. High Wycombe 7 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, please, to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Roade, April 25th. Names for tea, not later than April 22nd, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2421

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Castor, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, essential by previous Tuesday, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 2447

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Aldwincle (5), April 25th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 2428

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting Huntingfield (5), April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped to have ringing at Heveningham (5) also, after tea.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2446

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, Heathfield (8) Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2438

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2454

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 22nd, to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate, Newport. 2452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Wraxall, April 26th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by April 24th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2458

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 2nd. Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Appledore, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2444

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cowbridge, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by April 28th, to Mrs. R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. —Jacqueline Evans, Hon. Sec. 2457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Scorton on May 2nd. Ringing (8 bells) 2.30–8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea without fail to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 2465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. Social evening 7.30-11 Victoria Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday April 29th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston — W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2436

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winterton, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 29th, to R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before April 29th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2–4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Corunna Cafe, Ousegate. Names by April 30th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, May 9th, Liverpool. Train, Euston 8.30. Meet 8. Names to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS

The ringers of St. Mary's, North Mymms, held a half-day outing on March 21st.

The first halt was St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Harlow, where difficulty was found in ringing touches on the fine eight. The ringers continued to Sawbridgeworth, where the younger members found the heavy ring of eight a little too much for them.

After an extremely good tea at Hatfield Broad Oak the party rang at St. Mary-the-Virgin's. Although difficulty was found in hearing the bells the striking was of a high standard.

The last stop was All Saints', Writtle, where the best ringing of the day took place, an extension of the ringing time was possible and methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Treble Bob.

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RINGING A WORTHWHILE TRADITION

By the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. W. Boulton)
In an address to the Guildford Diocesan Guild
on April 11th, 1953

AS one who used to ring in his undergraduate days and had a love of ringing and bells, I am always glad to meet those engaged in your art.

On the occasion of your Festival it is a time to sit back and try and consider what we are trying to do by this ministry of ours. It is a very humbling thought to stand in the old churches and to think one is part of the long shadow of the generations that have gone before who have done that same ministry. A long, long chain representing many generations and to think that in another 400 years your successor will be carrying on the tradition. That is civilisation. It means belonging to a great worthwhile tradition and standing in that tradition as a humble member.

Most of the things we do in these days are not civilisation; they are ways of filling in time or ways of earning a little money; they have no sense of an age-long community of which we are a part. In this art of bell-ringing the true person is doing his job, and it can, perhaps, be the greatest or the most truly Christian of all forms of ministry.

In the first place, you see you are doing it to the glory of God. You are not merely doing it as a hobby like collecting stamps or bird-watching and not even for the community's sake, because as the bells peal out from a tower you cannot help being transported, if you have imagination, above the personal level of things into a realm of beauty which is eternal. You feel that you are there as an instrument expressing something eternal and feel you are a minister of the eternal God.

Secondly, you are doing a ministry for the Church. There are so many people nowadays who only feel the ministry of the Church through church bells. They never get any nearer. There must be a vast number who are just kept in touch with God by the sound of the church bells. It brings up memories of the old village and the old home, and the bells have an uncanny habit of calling up memories. There are many people who are coming back to the Church; this tide of faith is beginning to flow back and this ministry is not the least in helping that flow.

Bell-ringing cannot be done for your own glory. Most other things you can do are for your own glory. This particular art can only be done as a team. A person who regards himself as an outstanding performer is a menace; he is not doing it to the glory of God but for himself. He is a complete menace to the team and however much he tries he cannot vaunt his skill very far because those in the street below cannot know that it is John Brown who is ringing the tenor. His reputation is very limited. In other words, you have a chance of learning what a true Christian ministry is, and I want you always to realise as you ring that you are offering up your service to God for His glory.

Personally, I do not think there is anything more necessary in this modern age, as the average person to-day has absolutely lost the joy of serving a great cause. In war time we can do it, but in peace time we disintegrate into a lot of individuals each for his own affairs. It is a pathetic kind of life; it is not a civilised life as I see it. The tradition you represent is the spirit we desperately need in this age.

Finally, as week by week you exercise your art and minister it in spirit to God, do it as regularly, as faithfully and as humbly as you can. Above all, do it with a good spirit and friendliness which makes all the difference to any team job.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND	*Treble*	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
*GEORGE H. HESKETH	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
JACK N. BROWN	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	9
†THOMAS W. HESKETH	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	10
JOHN E. SPICE	5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	11
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	6	*FREDERICK S. ALMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques. The first peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

A compliment to Miss Joyce E. Cave, daughter of the conductor, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. William H. Cawdron, which took place at Huyton Parish Church on April 4th.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Being 2,160 of Belgrave and 2,880 of Yorkshire with 30 changes of method. Tenor 39½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*ALFRED BALLARD	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
S. ANTHONY JESSON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*JEAN M. HARRIS	*Treble*	*DAVID R. REED	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	FRANK A. PENN	8
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
*BRIAN BLADON	4	REGINALD W. REX	10
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5	*RONALD N. MARLOW	11
*FRANK L. HARRIS	6	*JOHN HARTLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Cinques.

In memoriam the Rev. H. W. Moule, a much respected member of the Salisbury Guild, and Ernest Parker, a ringer at this tower for many years.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
*CLIVE M. SMITH	2	HENRY E. GREEN	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	AUBREY M. PICKERING	8
EDGAR T. SMITH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
SAMUEL BIRCH	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWELL. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Caters.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
WALTER ALLMAN	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
*ALLAN DUGDALE	3	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	7
*FREDERICK JACKSON	4	JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
*A. RYAN PRICE	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	DAVID J. KING	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	†JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
ROBERT G. LAY	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
JANET S. BAILEY	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Oldham to Miss O. M. Green, the bride being an esteemed member of the local band and choir and of the Royal Choral Society.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
*HENRY H. FEARN	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal together.

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EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	F. ERIC ROBERTS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal on the bells, recently installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	5
GEORGE H. HESKETH	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER	4	*CYRIL HENSHAW	*Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. William W. Larkey (father of the ringer of the 3rd), who is still an active Sunday service ringer at this church.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

STEPHEN WALTON	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
EVEREST FORD	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Annie Potter, a member of St. Paul's band, to William McDermott (deputy organist). Both are choristers.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

TOM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	*REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Edna M. Sills and Mr. A. J. Kansy, married at Wrotham the previous Saturday.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

MICHAEL N. BLAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*MARION GRAIN	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich away from the treble.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR FIRTH	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	ERNEST A. THORPE	7
ALFRED SMITH	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method and 200th peal for the Association.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN SAVAGE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HALL	5
JEAN STEWART	2	JOHN J. FIELDING	6
WILLIAM PRATT	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	J. ARTHUR HOARE	5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	†DAVID J. KING	6
TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
*A. RYAN PRICE	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' The first peal of Surprise on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

CYRIL A. HURST	*Treble*	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS	5
G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* 200th peal.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	2	*REV. E. G. BENSON	6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	*JACK R. WORRALL	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK WALKER	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung as a coming-of-age peal for Miss Barbara A. Mitchell.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	HENRY SPRINGATE	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	VICTOR A. JARRETT	6
*LEONARD C. WELLS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*PETER F. BORER	4	GERALD A. POWELL	*Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Stedman.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ..	..*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	6
*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ..	3	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	7
*†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal together.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN ..	..*Treble*	*TERRY EARLE	5
*JOHN LEEMING	2	*ALAN SYDER	6
HENRY PRATT	3	STANLEY BONES	7
*JUNE STARLING	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
C.C.C. No. 22 (Six-part). Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS ..	..*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
*SUSAN JACKSON	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
*GERALD BOWEN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FREDERICK G. YATES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by HARVEY REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to the tenor ringer on his 65th birthday.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*R. JOHN SCOTT	..*Treble*	*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ..	5
*JAMES G. NEWMAN ..	2	*DENNIS KNOX	6
*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER..	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ..	7
*†ROBERT PIRON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS..	..*Treble*	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ..	5
JILL BRITTAIN	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	6
*JANET M. BESANT	3	JOHN HILL	7
JOHN WHITEHORN	4	†GEORGE W. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to John Whitehorn, who is joining H.M. Forces.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE ..	..*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	2	WILLOUGHLBY E. MAULDEN	6
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ..	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method, age 12 years.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ..	..*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	2	*R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN ..	6
*C. FREDK. JUKES	3	†MAURICE G. TURNER ..	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method. † 175th peal for the Society. 150th peal as conductor.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MARGARET H. BAKER ..	..*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN ..	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ..	7
FREDERICK S. MACEY ..	4	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all except the ringers of 4th and 6th.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¾ cwt. in E flat.

MARY FULLER	..*Treble*	*JOHN E. CANNELL	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ..	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for Miss B. A. Mitchell and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL C. BISHOP	..*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ..	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
HENRY SPRINGATE	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. K. Sturart (a former curate and ringer at this church) upon his Induction to the benefice of Wilmington this day. Also a compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, popular treasurer of the Kent County Association, upon 25 years' service in that capacity.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	..*Treble*	*RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
*ALAN PENDLEBURY	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	3	†JACK CLEGG	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by OBADIAH LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal for Lancashire Association.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER ..	..*Treble*	LEONARD W. BULLOCK ..	5
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH..	2	SQUIRE CROFT	6
SHEILA BOOTH	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ..	4	FREDERICK W. WICKS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.
Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Elson, ringer and chorister at this church, and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. C. Kemp.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON C. NORGROVE	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
WILFRED T. NORGROVE	3	DENNIS J. BOWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN HOPE	*Treble*	MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	4
†ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
JOHN NEWMAN	3	RICHARD SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A compliment to Rev. J. W. Kearns on his 90th birthday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's of Morris's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD SQUIRES	*Treble*	JOHN NEWMAN	4
†JOHN HOPE	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS	3	‡JOHN HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal away from a covering bell. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. Norton.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

WILFRED T. NORGROVE	*Treble*	A. BRYAN ELSMORE	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	*JOHN NEWMAN	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal of Minor.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE	*Treble*	PETER L. WOOD	4
JUNE S. STARLING	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
MRS. H. W. MOORE	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
First peal in more than one method by all the band, except the ringer of the 4th.
Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*CYRIL LONGLAND	*Treble*	ROLAND JONES	4
*RICHARD BROCKWELL	2	PHILIP JONES	5
*ANTONY BROCKWELL	3	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled.



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LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORA BATES	*Treble*	*ERIC BIRKETT	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	FRANK BIRKETT	5
*RONALD POOLE	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. Dunning, who is retiring after 23 years as Vicar.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 each of Kent and Oxford and 720 of Oxford. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST BROWN	4
JACK BRETT	2	REG RIPPINGALE	5
WILLIAM CUTMORE	3	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstone and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Single Oxford Bob and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

BRIAN R. KENNEY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	4
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
*CAROL FORSTER JONES	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Hughes.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) College and Wavertree, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
JOHN E. FOX	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WELLINGTON. HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (3) Plain Double, Reverse Canterbury and Fulbeck, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 14 methods. The first peal in 14 methods on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	*TERRY EARLE	4
*JOHN R. LEEMING	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
*ALAN R. SYDER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. G. A. Binnie, and Mrs. Binnie.

ADWICK-LE-STREET. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	5
*MARY SCOTT	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman, 12 of Grandsire and four of St. Simon's. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	3
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	4
PETER ANGER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN BLADEN.

* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight methods, viz.: Four different extents each of (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Little Aston, (3) Clifford Pleasure, (4) All Saints', (5) Rushall, (6) Newborough, (7) Plain Bob, and ten different extents, and one each of Pitman's and Morris's 240's of (8) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

F. TREVOR WARRINGTON	*Treble*	BRYAN E. CARSON	4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
*ANN BARR	3	DAVID W. BARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal in eight methods by all the band and on the bells, and the first peal of Doubles in eight methods for the Society.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of Stedman, five Bob Doubles. 12 six-scores of Grandsire, nine 240's Morris's and three 240's Pitman's arrangements. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	*PAULINE BENNETT	4
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*EDWIN J. C. DAVIS	3	*JOSEPHINE GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's aind Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	4
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
200th peal by the conductor.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE	*Treble*	JUNE S. STARLING	4
*MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	TERRY EARLE	5
MRS. H. W. MOORE	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.
* First peal since 1939.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., March 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	THOMAS F. VARNEY	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALFRED MOULD	1—2	JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*MRS. J. E. TURLEY	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on handbells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3—4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7—8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours,*
IN ST. JAMES' BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN H. WOOD	1—2	ROGER LEIGH	3—4
		CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5—6

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

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THE NEW QUARTER

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Urban W. Wildney has scored his 200th peal but not without its adventures. Three extents of this peal of Minor in seven methods were rung in nearly total darkness through the cleaner switching off the belfry light. A small glimmer of light from the church penetrated the top of the belfry. Somebody obligingly came and switched on the belfry light in time for the last 720. Mr. Wildney has rung his peals in 54 towers with 172 ringers. He has conducted 80.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Eastrington on March 24th was 2 hours and 47 minutes and not as printed on page 212.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will note the quarter peal at Cople, which is believed to be the first quarter rung by an all-ladies' band of the Bedfordshire Association.

By ringing the fourth to a peal of Doubles at Aldridge, Staffs, Mr. Bryan E. Carson achieved his ambition of ringing a peal on the bell on which he was taught to handle. He is shortly leaving the district and the band of his home tower, Little Aston, take this opportunity of wishing him Godspeed in his new vocation.

May we warmly commend to readers 'St. Martin's Youths,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, as an attractive booklet dealing with old Birmingham ringers. It is one of those handy volumes which should find a place on every ringer's bookshelf. (Price 1s. 6d. from the author, 2 Willey Avenue, Solihull.)

Mrs. Mary Scott, of Adwick-le-Street, Yorks, has often acted as hostess to ringers, providing meals to all-comers at all times, and warming rooms for handbell peals. On April 9th some of her guests said 'Thank you' by piloting her through her first peal at the first attempt. Her husband gave full support on the bell next to hers. Congratulations, Mrs. Scott!

The congratulations and admiration of all the band were earned by 14-year-old Hilda M. Snowden in the peal rung at Stisted for the farewell of the Rector. The treble rope came untucked halfway through the third 720, but Hilda hung on with grim determination through the rest of the peal and rang with a single rope.

Mr. John Hill has joined the short list of sons who have called their fathers' first peal.

Good progress is being made by the band at All Souls', Halifax, with quarter peals of Stedman and Cambridge. Three girls who were taught to handle a bell just over six months ago have rung their first quarter of Plain Bob.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish each scored their 100th peal in the same peal—at Gilmorton, Leics. Miss Winifred M. Burton also reached the century mark with the same peal.

Mr. John A. Acres is keeping handbell ringing alive in East Anglia. He conducted the six peals rung for the Suffolk Guild in 1952 and has now rung one for the Ely Diocesan Guild, who had a blank as far as handbell peals were concerned last year.

Not many six-bell towers would be able to provide four towards a band for a peal of London Surprise Major. Mr. Arthur Richards, the leader of the ringers at West Wickham, Kent, has trained a band of young ringers since the war with great success, and he and three of his pupils stood in a peal of London Surprise Major for the coming-of-age of one of them, Miss Barbara Mitchell, at Lewisham on April 11th. Also in the pull was Mr. Ralph Bird, who rings a great deal with the West Wickham ringers and has joined them, often as conductor, in many six-bell peals in up to 14 methods.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Secretary Reports a 'Very Comfortable Year'

THE annual general business meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Gloucester on Easter Monday in the School Room of St. Mary-de-Crypt, 86 members having signed the attendance book, presided over by the Master, Mr. John G. Jefferies.

The Rev. W. A. Peel, Tortworth, opened the meeting with prayer. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, P. C. Williams and W. Dyer (vice-presidents); also from W. Newman, Cheltenham; and E. F. Hancock, Bristol.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting at Berkeley, 1952, were read and confirmed, also the minutes of the special meeting held at Stow-on-the-Wold, July 5th, 1952. This meeting was arranged to see if the Branch at Stow-on-the-Wold could be restarted, no returns having been received from them since 1947. Despite the action taken by the committee, and a very good meeting having been held, nothing had since been heard from Stow and no replies had been received to the secretary's correspondence. It was proposed that the matter lie on the table, by Mr. C. R. Harding, Bristol, seconded by Mr. T. Boreham, Cheltenham.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

The Master's annual report stated that the affairs of the Association were in a very flourishing state. Actual membership had dropped slightly chiefly due to the usual reaction after the war. Some people who joined directly after the war found that for one or another reason ringing was not for them and they had dropped out: they had managed to keep the right people for the job and there were very evident signs of enthusiasm all round. The Cirencester Branch were doing very good work and opening up fresh towers. The band of young people at Tetbury had been on the 'air' and a new band was being formed at Shipton Moyne. Membership was still over 1,000.

Peal ringing showed a decline, only 71 having been rung against 90 last year.

The hon. secretary reported a 'very comfortable year.' Two applications for grants from the Belfry Repair Fund had been dealt with by the Executive.

Deaths during the year were those of Mr. Herbert P. Marsh (Chippenham), Major Lewis J. Roper (Cheltenham), Rev. A. E. Davis (Wanborough, Wilts), Mr. F. Glastonbury (Littledean), Mr. F. Cole (Painswick), Mr. W. H. Seers (Mangotsfield) and Mr. George Wilks (Ruardean).

The General Management Fund showed a balance of £107 5s. 4½d. against £83 16s. 11d. There was also £25 in the Reserve Fund, £124 5s. 8½d. in the Belfry Repair Fund (which had received £15 0s. 5d. from the Bristol United Ringing Guild at the winding-up of that body) and £8 0s. 9d. in the Peal Book Fund.

The reports and balance sheet and statement of accounts were adopted.

Mr. C. Rouse (Cheltenham) commented on the certificate issued by the Bristol School of Ringing and said the Association's thanks should be conveyed to Mr. E. J. Brown, Bristol, who had designed the certificate, which was given to all successful pupils passing through the school, at no expense to the Association.

The Master then asked those present to stand as a token of respect to the eleven members lost during 1952.

ELECTIONS FOR 1953

Vice-presidents: Mr. W. Bishop (Swindon) and Mr. F. W. Scudamore (Bristol Rural) were added to the list and all present vice-presidents were re-elected.

Master: For this election Mr. S. E. Romans, senior vice-president, took the chair and asked for nominations. Mr. A. L. Barry (Gloucester) was proposed by Mr. C. C. Larner and seconded by Mr. S. T. Price, and Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol Rural) proposed by Mr. A. Prince and seconded by Mr. J. Ferris. On being put to the vote Mr. Barry was elected. Time being limited, owing to having to attend Evensong at the Cathedral at 4 p.m., all other officers were re-elected 'en bloc' on the proposition of Mr. W. Bishop, seconded by Mr. C. Rouse.

This only left one election to the Management Committee caused by the election of Mr. W. Bishop as vice-president. Mr. J. Stallard (Bristol) was proposed by Mr. F. Skidmore and seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford and duly elected.

Tower Affiliation Fee: This to be raised from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per annum as from 1954. Proposed by Mr. C. C. Larner and seconded by Mr. J. Ferris.

Annual meetings: Several members spoke on this matter as to whether it should be altered from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether there should be two or one annually. It was decided that it should be one only, to be held on the Saturday in Easter week.

GRANT TO BERKELEY

Application had been received from Berkeley for a grant towards their Restoration Fund, which included repairs to the roof of the tower and painting the bell frame. This called for special consideration as it did not come within the scope of the Belfry Repair Fund, and always bearing in mind that the Association's War Memorial for World War I., two treble bells, was housed in the tower.

Several members expressed various views, it being generally agreed that no grant could be made from the Belfry Repair Fund, but in the special circumstances, on the proposition of Mr. W. A. Trueman, seconded by Mr. A. Price, it was decided to vote £5 5s. towards the Berkeley Restoration Fund from the General Fund.

It was decided to hold the next annual business meeting in Bristol City Branch on Saturday, April 24th, 1954. Proposed by Mr. F. C. Mogford and seconded by Mr. R. G. Hooper.

Coronation Ringing: It was generally agreed that the ringing arrangements for Coronation Day should fall in with local programmes and the time of the service, etc.

Association Coronation Peal: It was proposed by Mr. R. G. Hooper and seconded by Mr. S. G. Riches that the Master arrange a Coronation peal to be as representative as possible, at Painswick on a Saturday near the Coronation.

SECRET BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF MASTER

Under any other business, disapproval was expressed as to the manner in which the election of Master had been carried out, remarking that it should have been by secret ballot.

The Rev. W. A. Peel proposed and Mr. A. Prince seconded, that in future the election of Master should be by ballot. This was carried.

Mr. W. A. Trueman proposed that nominations for Master should be sent to the secretary 28 days before the annual meeting, in writing. This was seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford, and carried.

This concluded the business for the meeting and those present made their way to the Cathedral for Evensong, which was held in the choir and was very impressive.

Tea was partaken of at the Saracen's Head Hotel, after which the usual votes of thanks were made. Mr. Romans thanked the Dean and Chapter for allowing the use of the bells and for the splendid service, and to all the incumbents who had made their bells available on that day, and to the local secretary and Ringing Master for making the arrangements.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston thanked the retiring Master for his services during the past two years, and Mr. Riches and Mr. Skidmore for their work on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Jefferies suitably replied. Mr. Riches thanked Mr. Kynaston and made special mention of the wonderful privilege experienced in attending Evensong at the Cathedral, the singing by the choir being most impressive, which would remain a lasting memory.

Mr. Skidmore also acknowledged the expression of thanks and remarked that he had to thank his wife for her willing co-operation, especially in preparing the annual report for the printer.

This concluded the meeting and the Bristol ringers went on to Painswick and Stroud on their way home: others went for further ringing to St. Mary-de-Crypt. Thus ended another very pleasant and enjoyable day.

FIRST PEAL ON NEW TWELVE AT LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

On Easter Monday the first peal was rung—at the first attempt—on the new bells of the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool. All the band are regular service ringers at this church, and considering that most of them had had little or no twelve-bell practice in the 11 years between the May blitz of 1941 (when the old bells were removed) and the opening of the new twelve last October, the performance was a praiseworthy one.

Credit is especially due to the conductor, Mr. P. W. Cave, without whose constant efforts and encouragement the band would certainly not yet have reached peal ringing standard in Stedman Cinques. There was some good ringing during the middle two hours of the peal, but the beat was lost in the turning course and never recovered. Thus, the ringing during the last ten courses of the peal was not of the best. However, there were no serious trips at any time.

The last peal of Stedman Cinques on the old bells was on Boxing Day, 1938, and was also conducted by Percy Cave. Three others of the present band took part, namely, Messrs. Horridge, Bennett and Birkett. After this there were only two other peals on the old twelve. Stedman Caters (conducted by P. W. Cave) was rung on June 17th, 1939, having been specially arranged to mark the sailing of the 'Mauretania' from Liverpool on her maiden voyage, and Bob Maximus (conducted by the late J. C. E. Simpson) was rung by a touring band on August 21st, 1939. The latter peal was notable in that it was the first of Bob Maximus for no less than seven of the band, including such stalwarts as Messrs. G. R. Newton, G. Williams and G. Lindoff.

Subsequent to the Bob Maximus peal, there were also two handbell peals at the church. Stedman Caters was rung in the tower on October 13th, 1940, conducted by P. W. Cave (first handbell peal of Stedman ever rung in Liverpool), and Bob Major in the vestries on September 19th, 1946, conducted by J. E. Spice.

A PROMISING REVIVAL IN RUTLAND BRANCH

A most successful meeting was held at Oakham on April 11th and the 50-odd ringers from about 15 towers in the district had a most enjoyable time. There was a service in the church followed by tea and the business meeting. Among the various methods rung were Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Maior, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles. It was evident from the number of ringers there that there is a genuine revival of ringing in the Rutland Branch.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Scope of Benevolent Fund Extended

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild held their annual service this year in the historic Church of St. Mary on April 11th. There was a large and representative attendance. The Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) conducted the service taken from the Guild's new form of service and gave the address. His remarks are incorporated in the editorial on page 1 of this issue.

Ringing took place previous to the service at the three Guildford churches and also after the meeting. A company of 85 sat down to tea in S. Nicolas' Hall, the very substantial meal having been prepared by Mrs. Grover, Miss W. Oliver, Mr. A. C. Hazelden and other helpers. Farnham ringers, who had been detained on account of ringing for a wedding, arrived in time for the business meeting.

Mr. T. W. White was voted to the chair for the business meeting and he was supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) and other officers.

Nominations for officers for 1953 resulted in the election of the following: Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; assistant hon. secretary, Miss W. Oliver; hon. auditor, Mr. L. C. W. Hunter; peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg; librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The report of the Executive Committee stated that the membership of the Guild was 486 ringing and 121 honorary. There had been a substantial increase in the total membership and so far as could be traced the total appeared to be a record figure.

Rehanging at East Molesey and Hersham had now been completed.

The meeting stood while the names of the following members who had died since the last report were read out by the chairman: Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), Mr. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), Mr. F. Tullett (Capel), Mr. J. H. White (Dorking), Mr. C. Edwards (formerly of Farnham), Mr. A. E. Smith (Farnham), Mr. W. Mills (Hersham), Mr. W. Dimes (Crondall), Mrs. Alfred Chuter (hon. member, of Frensham) and Mr. W. Herridge (hon. member, Aldershot).

CORONATION RINGING

The committee reminded all members that it would be the duty of ringers to ensure that there is ringing on Coronation Day at all diocesan towers, and it was suggested that towers which had a surplus of ringers should make arrangements to assist their less fortunate neighbours. In any event it was stressed that any ringing on the day should be the very best it was possible to provide and that nothing in the nature of a practice for all and sundry should be attempted.

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master, Farnham District) said arrangements had been made for ringing in all the towers in his district. The towers had been circularised and it was suggested that ringing should take place for one of the early communion services and, if this was not possible, during the day. If any tower was short of ringers they would endeavour to send one or two to help.

The Chairman said as regards Guildford Borough a maroon was being sounded at 8.30 a.m. and that would be followed by ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church. There would be ringing at the Cathedral after the procession had passed and in the evening at S. Nicolas'.

Twenty-five peals were rung in 1952 as against 19 in 1951. One of these was rung outside the diocese, but the others were spread around 19 diocesan towers. There were 10 first peals, a welcome increase over the two of the previous year.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £42 1s. 5d., against £59 8s. 9d. brought forward. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £118 16s. 2d. and the New Cathedral Bell Fund £66 3s. 4d.

The librarian reported on the use of the Guild library and mentioned new books that had been added. Rarely a week passed without its use. Among the books added was a copy of 'Church Bells of Essex,' which had been obtained through the initiative of Mr. G. Peters, of Leatherhead, for 30s. They had made a start on the library catalogue and hoped to provide a copy for every ringing band in union with the Guild.

The Badge Secretary announced that 52 badges or brooches had been sold during the past year and the total profit on sales of badges amounted to £3 10s.

Miss Mary Hirst, of Shalford, was elected a ringing member and Mrs. Warner an honorary member.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

A discussion ensued on the use of the Benevolent Fund, and it was decided to extend the scope of the fund to dependants of living or deceased members as well as to members suffering ill-health or adversity as at present.

Mr. C. W. Denyer appealed for better support to the fund. Last year only eight towers out of nearly 60 contributed.

It was agreed to hold the Guild dinner on October 17th at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. A loss of 9s. was reported on the last dinner. Mr. W. Simmonds promised that the Chertsey District would provide the entertainment.

Congratulations were extended by the chairman to Mr. R. Whittington on his 85th birthday. The sympathy of the meeting was expressed to Mrs. Hagley in her serious illness and wishes extended for her speedy recovery.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Provost for taking the service, Mrs. Gray, the organist, and the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Among the visitors was Mr. Brian Austin, of Rothwell, Northants, who is undergoing his military training at Cove.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

Although the ringers were somewhat fewer than usual, everyone enjoyed themselves (as is usual) at the quarterly meeting at New Alresford on April 11th.

Unfortunately, Mr. R. Smith, the Ringing Master, was unable to be present, but Mr. H. Newnham, the local captain, proved a very able deputy. The methods rung were of the standard variety, most of them coming round when they should have done.

The service was taken in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Pearson), who also acted as the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Horse and Groom Inn, followed by the business part of the meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. F. C. Brinkworth, district chairman. He gave a special welcome to the visitors from neighbouring districts and to Miss M. Shearmur, from Woodford, who is now serving as a member of the W.R.N.S.

During the meeting four new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. P. Dickinson, of Cheriton (the first ringing member from Cheriton for several years), Miss J. and Master L. Street, of Kingsworthy, and Mr. N. West, of Sparsholt.

It was decided that the next two practice meetings would be held at Micheldever and Cheriton.

Members then returned to the tower, where an extra-ordinary business meeting was held. At this meeting, Mrs. F. M. Humber, of Ropley, was elected a ringing member.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RING 100th PEAL TOGETHER

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, and her 17½-years-old daughter, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish, both rang their 100th peal on April 10th.

Mrs. Beamish's peals have been rung for seven Guilds or Associations in 27 towers. All her peals are on tower bells. Details are appended:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, three methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 8, Stedman 11.

Major.—Plain Bob 16, Little Bob 1, Little Canterbury Pleasure 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1. Surprise: Cambridge 16, New Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 1, London 8, Bristol 5, Belgrave 1, Hinton 1, Painswick 1, Rutland 1, two methods spliced 1, four methods spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 3, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Grand total.—100.

MISS M. E. L. BEAMISH

Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish's list includes tower and handbell peals. These have been rung in seven counties in 24 towers for eight Guilds or Associations with 20 conductors and 134 ringers. Her list is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (conducted 2), Cambridge Surprise 1, four methods 4.

Triples.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 6 (2), Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 3. Surprise: Cambridge 11, New Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 4, Superlative 2, London 5, Bristol 6, Rutland 1, Peterborough 1, two methods spliced 1, four methods spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

Total on tower bells 77 (4).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 3.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Total on handbells.—23 (1).

Grand total.—100 (5).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the South-West Division of the Essex Association was held at Stanford-le-Hope on April 11th, when 45 members and visitors enjoyed ringing on this tuneful and melodious eight.

The ringing varied from rounds to London Surprise, and a pleasing feature was the large number of learners and young people present.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Hammond, to whom the thanks of the Division are due.

Miss Pauline Nice is the eighth pupil at Bures, Suffolk, to achieve a quarter peal since the company started in 1950. Ten members of the local company have rung peals, two have conducted peals and four called a quarter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOMENCLATURE OF LONDON EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Y. Bramble's diagrams and article in April 10th issue, I would like to make the following comments.

Firstly, before Mr. Poole rang the Maximus, which was sent to him as the true extension of Metropolitan Royal by its author, he submitted the figures to the Methods Committee, which unanimously rejected it as such, and other well-known ringers who happened to see them agreed with us. That is why the Maximus was given another name.

Secondly, to avoid misleading your readers, I would like to correct the way in which Mr. Bramble makes his sweeping assertions. From this and the majority of his articles, he writes as if what he says is an accomplished fact and accepted by the Exercise at large. For instance, he says 'By 1948, the nearest obtainable to the natural form, and therefore claimed as the Proximate, appeared as London Royal U.A.' Actually, of course, nobody but the author has suggested that the U.A. version is the nearest possible. Similarly, he suggests that it is generally accepted that a 'basic' stage may be other than the 'parent' stage. That, again, is most certainly not the case. The second paragraph in the article must also be translated to make it the author's personal point of view and not the view of the Exercise at large.

If, when reading Mr. Y. Bramble's articles, your readers would remember this point, i.e., to read 'It has been found . . .,' etc., as 'In my opinion . . .,' etc., I am sure they will avoid being misled.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
Convener, Methods Committee.

A PREGNANT TENOR

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent's article on Coughton Church in Warwickshire contains an interesting misprint. I have not actually seen the tenor bell ,but I remember being considerably amused a year or two ago by its inscription which was, I think, recorded on a board in the ringing chamber. This surely should read 'Campana Gravida **peperit** filias,' i.e., 'This pregnant bell brought forth daughters.' Both the adjective qualifying the noun and the verb are words used in reference to child-bearing, and the inference is, as both noun and verb are singular, that the tenor bell **alone** was the one used to make the ring up from three to six, when the ring was recast and augmented in 1686.

But perhaps there is a little licence here, for it would have to be a very large bell to provide metal for two more bells comparable with the rest of the ring. I see that the bells were rehung in 1893. My last experience of them on a ringing outing was that they again need attention, for one of the inside bells, possibly the third or the fourth, was like a kicking mule, and no one could keep it up. But the ring is an interesting one for all that.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD J. BIRCH.

Hanbury Rectory,
Bromsgrove.

ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. D. V. Moreton's letter, the variation of All Saints' Doubles mentioned by Mr. Wratten was rung by the Wembdon ringers in February, 1952.

On February 4th, 1952, two of the Wembdon ringers were guests at a dinner given by the Ashcott ringers. The All Saints' method was discussed and the plain course was taken back to Wembdon. Instead of using the All Saints' Bob, they used the plain lead of Plain Bob and have always rung it this way, thinking it to be correct.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. CAVILL.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE CHERRY

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the reference to Lord Chief Justice Cherry in the account of the Irish Association's meeting at Limerick and it seemed to me that more might have been said about him.

It was only about 40 years ago he was appointed Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and not 50 or 60 as was stated. He was a Liberal in politics and for many years represented one of the Liverpool Boroughs in Parliament.

In 1906, when the Liberals were returned to power, he became Solicitor-General for Ireland in Campbell Bannerman's Government and was knighted soon afterwards. He was again returned at the 1910 election and became Attorney-General for Ireland in Asquith's Government until some two, perhaps three years later, when he was appointed Lord Chief Justice.

At the Easter rising in 1916 he signed the document proclaiming martial law in Dublin and resigned his position soon afterwards for reasons of health.

As far as I can remember, he never received a peerage. He was regular in his attendance at St. Patrick's Cathedral and gave the two trebles there to make them a ring of twelve. If memory serves, he took part in the first peal on the augmented ring.—Yours,

Crayford, Kent. E. BARNETT.

'HAMPSHIRE CHURCH BELLS'

Dear Sir,—I was rather mystified by Mr. Shepherd saying that Hampshire had no 'reference book' on its bells in your leading article recently and especially so when he mentions his friend, the Rev. W. E. Colchester. I have before me at the moment the book 'Hampshire Church Bells' by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, published in 1920, and although the author, in the preface, says 'It has been necessary to finish my task in a specified time, and therefore the record will be found to be incomplete in places,' it has never yet failed me when I have required any information in respect of my work on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. As far as I can see, little more is required to bring the book up to date.—Yours sincerely, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

THREE QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

Dear Sir,—On Easter Sunday last three quarter peals were rung at Ashcott, Somerset, the first being for 7 a.m. Communion, the second for 10 a.m. Communion and the last after evening service.

I should be very interested to hear if this has been achieved before on Easter Day, as I have never heard of it.—Yours, K. PRIME.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting at Acton of the Sudbury District proved a very successful venture, 37 attending, representing 13 towers. An excellent tea was provided free of charge as part of the very warm welcome extended by Acton parishioners.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Lambert) conducted a short service and prior to the business meeting gave a welcome to all the visitors and said it must surely be a record attendance for a five-bell tower, and thanked everyone for the fine example of fellowship.

Five new members were elected, namely, P. Symonds, A. Symonds (Lavenham), G. Haynes, T. Diggens (Sudbury) and D. Coote (Haverhill). Acton was welcomed into the Guild as a compound tower.

Final arrangements were made for ringing on June 2nd, so now all towers in the District will have their bells rung on Coronation Day.

The service touch was well rung by a band of young ladies.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
April 25th, 1913

EYE, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 21 cwt.

William Rose	Treble
Edward Youngs	2
William Clover	3
Frederick Day	4
George E. Day	5
Ernest F. Poppy	6
Thomas A. Turner	7
Frederick Watling	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frederick Watling.

This was the first attempt for a peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 2nd, who has rung upwards of a hundred peals on six bells, and with the exception of two or three, has rung the 2nd bell to all.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Easter Eve at Woburn

The mellow bell music from the tower on the edge of the park, cream-coloured against the dark conifer groves and the daffodil-spangled lawns in the bright sun, seemed to proclaim that the dark days of winter and the solemn days of Lent were past and that the world and its Maker were alive again.

Meanwhile, within, the pleasing 24-cwt. octave had attracted 50 or so ringers of all ages and experience from as far afield as Colchester and Cambridge to be welcomed by the veteran tower master, Mr. H. Douglas Harris.

After a large and jovial repast at nearby tea rooms a different kind of music, the swelling organ, called the ringers to higher things, and they assembled for choral evensong in the impressive nave, the lessons being read by the president of the Bedfordshire Association, Miss Evelyn Steel. The Rector conducted the service.

The bells were afterwards kept going till 9 p.m., some good ringing being enjoyed. Methods varied from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and courses of London, Bristol and Rutland were rung. The thanks of all concerned are extended to the Rector and churchwardens for this very seasonable opportunity to usher in the Festival, and to Mr. Harris for the trouble taken in preparing the bells and arranging tea. D. P. J.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Enniskillen

The Northern District annual meeting was held in Enniskillen on Easter Monday. The first arrival at the tower of St. Macartan's, Enniskillen, which houses a very fine ring of ten, was a special bus which had left Bangor at 7 a.m. and had picked up en route ringers from Holywood, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, and arrived at 10.30 a.m. Other ringers from Hillsborough and Rostrevor arrived by car shortly afterwards, and then the Londonderry party, by train. A very welcome cup of tea with sandwiches and pastry, provided by the local ringers, was awaiting the visitors on arrival.

The untimely death of one of the local ringers, A. J. Davies, cast a shadow over the activities and, as a tribute, the bells were rung half-muffled during the day.

The competition for the Cunningham Cup was rung off before lunch and six teams competed. Travelling difficulties due to the fact that Enniskillen is very remote from the other towers prevented others from competing. Of the competing towers only one (Londonderry) rang changes. The judges were the Rev J. Barry and Mr. F. E. Dukes, and the marking was on the Dukes system. The competition was keen with the standard improving each year. There is no doubt that the competition has been a great factor in the improvement of the striking in this District. The result was as follows:—

1 St. Donard's, Belfast, 70 faults; 2 St. Thomas', Belfast, 141; 3 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 162; 4 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 318; 5 Kilbroney, Rostrevor, and St. Columb's, Londonderry, 350.

After the competition a company of approximately 80 sat down to a sumptuous four-course lunch. Special guests were the Rev. Mr.. Clements, M.A. (Rector of St. Macartan's), Mr. T. G. Nelson, M.P., and Mr. and Mrs. Duke and family.

Special touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung prior to the funeral of Mr. Davies, which was attended by the local ringers and the president and general secretary of the Association and the District Office bearers. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. W. Pratt 1-2, H. Brown 3-4, John T. Dunwoody 5-6, F. E. Dukes 7-8. During this period the bells could be heard in the distance being put to good use by the other visitors. After the funeral was over the annual meeting of the District was held with the Rev. J. Barry in the chair: A message of greeting from Mr. G. Bingham, the Southern District secretary, was read, and Mrs. Dukes, the Eastern District secretary, expressed her District's best wishes to the Northern District. It was reported to the meeting that the District was in a very flourishing state, that all towers were affiliated and new members were coming in steadily. Thirty-one new members were elected at the meeting, and the total for the District now stands at over 170. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman of the District and Association vice-president, Rev. John Barry; District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart; District treasurer, Mr. John Campbell; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown; hon. auditors, Mr. W. Young and Mr. D. Barbour; representatives to the Central Executive Committee, Miss J. Stewart, Mr. H. Brown and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; trustees of the Bell Repair Fund, Messrs. R. W. Adamson, W. Pratt and R. Nelson.

Rostrevor was chosen as the venue for the next year's annual meeting on Easter Monday. The Cunningham Cup was then presented amid loud applause to Mr. Frank King, Ringing Master of St. Donard's tower, by the Rev. J. Barry. St. Donard's team was as follows:—Miss Jean Stewart 1, Miss Wilma Holy 2, Forde Patterson 3, Bertie Walkington 4, Ronnie King 5, Billy Hall 6, Frank King (conductor) 7, Ann Mercer tenor. J. T. D.

WESTON, BATH, HAS NOW AN OCTAVE

On March 28th a large congregation of local residents and ringers and visitors, numbering in all about 300, attended a service in the ancient Parish Church of All Saints, Weston, the rededication of the bells after restoration.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Rowe, assisted by the minister of the Free Church in Bath, the Rev. J. H. Chester. The actual dedication ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Bath., Ven. E. A. Cook, who also gave the address. After blessing the old Thomas Bilbie ring of six the Archdeacon dedicated the two new treble bells in memory of William and Susannah Jane Carr and Francis Arthur Bromley, Priest.

Following the handing over of the bells to the Vicar, the bells were rung for the first time by an all-Weston band as follows:—S. S. Woodburn 1, Miss S. Drake 2, Miss E. Bond 3, E. King 4, J. Targett 5, G. Brewer 6, T. J. Hayward 7, H. Ellis 8.

Those present included the Member for Bath, the Hon. I. J. Pitman, M.P., Miss J. Dorman (representing the Lord Chancellor) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough).

After the service some 120 people took tea in the Church Rooms, before returning to the tower to try out the bells. The first touch on the bells was 336 Stedman Triples by S. S. Woodburn 1, J. P. Fidler 2, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 3, W. J. Prescott 4, R. G. Beck 5, H. J. Sanger 6, R. O. Fry 7, H. Ellis 8.

The bells are now a fine octave, the tenor being just over 12 cwt. in F sharp and they go perfectly. The whole tower has been cleaned and the ringing chamber refitted. An oak tablet commemorates the fact that the restoration was largely due to the zeal and initiative of Mr. Sealy Woodburn, the tower master, who played a great part in raising the £1,100 required to meet the cost. Weston people may now be truly proud of their ring of bells which makes a welcome addition in an area which has a preponderance of rings of six.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held at Sidbury on Easter Monday. A service was held in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor, Vicar and Branch chairman, and tea was afterwards served in the Village Hall by wives of the local ringers.

At the business meeting the chairman expressed regret that ill-health prevented Mr. M. Denner, the former captain of the Sidbury band, from attending.

Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to seven members of the Branch, and one new member was elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 12th at Payhembury, subject to the Vicar's consent, and the next annual meeting for Seaton, as usual on Easter Monday.

Branch officers elected were:—Mr. H. Taylor, chairman; Mr. G. C. Woodley, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Arbury, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. Turner, Ringing Master; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, F. Parr and C. J. Turner.

Giving his report for 1952, Mr. J. Arbury said the Branch was not quite as strong as in 1951. That year there were 125 performing members, four life, one unattached and two honorary, making a total of 132, a record for the Branch which should stand for a number of years. In the year under review there were 118 performing members, four life, two unattached and one honorary, a total of 125.

The balance in the bank had been increased by £5 17s. 11d. and now stood at £29 7s. 11d., in addition to a balance of £7 7s. 6d. in the Instruction Fund, making a total of £36 15s. 5d.

THE SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting and Dinner

The seventh annual meeting was held at Selby Abbey on April 11th. Methods rung during the afternoon, on the ring of ten bells, included Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples. A short service was held in the chancel at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. J. A. P. Kent (Vicar of Selby), who gave a very instructive address. Mr. W. Hartley officiated at the organ.

The general meeting was held in the vestry when the following officers were elected:—President, the Rev. B. A. Ramsker (Vicar of Snaith and Carlton); chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby Abbey); Ringing Master, Mr. Fred Terry (Hemingbrough); committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole); secretary and treasurer, Mr. Leslie M. Woodhead.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted, a slight increase in funds being shown over the previous year. Mr. Fred Terry (Hemingbrough) proposed and Mr. S. H. Steel (York) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby for use of the bells and to the local company for arrangements.

It was decided that, in view of the forthcoming Coronation celebrations, no outing be held on Whit Monday this year, but that a ringers' excursion be held on August Bank Holiday instead.

Members and friends then adjourned to the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, where upwards of 40 persons participated in the annual dinner and social evening. The president, along with the Rev. J. A. P. Kent and Mrs. Kent, Mr. W. Hartley (organist, Selby Abbey) and Mr. and Mrs. H. Morley (Selby) occupying the head table.

After an excellent dinner and the loyal toast honoured, the president (the Rev. B. A. Ramsker), in his presidential address, said that bell-ringing was the one branch of the Church in which two or more dioceses could meet at any one gathering, e.g., that night York and Sheffield were represented. He trusted that the Society would move from strength to strength.

Mr. T. H. Foster (Selby) ably proposed the toast 'The Church,' saying that it should be emphasised that the Church did not mean bricks, stone and timber, but a living body of people.

The Rev. J. A. P. Kent, in responding, said that the forthcoming Coronation was a very special time for the Church and gave a short history of the connection of the Church and Crown in olden days.

The toast 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. H. S. Norley (Selby), who gave details of ringers' societies and associations in the area from 1913 onwards. Mr. C. Hill (Goole) responded and called for continued good support at meetings to be held during the coming year.

Mr. C. W. King (Goole) submitted the toast 'The Visitors', and Mr. G. A. Morley (Selby) replied.

During the evening Mr. S. H. Steel (York) was the vocalist accompanied by his son, and Messrs. Billy Steel (ventriloquist) and Bill Clark (magician) also provided entertainment.

It can be recorded that the function was an outstanding success. L. M. W.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Mepham 1, Mary W. Brown (first as cond.) 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, E. E. Trusler 6. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mary W. Brown and Bryan K. Turnbull on their engagement.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. W. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, D. A. Carpenter 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maurice Bagg 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, J. Cavill (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1 Maurice Bagg (first 'inside') 2, C. Norton 3, K. Prime 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung for Holy Communion at 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Also after Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, F. Sandy 2, K. Prime 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, Maurice Bagg 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Graham 1, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 2, J. Chambers 3, R. Wilmore 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, P. Soars 6. Rung for the wedding of June Soars and Kenneth Clapton. Also on April 5th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: K. Graham 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett 5, P. Soars 6.

BEACONSFIELD BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, R. Buckland 6, A. Bridges 7, W. Edwards 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor behind): J. Clarke 1, C. Blundell (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. Parrott 3, P. Richardson 4, P. Leech 5, E. Gosden (cond.) 6, E. Goldsmith 7. First quarter of Minor for all except conductor. Rung for the diamond wedding service of Mr. and Mrs. Peckham.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, F. Castell 2, R. Willis 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. Berry (cond.) 5, E. Bucknel (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Oakshott and Mr. Morrell.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Hartley (first of Major) 1, E. R. M. Cansdale (first quarter) 2, S. T. Hume 3, L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, D. L. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. Also on April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Nice (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, S. T. Hume 3, L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, A. W. Cansdale (first as cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Low Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline M. Saxton (first quarter) 1, J. T. Finey 2, E. Winifred Keys 3, J. A. H. Betts (first quarter) 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman 6, R. G. Blackman (cond.) 7, R. A. Harley 8.

COPLE, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Dear 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Mary Stephens 3, Daphne Hare 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, Susan Osborn 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fifth and tenor.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. W. Hoodless 1, Joan E. Hoodless 2, A. E. Hoodless 3, A. W. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, W. Nichols 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan E. Hoodless.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. W. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, H. Arscott 2, H. W. Lloyd 3, J. Haydon 4, H. G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Jones 7, R. J. Herrod 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to G. Stacey, who died the previous day.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss B. Fairer 2, J. C. Ford 3, W. Wall 4, C. H. Ford 5, R. Suart 6, V. Forshaw 7, H. Wilson 8, N. M. Newby (cond.) 9, T. Metcalfe 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8. All are service ringers except No. 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Thorne 1, C. Denness 2, S. Hollis 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Westmore 5, C. Morris 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mason 1, E. Thorne 2, Shirley Westmore 3, C. Denness (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, F. Rowson 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 3 and 4. A welcome to Canon Guy Marshall, who was inducted by the Bishop of Peterborough on March 31st.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): T. A. Wickens 1, G. E. Ruck 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, J. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. For the Easter Sunday service. Also after the announcement of the engagement of the ringers of the 5th and 3rd.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Netherseale and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, D. Jones 5, F. Croft 6. Also on April 5th, 1,440 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, D. Jones 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, S. Harrison 2, Miss J. Bussey 3, W. T. Cox 4, J. Whiting 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, H. Newman 7, C. Larner 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Newman, wife of T. Newman, who was well known to the Cumberland Youth.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Lord (15) 1, Miss M. V. Copping (15) 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant (15) 4, G. F. Bryant 5, R. Beaumont 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8. All under 21, average age 17¼. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sweeney 1, J. F. Bryant 2, J. H. Fielden 3, K. Palmer 4, R. E. Moulds 5, R. Beaumont 6, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 7, R. Mann 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by all the band. On Easter Tuesday members of this company visited Oxenhope and rang 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Palmer 1, J. F. Bryant 2, C. Sweeney 3, J. H. Fielden 4, R. Beaumont 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, V. Bottomley (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise by all except 4 and 8.

HERTFORD.—On April 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne 1, S. Carter (cond.) 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, C. Springham 5, J. Kemp 6, G. H. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8. A birthday compliment to P. W. Saunders.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At Crosthwaite Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Barron (first quarter) 1, Mary H. Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, T. Hogarth 4, R. F. Grisdale 5, F. Barnes 6, J. W. Brownrigg 7, H. S. Grisdale (first in the method as cond.) 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Hill (first quarter) 1, C. D. Linington 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,400 Little Bob Royal: J. Conquest 1, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 2, J. Newman 3, H. Burton 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Piron 6, V. Conquest 7, E. Conquest 8, E. Belson 9, A. Rushton 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all. Farewell to F. J. Plummer.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Monday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Morgan 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss D. A. Atwell 3, B. J. Parry 4, J. R. Worrall 5, D. J. King 6, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. Rung to the Glory of God.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's (front six), on April 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Henson 1, P. P. Simpson 2, Joan E. Hoodless 3, A. Simpson, A. E. Hoodless 5, W. Nichols (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of 3rd ringer's 21st birthday.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Heighton (first quarter) 1, A. S. Brothers 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Curson 4, D. Heighton (cond.) 5, F. C. Goodman 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. P. Palmer, who was recently inducted as Vicar.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P.G. J. Arbury 1, P.G. C. J. Turner 2, Bro. E. Marks 3, Bro. C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, P.G. T. J. Bartlett 5, Bro. W. Burrows 6, P.G. J. Lilley 7, Bro. A. Down 8. Rung by members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for their annual service held in the Parish Church that evening.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,240 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Kingston 1, Miss N. Tomlin 2, J. Booth 3, C. Marsingham 4, P. W. Foster (cond.) 5, G. Johnson 6.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lawson 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. K. Lawson 3, Miss M. Coulson 4, W. Maughan 5, A. A. Watson 6, L. Greenhow (cond.) 7, H. Nielsen 8.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Morgan (first quarter) 1, R. F. Price (cond.) 2, W. Brown 3, F. Huckle 4, J. Sutton 5, F. Haysom 6, M. Butler 7, K. Orchard 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Huckle

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, L. Warren 2, W. G. Soar 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On April 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, K. Ellis 4, S. Dearden 5, C. Watts 6, T. Setter 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nunn (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, C. J. Gibson 4, D. Woodward 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6.

IN MEMORIAM TO QUEEN MARY

Rung Half-Muffled

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. White 3, R. White 4, F. Messenger 5, R. Absolom 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, F. White 10.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Homewood 1, Mrs. R. Hasler 2, Mrs. L. Wells 3, J. Upton 4, L. Wells 5, W. Linksted 6, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 7, A. Green 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, Mrs. E. Jarvis 2, June Starling 3, J. Leeming 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major for ringers 1, 4, 5 and 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (being four methods of Grandsire, Bob, April Day and Canterbury Pleasure): F. Foster 1, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 2, J. Ward 3, H. Goodchap 4, K. Hill 5, F. J. Foster 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Smith 1, F. G. Leaker 2, R. J. Bowden 3, F. C. Mogford 4, J. Thomas 5, F. Hansford 6, W. Parker 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8, I. H. Trueman 9, A. M. Tyler 10.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Hitchcock 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, Miss E. M. Bridges 3, T. J. V. Search 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, B. W. Hall 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, June Starling 2, Maude Moore 3, F. Claydon 4, C. Snowden 5, A. Syder 6, T. Earle (first of Major as cond.) 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, P. Craige 2, R. Wilson 3, J. Clements 4, H. Weaver 5, R. Worsfold (first in method) 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, R. Black 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Charman 1, J. Clements 2, C. Chappell 3, R. Wilson 4, H. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, B. Cowper 7, R. Black 8. First in method by 3 and 7. All local ringers.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Johnston (first quarter) 1, Nancy Marklew 2, Rosemary Stratford (first on 8) 3, E. Sowman 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, B. Ridgway 6, E. Vallance 7, F. Mellor 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Botsford 1, L. Lee 2, W. Morris 3, H. B. Whitney 4, V. Conquest (cond.) 5, E. Conquest 6, R. Piron 7, J. Conquest 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, S. White 2, D. Cox (first quarter) 3, Rosemary Hutchings 4, Muriel Legg (first as cond.) 5, D. Millier 6.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey 1, H. Buckingham 2, M. Sprackling 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, C. C. Bishop 2, F. J. Cheal 3, J. Hale 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, T. A. Cross tenor cover.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, R. H. Hofton 2, A. Day 3, B. Cornell 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. Hatton 6, W. J. Arnold 7, W. Nicolls 8.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Close (first in method) 1, Dorothy Schofield (first in method 'inside') 2, J. Woods 3, R. F. Eccles 4, S. Anderton 5, J. Metcalfe 6, F. Postlethwaite (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Minor: A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2–3, K. Frith 4, S. Saban 5, R. Lay 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2–3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, S. Saban 6.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Saunders 1, Hilda M. Snowden (first 'inside') 2, June Starling 3, T. Earle 4, Hilda G. Snowden 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, at Christ Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, Miss P. Manning 3, G. W. Townsend 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, C. J. Gardner 6, T. Townsend 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, A. G. Wells 9, E. Vincent 10.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pascoe (first in method) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Marian Skinner 3, F. F. Brookes 4, B. W. Farhall 5, B. J. Luff (first as cond.) 6.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, J. Doggart (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. McTear 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. R. Mossop (cond.) 5, T. Wilson 6. First quarter peal of Minor for all.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE STACEY

The West Country has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, on March 28th, in his 91st year.

For 50 years he was secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and he only relinquished the office last December when the appreciation of his friends was expressed by the presentation to him of a typewriter.

Born at Wiveliscombe, Mr. Stacey was in business at Minehead as a watchmaker and jeweller. He started ringing at Dulverton, where he became Ringing Master before going to Minehead. He took part in the first peal on Minchead bells, which was conducted by Mr. J. Pugsley, and a peal looked back on with affection was one at Twerton for the relief of Mafeking. In his 83rd year he conducted a peal at Minehead for V.E. Day. His work for the Dunster Deanery was outstanding and his enthusiasm made the Branch one of the most efficient in the Association. On completing 35 years as secretary he was presented with a silver plate in the form of a bell inscribed that it was presented by all the towers of the Deanery in grateful thanks for 35 years' unselfish service.

The funeral service at St. Michael's Parish Church, Minehead, was largely attended and preceded cremation at Bristol. Half-muffled touches were rung before the service, which was taken by the Rev. E. C. Mortimer (Vicar of Minehead), assisted by the Rev. J. B. Court.

Honorary and ringing members of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Diocesan Association present were the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), president, Preb. G. D. Dunlop, R.D. (Dunster), the Rev. D. V. Yonge (Old Cleeve), Lord St. Audries (Stogursey), Major H. J. Cann (Kilve), Mr. F. J. Cassley (Wiveliscombe), Mr. C. Lock, Miss A. Duddridge and Mr. L. Richards (Crowcombe), Messrs. R. Eaton, J. Gratton and N. Churly (Old Cleeve), J. Watts, J. Farmer and E. Parker (Carhampton), F. A. Bond and F. J. Norman (Timberscombe), H. L., R. and L. Arscott (Selworthy), J. Huish (Porlock), A. Bellamy, J. Maidment, H. Lloyd, H. Arscott and A. Jones (Dunster), S. J. Webber (also representing Mr. W. H. Webber) and F. E. Webber (Cutcombe), J. Pugsley, C. Strawbridge, W. C. Thorne, F. Mullis, J. Parsons, F. Morris and R. W. Tudball and the Misses M. Armstrong and B. Howard (Minehead).

The hon. secretary of the Branch, Mr. A. R. Tudball (Dunster), was unable to be present owing to having had an accident.

MEMORIAL MEETING

The Dunster Deanery meeting at Old Cleeve on April 11th took the form of a memorial service to Mr. Stacey. The large attendance included representatives from the following towers:—Old Cleeve, Carhampton, Chipstable, Crowcombe, Dulverton, Dunster, Minehead, Monksilver, Sampford, Brett, Selworthy, Stogumber, Timberscombe, Wootton Courtenay, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Ashbrittle, East Quantockshead and Wembdon.

Prefaced by the use of the bells, half-muffled, the service did not follow the usual form for these occasions but was designed to venerate the memory of one who had given unprecedented service to the Branch. Among the congregation was Mrs. G. H. Hawkins (a niece of the late Mr. Stacey) and Mrs. E. Townsend, Mrs. J. Pugsley andd Mrs. L. Ortensia. Vice-presidents of the Branch present were Canon S. E. Swan, Preb. G. D. Dunlop and Dr. R. G. L. Beazeley.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. B. Yonge, and the Branch's president, the Rev. T. S. Dawson, Vicar of Carhampton, read the lesson and he also gave the address, in which he commended the example Mr. Stacey had set in his long career of service and paid tribute to his devotion to duty.

After tea in the fine Lysaght Village Hall the Rev. T. S. Dawson presided over the business meeting which followed and the company stood in silence to the memory of the late honorary secretary. Apologies for being unable to attend were received from Preb. A. J. Hook, the Rev. J. A. Court and the Rev. R. A. Newman.

A letter was read by the hon. secretary from Mrs. G. H. Hawkins acknowledging on behalf of herself and relatives the ringers' tributes expressed in their bereavement.

It was with regret the meeting accepted the resignation of Mr. J. Farmer, of Carhampton, as correspondent to 'The Ringing World,' and more so because of the reason—on account of ill-health. Two new members were elected. The next meeting, subject to permission, will be held at Exton on June 15th.

The meeting's thanks for the church service and use of the bells were extended to the Rector by Canon Swan: Preb. Dunlop spoke gratefully of the services of the organist at the service, the tower-keeper and all who had helped with the tea and made arrangements for it.

The Rev. G. V. Yonge referred in suitable terms to the president's good offices in various ways. More ringing followed on open bells under the able management of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley. G. D.

MR. W. J. ELDRED

The Norwich Diocesan Association and in particular the West Norfolk Branch has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. William J. Eldred, secretary for 25 years. His passing came suddenly on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Mr. Eldred had many talents, being a ringer at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, and also a chorister for an even longer period; his bass voice taking the solos in Handel's 'Messiah' was a real joy.

At the funeral service the choir led the singing to a full church, and at the graveside handbells were rung. Wreaths were sent from St. Margaret's and Gaywood ringers and from the West Norfolk Branch members.

The bells at St. Margaret's Church were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral and a full half-muffled peal at Gaywood Church on Saturday, April 11th, occupying 2 hours and 20 minutes, by members of the Branch as a tribute to his memory.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—Practice night has now been changed to Monday, 7-8.30. Six bells (tenor 7 cwt.). Everyone welcome. 2468

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2445

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Mottram, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 2441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sandiacre (6) on April 25th at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Names for tea to Mr. D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire. 2455

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Farewell meeting to our president (The Vicar).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2466

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2442

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Weston, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Graveley after tea. Special methods: All Saints' Doubles and Single Oxford.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Linton (8), on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2451

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Meopham, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. 2426

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. High Wycombe 7 p.m. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Quarterly meeting Huntingfield (5), April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped to have ringing at Heveningham (5) also, after tea.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2446

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2452

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all, at moderate cost, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells until 9 p.m. 2485

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Spaxton, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. —R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 2479

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery.—Meeting at Horsington, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 2471

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 29th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2488

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Handley (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 29th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 2501

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Tedburn St. Mary, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (Juniors half price). Names by April 19th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2481

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, May 2nd, 2.30. Names for tea, by April 30th, to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James William Street, Sunderland. 2484

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 2nd. Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Longley, (8) May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head). Names required by April 27th certain. —Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Braughing (8 bells). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Langleybury (6), Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2478

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Appledore, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2444

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Cowbridge, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.. Names for tea, by April 28th, to Mrs. R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. —Jacqueline Evans, Hon. Sec. 2457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, May 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Names for tea to Miss D. Dutton, 7, Cockle Dicks Lane, Southport. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2502

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. Social evening 7.30-11 Victoria Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday April 29th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston.— W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2436

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winterton, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 29th, to R E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2439

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— South Norfolk Branch.—Spring meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Prince of Wales. Also Shotesham bells (5) after tea. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 28th, to Mr. T. Simmons, Home Cottage Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2490

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Welford, May 2nd. Names for tea, before April 29th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Note: No name, no tea. 2495

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Next meeting at Staveley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, near Chesterfield. 2476

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Barton buses leave Granby Street, Nottingham, 2.28 and 3.28. Take sandwiches; cups of tea and cakes provided free. All ringers welcome. 2467

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names, by April 28th, to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton.—John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2487

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before April 29th.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2–4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Corunna Cafe, Ousegate. Names by April 30th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Donnar House, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. 1953 tour: July 6th-16th, North Yorks, cost £3. Non-members also welcome. Please inform secretary by May 1st. 2475

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY
and
George Williams Commemoration Dinner

BOURNEMOUTH, SAT., MAY 23rd

Ringing at local towers during day. Dinner 6.30 p.m., Devonshire Hotel. Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, presiding.

Tickets 10s. 6d. each from A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2486

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, May 9th, Liverpool. Train, Euston 8.30. Meet 8. Lunch on train. Ringing at Parish Church, Pier Head (new ring of 12 bells), 1 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9. Business meeting in Library 3.45 p.m. Tea in Refectory 4.15 p.m. Members will be the guests of the St. Nicholas' ringers. Names for tea by May 3rd, please, to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2500

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who send names to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2482

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE. — A Ringing Day will be held on May 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Broach, Eardisland, Leominster. 2150

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday the 6th. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent, by May 6th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—P A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2491

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby.—A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch, Lincoln District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Bassingham (6) on May 9th. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous, Mr. J. Woodsall, Bassingham.—C. Brown and P. White, Hon. Secs. 2483

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne (6) and Whitchurch (6) May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, Pangbourne, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Lantern Cafe, 5 p.m. Names, by May 4th, to Nancie Swann, 49, Whitenights Road, Reading. 2498

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, May 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea afterwards for those who notify me by May 4th.—H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2494

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, May 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 2496

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festical, Calne, Saturday, May 9th. Annual meeting, Town Hall, 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d., obtained before May 5th, from Mr. F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. Towers available: Wootton Bassett, Calne, Melksham, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes (St. John's), Bradford (Christ Church), Brimhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton, Lyneham, Heddington and Yatesbury (from 12-2.15 and 6-8.30).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. 2492

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.— J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley 2469

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridport on June 13th. Other towers available. Coach running from Bath-Bristol district. Names, as soon as possible, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 2497

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JUST A PEAL OF STEDMAN

ONE Monday in February, 1903, a party of ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Peter's Church, Hersham, Surrey, a well-struck peal which was listened to by several ringers outside the tower, some of whom wanted to see 'Parson' F. E. Robinson in the flesh. It was just a peal of Stedman rung by eight ringers in eight different walks of life, and young John H. B. Hesse scored his first peal of Stedman. The band had never met before and this was their one and only meeting, for they were mostly from different towers, but as seven of the ringers have passed on leaving only the writer to recall happy associations, perhaps their names will be remembered by others who appreciated their work for ringers and ringing.

The front four bells of the light eight were cast by Thomas Blackbourne. On the treble was George Woodiss, a well-known conductor and instructor. Then came Freddy Goddard, of Isleworth, a renowned character in various Middlesex towers. The 3rd was rung by Jim Hunt, a 'straight from the shoulder' type, yet one of the best and most lovable of ringers. Then we had John S. Goldsmith, who was a young newspaper scribe at Woking. There is no need for anyone to write thousands of words about his services to our art; just look above the date on this page of our journal.

On the other side of the writer was John Hesse, a rather nervous young ringer at something new to him in those days, but he lived to give us experience and advice of the best quality in matters of engineering skill, which proved invaluable to clergy and ringers alike. On the 7th was the one and only Rev. F. E. Robinson, who called his usual variation of the four-part. He had come a long way for this peal, but he did not forget his supply of dried fruit, always his companion when away from home. Even the tenor ringer possessed a well-known name, for he was a brother of Isaac Emery, who is still with us.

After the peal seven of the band walked to Walton railway station, for buses were almost unknown in country districts, and in most cases travel meant train together with plenty of walking into the bargain.

Yes, it was just a peal of Stedman rung in the hearing of a few change ringers from the struggling local band, together with three call changers from neighbouring towers, but it was worth while. Peals were not so plentiful 50 years ago, but it is worthy to record that every one of the band who rang this peal maintained their work for ringing and never lost interest in the art, serving to the best of their various capabilities for the promotion of change ringing.

W. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, 1913

HENLEY, SUFFOLK

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Saturday, April 26th, 1913, in 3 hours

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,184 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

George Whiting	Treble	*Edward Jenkins	5
Rev. W. C. Pearson	2	George Ablitt	6
Ernest E. Lanham	3	Thomas W. Last	7
David Leggett	4	Sydney W. Pilgrim	Tenor

Composed by W. Sottanstall. Conducted by T. W. Last.

* First peal and first attempt.

[Mr. Jenkins has subsequently taken part in many celebrated peals, among them the longest of Cambridge Maximus, Cambridge Royal, Superlative, and Oxford Treble Bob, the two last of which he conducted.]

LONDON

The Middlesex County Association

On Saturday, April 26th, 1913, in 3 hours and 14 minutes

At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR 5,024 CHANGES

Tenor 22 cwt.

William J. Nudds	Treble	Thos. Groombridge, jun.	5
Alfred W. Grimes	2	James Hunt	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Ernest Pye	7
Reuben Sanders	4	William Pye	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by W. Pye.

The above is I. G. Shade's 1,000th peal.

[By which he joined the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. W. Pye in having reached this total. Altogether Mr. Shade rang 1,450 peals before his untimely death in a motor accident in 1926.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, E.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	9
MARJORIE F. JACKSON	4	PETER N. BOND	10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	11
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	6	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	†GRAHAM R. EYLES	6
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	7
†HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	†DAVID J. KING	8
†RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	PHILIP W. WEEKS	9
THOMAS YEOMANS	5	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*NANCIE E. SWANN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	5
JOHN FREEMAN	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
CHARLES E. BROWN	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Robert S. Godfrey. C.B.E., who, for 37 years, was clerk of works of this Cathedral.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

CLARENCE R. STEED	*Treble*	J. L. GARNER-HAYWOOD	5
FRED C. LYNE	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	FRANCIS J. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

KINGSTON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	2	A. RONALD LING	6
MARJORIE F. JACKSON	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* 200th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
PETER J. CAME	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARGARET SMITH	*Treble*	DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	JOHN WHITING	6
REGINALD JONES	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
*BETTY SYRETT	2	WILLIAM J. FLATT	6
CHARLES CATCHPOLE	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Oxford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	†WILFRID F. MORETON	5
*DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	†WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
HARRY POYNER	4	†ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID GODFREY	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
CECIL RADDON	2	JOHN SCOTT	6
HENRY PARKER	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
ERIC HORNBY	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

JAMES A. HALES	*Treble*	REG. K. C. WILKINGS	5
*GWEN L. FRISWELL	2	DENNIS NEAL	6
*MRS. R. K. C. WILKINGS	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
GEORGE A. PARSONS	4	CHARLES F. NEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS NEAL.

* First peal. First peal for 21 years by treble ringer. First peal as conductor.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	PHILIP H. SPECK	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
JOHN MCDONALD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE	*Treble*	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
RICHARD WHITE	2	JAMES GORDON	6
GEORGE BISHOP	3	ALFRED H. WEBB	7
*FRANK WHITE	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal in the method on eight bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., April 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	C. ALLAN HEWITT	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	HARRY HALL	7
FRED LACEY	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. J. E. Swaby, who has left this parish to become Rector of Mablethorpe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN P. FIDLER	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	3	ALAN E. JACQUES	7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	*PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH

* 50th peal together.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT GATES	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*J. MICHAEL STEVENS	2	*DENNIS KNOX	6
†C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	3	HARRY PARKS	7
*DEREK P. JONES	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

HARRY SEAR	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
GEORGE E. GREEN	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
ROGER CADAMY	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
REGINALD H. HOWSON	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells and the first peal of Surprise on them for 51 years.

Rung to welcome the Rector back to the Rectory, damaged by fire a year ago.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	WALTER E. WILKINSON	5
*JEAN DAWSON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	PATRICIA M. BOURN	7
†ERNEST J. GOWER	4	†VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal together.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*DORIS E. COLGATE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
†ROY T. PANKHURST	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 50th peal together. † First peal on eight bells.

Specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Miss H. M. Argyle, younger daughter of the Rector, and Mr. R. J. Knight.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL E. R. EVANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
FRANCIS KIRK	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
D. KAY ADKINS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
*MARION BRADLEY	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	†FRANK BRADLEY	7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. B. C. CASTLE	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	6
ALBERT FLEET	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
BERNARD C. CASTLE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MOLLY DENBY	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
NORMAN HAYES	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. N. 25).
Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
The first peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 6th, on the bells and for the Guild. First peal as conductor.

MADRON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TAYSOM	*Treble*	HARRY MILES	5
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	6
*DOUGLAS BURNETT	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
†MALCOLM E. RUDWICK	4	‡W. REGINALD CURTIS	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HARRY MILES.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOYCE ROTHWELL	*Treble*	MRS. C. K. LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
†ELISE BRENTNALL	3	BASIL JONES	7
†MOLLIE MAY	4	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE F. NEWTON	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	*RICHARD BUSBY	6
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	ROLAND PARK	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles William Miller, worker in many capacities for this church and for 30 years secretary to Lord Barnard, of Raby Castle.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 HINGHAM LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. LAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. S. Barrass to Hingham.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Stedman, Chase, All Saints, Marchington, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*JUNE HILL (13)	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS (15)	3
†JOHN HARROLD (15)	2	ALAN C. COZENS (16)	4
IVOR J. DICKIN (17)	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal 'inside in 21 methods. First peal in 21 methods as conductor. Youngest band to ring a peal in 21 methods for Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the average age being 15 years and 9 months
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*PETER ASLETT	*Treble*	*ROGER WOODCOCK	4
†FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2 or 3	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
		ROBERT LAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal on six bells. † 50th peal.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JAMES W. PULLEN	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	4
JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	BERNARD G. MOORE	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
A farewell to Joan M. Phillips, who is leaving the district to take up a nursing career.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	CHARLES F. TOVELL	5
HERBERT ELDRED	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. William J. Eldred, for 25 years secretary of the West Norfolk Branch.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch and Dallington Church Officers.)
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of All Saints, Newington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, six extents Grandsire, four extents Old, April Day, Kennington, three extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ERIC NOBLES (Tower Captain, Ch. Cclr. and Sidesman)	*Treble*
*ROGER OLD (Chorister and Server)	2
†JOHN M. NASH (Church Councillor)	3
‡JOHN G. CHAPMAN (Church Councillor, Chorister and S.M.)	4
‡CHARLES T. WINDRAM (Chorister and Server)	5
CHARLES H. BUSHELL (Sidesman)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal, age 14 years. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in 12 methods. Eric Nobles has now 'circle conducted' the tower.
Rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the safe return home of Michael J. Bushell, a ringer at this church, and son of the tenor ringer.
Believed to be the first peal rung with a local band holding other church offices.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER	*Treble*	*JEAN DAWSON	4
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods, viz.: Four different extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, All Saints, Rushall and Plain Bob, and ten different extents and two different 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangement of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*DEREK PREECE	*Treble*	†DAVID W. BARR	3
†BRYAN E. CARSON	2	†JOHN R. JOYNER	4
		‡CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles in seven methods on tower bells, first peal in seven methods 'inside' and as conductor.
Rung for the Easter Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. W. Smith, father of the conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. 138, 150, 151) and four of Plain Bob (C.C.C. 34, 36, 28, 29).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*CHRISTINE STRATFORD (13)	*Treble*	V. THOMAS COOPER	4
*RITA STRATFORD (15)	2	ALFRED BALLARD	5
†ROY HALL	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4
PERCY SWINDLEY	2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	*R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal together.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

P. COX	*Treble*	*MRS. L. CROCKER	4
*BETTY MOCKRIDGE	2	F. J. WHITE	5
*STELLA ALLEN	3	*R. J. FARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. WHITE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	DOREEN E. SMYTHE	4
C. DONALD WHEAT	2	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	RONALD J. SANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Sibellas.
A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.



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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and 240 Morris's Arrangement.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

REG. C. TIPLER ..	..*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
*JOHN VERNON	2	NUN. L. WALKER	5
DENNIS ALLSOP	3	FREDERICK WATSON ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
* First peal.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being in eight methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

JEFFREY C. BIRT ..	..*Treble*	*RONALD I. SHEPHERD ..	3
*DEREK W. STONE	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal of Doubles.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON ..	..*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN..	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores; 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

GERALD W. D. SMART ..*Treble*		P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE..	4
MERVYN WILTSHIRE ..	2	WALTER R. HENDY ..	5
*LESLIE I. FRANCOMBE ..	3	CYRIL W. BATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman for all, and on the bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Batten.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, York, Beverley, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN R. G. SPICER ..*Treble*		FRANK WARRINGTON ..	4
*E. JACK PARISH	2	*ARTHUR CLEMENTS ..	5
*FRANK R. NICHOLLS ..	3	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Peacock (aged 71), mother of the ringer of the tenor.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents called differently (using Extremes). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DESMOND G. MITCHELL..*Treble*		DAVID W. BEARD	4
FRANK V. GANT	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	5
DONALD M. SALISBURY ..	3	FREDERICK W. BLATCH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP *Treble*		REGINALD L. SILLS	4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
175th peal as conductor and 225th tenor 'turned in' for a peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ..	..*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	4
RODNEY HARRISON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ..	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Cecil J. Baker, who had the longest service of ringing at this church.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD T. GOODMAN..*Treble*		*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN ..	4
*A. HUBERT EPLETT ..	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	5
*HORACE O. OVER	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Specially arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, a visitor from Newquay, Cornwall.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY SCOFFIN ..	..*Treble*	G. ANGUS DIXON	4
RICHARD BAILEY	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	5
H. CECIL CAUNT	3	J. IVOR SMITH	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.
Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET.
A PEAL OF 5216 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT ..	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	THOMAS F. VARNEY ..	7—8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
25th peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	HAROLD J. POOLE ..	7—8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD ..	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6	*FRANK K. MEASURES ..	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,280 Deuble Norwich Court Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. W. Taylor 2, D. A. Carpenter 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. C. Kershaw (first quarter) 1, G. C. White (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Jackson 3, H. S. Brown 4, C. Lees 5, A. Kershaw (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A Martin (14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A D. Pearson 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, F. Bowden 4, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 5, H. Gauntlett 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 5th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Cartwright (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Steere 2, J. W. Meade 3, N. Brown (first 'inside') 4, B. J. Luff 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 9, R. Abbott 10. First quarter of Caters for 3 and 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jean Mitchell, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell (first quarter) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Miss M. Ashdown 5, J. Hurrell 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, P. K Rablah 8. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, W. Rawlings 2, F. Hurrell 3, B. Aldridge 4, J. Warner 5, R. Bearce (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, J. Hurrell 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower, on April 12th, on the back eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth D. Hale 1, G. C. Hemming 2, R. W. Kyte 3, F. G. Nurden 4, W. J. Newman 5, J. Thomas 6, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung for morning service and on Elizabeth Hale's birthday.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Whent (first quarter) 1, G. W. Barnes 2, J. Gould 3, T. Cole 4, F. Erith 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of No. 2.

HARLOW TOWN, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Bird 1, F. Bird 2, S. Clark 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, R. Hayden 5, L. Beale 6, R Young 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mrs. E. Fish, daughter of the tenor ringer.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 12th 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter Norwich Surprise) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, E. J. Parish 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LILLINGSTONE-LOVELL, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Stedman, 120 each of St. Nicholas, April Day and Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): G. W. Holland 1, Miss Doreen Spokes 2, R. Keeley 3, F. Vickers 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. First in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, T. Jefferies 2, E. Palmer 3, J. W. Jefferies 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, W. S. Wayman 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, C. Jefferies 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Betty J. Poole (local ringer) and Wilfred Milsom. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Jefferies 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, W. Richings 3, E. Palmer 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, C. Jefferies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Aley 1, F. J. Stimson 2, J Fenton (cond.) 3, T. Templeton 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton 7, J. Day 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On April 5th, 240 Oswald Delight, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford, 216 Norwich Surprise and 360 Cambridge Surprise: W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, H. Franklin 3, W. Swain 4, R. M. E. Richards 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on April 12th, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob: P. H. Wright 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, M. Wright 3, W. Swain 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On April 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Gough 1, Miss Doreen Spokes 2, W. Yates 3, F. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5, R. Keeley (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells. Also first of Surprise for 1 and 2.

READING, BERKS.—On April 7th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, J. N. Diserens 2, Audrey Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, F. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, R. F. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Beaumont 1, H. Springate 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, F. J. Cheale 4, P. Borer 5, R. Norris 6, E. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8. Rung at the request of the Dean before a service appealing for funds for the repair of the Cathedral.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Manning 1, B. E. Ll. Roberts 2, C. Savage 3, W. Carter 4, R. Stokes 5, B. Blodon 6, P. Anger (cond.) 6, E. Grainger 8. Rung half-muffled.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Farthing 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Mingo 3, Miss M. Davis 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, R. Pike 6, E. Rowe 7, B. Vincent 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Softley 1, Miss K. Softley 2, Miss J. B. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, C. N. Lea 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea (first quarter as cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Richards 1, Jean Harding 2, T. Locke 3, F. James 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, P. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. M. Queen Mary.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Mary Cowley 1, C. Gough 2, F. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. Yates 4, M. Hooton 5, F. C. Case 6, V. Holloway 7, F. Pateman 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on April 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. J. Gardner (cond.) 1, M. Richards 2, P. Manning (first of Treble Bob) 3, R. Townsend 4, G. Townsend 5, J. Berry 6, W. Sidwell (first of Treble Bob) 7, H. Bishop 8, A. Newman 9, T. Townsend 10. Rung for the birthdays of C. J. Gardiner, R. Townsend and G. Townsend.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Horwood (first quarter) 1, D. Broyd (first quarter 'inside') 2, I. Newman 3, J. Sinfield 4, A. Broyd 5, D. Knox 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Shaw Kew).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss K. Mary Cowley 1, W. J. Chester 2, G. W. Holland 3, W. Yates 4, F. C. Case 5, F. Vickers 6, R. Keeley 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clifton 1, W. Hayman 2, F. Burnett 3, F. Bastin 4, A. Truman 5, J. Deem 6, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Glanvill, parents of the conductor; also a 21st birthday compliment to his daughter, Pat.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, bells were heard to a peal of Stedman Cinques on April 18th. This is the first peal on the bells since November 11th, 1939, when a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung. The church was severely damaged in the 1939–45 war and has only now been completely restored through the untiring efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. Meredith Davies.

Waterloo Bob Triples, arranged by Mr. Nolan Golden and published on page 254, is a simple variation of the composition on page 49 of the 'Central Council Collection of Triples Methods.'

The ringers of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby, Rugby, express their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. Eales on the occasion of their silver wedding. The peal attempt in honour of the occasion was lost after 1½ hours' good ringing.

The peal at Lymington on April 18th was Mr. John H. Gilbert's 13th peal and his first attempt as a peal conductor. The only mishap was the number of blisters he collected. This did not prevent him winning a tennis tournament the following day.

A special feature of the Ringing Day to be held at Eardisland, Herefordshire, on May 9th, when the new ring of eight will be available, will be a recording of some of the ringing which will be played back during the tea. This should be rather interesting.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Glanvill it had been arranged to ring a quarter peal in their own church, Woodbury, Devon During the Sunday morning ringing the gudgeon of the tenor broke and the bell fell and jammed in the frame. This was a lucky accident as the bell weighs 25 cwt and if it had fallen on the floor it might have gone through the ringing chamber. Honours were duly paid at Withycombe Raleigh Church.

Miss Eileen Sudell, a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Lancs, has been selected to be Coronation Queen of Hindley from 104 entries. Eileen, who is 14 years of age, is working hard to qualify for the Ringer's Badge of the Girl Guides. We wish Eileen a very happy reign at Hindley and hope to hear of her success in her Girl Guide examination.

Roderick Pipe, of Grundisburgh, has conducted a peal of Bristol Surprise Major from a working bell before reaching his 13th birthday.

The Suffolk Guild have sent a resolution to the Central Council expressing a desire for a closer contact with the B.B.C. The general secretary of the Council had previously been in touch with the B.B.C. concerning the early publication in 'The Ringing World' of broadcasts of bells and has received a favourable reply. The Editor is waiting for the first fruits of this overture.

The peal at St. Michael-at-Coslany on April 11th will be remembered by the two young men from Danbury, Essex, on their first visit to Norwich. After some courses had been rung and Cambridge Surprise was getting a little boring, a local window cleaner entered the ringing chamber rather unsteadily, having doubtless spent a considerable time in a tavern adjoining the nearby brewery. Threatened with a dreadful fate if he did not keep quiet, the visitor proceeded to the cloakroom and through the trap door, which had been raised a few inches, attempted to draw the ringers' attention to his presence there by pelting them with selected pieces of mortar. Eventually board and lodging for the night was found for the intruder in a certain part of the palatial City Hall and later the man handed over a sum of ten shillings for this privilege.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 26th Council (56th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, by kind permission of the Mayor and Corporation, at 10 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Hon. Librarian in place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.
   Mr. F. Sharpe is nominated by Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.
2. Election of Life Members.
   Nomination:—
   Mr. W. M. Rowe, proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.
3. Election of Honorary Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. Osborn. There are five vacancies.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1953.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
   (a) Standing Committee.
   (i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the reprint of the Carter Broadsheet.
   (ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.
   (iii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.
   (b) Biographies Committee.
   (c) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
   (d) Peals Collection Committee.
   (e) Methods Committee.
   (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
   (g) Towers and Belfries Committee.
   (h) Records Committee.
   (i) Peal Boards Committee.
   (j) Analysis Committee.

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
   To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

MOTIONS

10. (a) That the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased with effect as from January 1st, 1954.
    Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.
    (b) That on and from the 1st January, 1954, a charge of one shilling shall be made for every peal and quarter peal published in 'The Ringing World.'
    Proposed by Mr. H. Miles and seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.
    (c) That an effort should be made by the Central Council to establish closer relations with, and recognition by, the B.B.C.
    Proposed on behalf of the Suffolk Guild by Mr. C. W. Pipe and seconded by Mr. G. E. Symonds.
11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

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

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Hopes of Additional Income

Approximately 50 ringers and friends were present at the annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on April 11th. Many took advantage of the full programme of ringing admirably arranged by the Derby District Ringing Master, Mr. Francis Lowe.

During the morning the ring of ten at St. Andrew's was available and the bells of St. Luke's, St. Peter's and the Cathedral were rung during the afternoon and evening. The duties of Ringing Master were shared between Hr. Freebrey, Mr. Mould and Mr. Lowe, and it was pleasing to note the number of learners present.

The committee met at St. Peter's Parochial Hall during the afternoon and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Association's president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall. Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby. The sermon was preached by Canon Edmund, who reminded members of the importance of the duties carried out by ringers.

A substantial tea was provided by the Derby District members in the Diocesan House and this was followed by the annual meeting.

Before the business the president asked members to stand in silence in memory of Mr. J. Glew, who was Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Derby, for more than 50 years and who died suddenly shortly after attending the annual dinner of the Association.

The secretary's report revealed that activities of the Association were very healthy in the Derby District but some difficulties were being experienced in the Chesterfield and Peak Districts. Owing to difficulties in filling official positions in the Ilkeston District it had been decided to merge membership with the Derby District until further notice.

ADVANCE IN SURPRISE RINGING

The report of the peal secretary showed a slight reduction in the number of peals rung during 1952 as compared with the previous year, but the analysis of methods rung revealed a considerable advance in Surprise ringing in the Derby District. This advancement is obviously due to the excellent facilities offered for practices at the Derby towers.

The financial statement indicated a loss on the year but it was confidently expected that a special drive for the collection of overdue subscriptions and the continuation of the gentleman's agreement for the payment of peal booking fees would ensure a much more favourable position in 1953. It was expected that additional income would be obtained from the inclusion of advertisements in the annual report.

The resident general secretary and one trustee (Mr. Francis Lowe) were unanimously re-elected for a further period of two years and all officers were thanked for their services in the year 1952.

Mr. D. Carlisle reported on the arrangements made for the first annual dinner and all agreed that the very successful venture should be repeated in 1953.

A very comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to a very successful day was proposed by Mr. Carlisle and carried with acclamation. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Peter's were rung until members began to leave for home about 8 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch's Appreciation of Mr. C. H. Lathey

The quarterly meeting was held at Hawkchurch on April 11th. Members attended from Beaminster, Charmouth, Evershot, Netherbury, Lyme Regis, Hawkchurch, with a visitor from Hardington Mandeville.

Ringing started at 3 p.m. when the usual methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. At 4 p.m. a break was made in the ringing to make a presentation to Mr. C. H. Lathey, late secretary of the Branch. Mr. Lathey resigned last December after 21 years' service. Canon C. C. Cox presented Mr. Lathey with a cheque for £8 1s. 6d., subscribed by members of the Branch. On behalf of the Guild Canon Cox thanked Mr. Lathey for all the work he had done during the 21 years he had held office, which was a long period. He hoped Mr. Lathey would be able to buy himself something to enjoy and associate with it memories of the Guild.

Mr. Lathey, expressing his surprise and thanks to all, said although he had started another hobby which absorbed much of his time, they should see more of him in the tower before long.

The service was conducted by the Rev W. J. Ludlow and the lesson read by Canon Cox. The company then adjourned to the Village Hall for tea followed by the business meeting.

New members elected were Geoffrey Lumbard, Graham Street and Billy Keates. They are all pupils of the Beaminster and Netherbury Grammar School.

Canon Cox then thanked the Rev. W. J. Ludlow for the service and use of the bells, Mr. Hayball and ladies for preparing the tea, and the organist. This was carried in the usual manner. After handbells, members returned to the tower for further ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Closer Liaison With B.B.C. Wanted

The annual general meeting held at Ipswich on Easter Monday attracted ringers from far and wide and good use was made of the bells of five churches in the town, which were ringing from 10 a.m. onwards. The service at St. Lawrence's was well attended and was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Newell, who gave a most inspiring address. The collection, which realised nearly £2, was placed to the Guild Restoration Fund.

At the business meeting the vice-presidents were re-elected and new members voted to serve on the committee were Messrs. James Bennett, Max Page, Harry D. Lister and Sam Twitchett. Re-elected were Messrs. Frank L. Fisher, Leslie D. Mills and Derek Woodward. Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe was officially recognised as minutes steward.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, having completed 30 years as Ringing Master, was re-elected and gave his report. Mr. C. W. Pipe was re-elected hon. general secretary and treasurer and in a short speech asked all members to keep keenly alert for recruits. He wanted to see all ringers master at least one Surprise method, make general progress—especially in striking—and, finally, to back up the Guild and help to put it among the leading Associations. Mr. J. W H. Preastner was re-elected hon. auditor, and the Rev. C. P. Newell clerical secretary.

It was agreed to send a resolution to the Central Council expressing the desire of closer contact between the Central Council and the B.B.C.

No decision could be reached on Guild badges due to the fact that the full support necessary to launch the project was not forthcoming. Further ringing, which included well-struck Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, London, Bristol and Yorkshire Major continued until 8 p.m.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Year of High Endeavour

THE annual general meeting was held on April 11th with favourable weather and a very good attendance representative of the county. Notable features were the great improvement in the financial position of the Association, the publication of the 1952 annual report by the day of the annual meeting and a change of title for honorary member.

For those who were able to make a day of it the bells of St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, were open at 10 a.m. and good striking in Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, etc., resulted. The Cathedral twelve at St. Albans and the six at St. Michael's (which are soon to be increased to eight) were available at 2 p.m., while St. Peter's ten were open from 2.30 p.m. until 3.45 p.m., when the ringers converged on the Cathedral for Evensong at 4 p.m.

The address was given by the Vicar of Royston (the Rev. A. E. Devonshire), who spoke on the origin and early uses of bells and mentioned some of the early founders and their methods of lettering. The Deans of St. Albans have always been great supporters of the Association and the present Dean (the Very Rev. C. C. Thicknesse) is no exception. He gave the members a warm welcome and kindly allowed the collection to be taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund.

Tea was arranged at the Abbey Institute at 5.15 p.m. presided over by Mr. T. J. Southam (acting president), supported by the Dean, the Vicars of Royston, St. Michael's and St Stephen's (St. Albans). Before leaving, the Dean thanked the members for their work and for their invitation to have tea with them. He also thanked the Vicar of Royston for his address. The acting president suitably replied and the Association stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Albert E. Symonds, of Hitchin (late president), who had died in office, also to the memory of Charles H. Walklate (St. Albans), Ralph Coburn (Harpenden) and Nathan Brackley (Tring).

The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) read letters of apology for absence and messages of goodwill from the Lords Bishop of St. Albans and Bedford, Canon D. R. Feaver (Sub-Dean), the Rev. S. E. Woods (Hatfield), the Rev. E. Giles (Sandridge), the Hon. John Grimston, M.P. (St. Albans), Mr. L. Parkiss-Ginn (Hertford) and Mr. T. J. Lock (North Mymms).

New members elected included the Rev. J. B. Rigby (Clothall), honorary member; Messrs J. White (Bengeo), J. Southey (Aldenham) and Alan Firth (St. Michael's, St. Albans) as ringing members.

MEMBERS' SPLENDID RALLY TO HELP FUND

The annual report stated: 'In the annals of this Association the year 1952 will appear one of high endeavour. Having accepted the loan of £150 interest free from a generous friend, great efforts have been made by the members to raise additional funds to repay the loan in the shortest possible time and also to raise the Reserve Fund to over £100. Further results due to the increased interest taken in the Association have been the enlargement of our source of regular income by the election of many new honorary and ringing members. We also appreciate the action of many lapsed members who have rejoined paying their arrears in full, and several non-resident life members who are paying an annual subscription.'

Bell restorations consisted of the retuning and rehanging in a new steel frame of Great Hormead bells; rehanging North Mymms bells on new bearings; removal of Redbourn bells for recasting in a new steel frame. Regret was expressed that the bells of All Saints', Hereford, and St. Stephen's (St. Albans) were silent. The towers at Knebworth, Royston and Bishop's Stortford had been restored and the bells could now be rung again; the bells of St. Michael's (St. Albans) were to be increased to eight.

During 1952 there were 44 peals rung for the Association, the most outstanding being a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods on handbells, while the Apsley ringers were to be congratulated on the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods. The peal of Adelaide Surprise Major was the first ever rung. Mr. F. W. Croft headed the list of conductors with eight peals.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) presented the accounts, the Voluntary Bell Fund showing a balance of £41 5s. 8d., grants of five guineas each having been sent to St. Mary's, Redbourn, and St. Stephen's, St. Albans. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £70 9s., no applications having been made for assistance.

The General Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £26 16s. 2d. Special donations amounted to £96 15s. 3d., of which £55 0s. 6d. had been raised by the Western District by means of socials, jumble sales, etc. All debts had been paid with the exception of the loan of £150 and it was agreed to pay £75 back to the generous friend who had lent the money interest free.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Sidney F. Carter (Bengeo) was elected president on the proposition of Mr. H. V. Frost, who mentioned the peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) at Benington in 1932 which Mr. Carter conducted, also the ringing of four peals in one day in which Mr. Carter took part, conducting two of the peals. He had been the means of many young ringers scoring their first peals in the Eastern District for many years. Mr. J. M. Page seconded, and the silver bell badge of office, presented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel in 1929 once more changed hands. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. T. J. Southam for his services as acting president and assistant secretary during the past year.

Other officers re-elected were Mr. H. V. Frost (hon. general secretary), Mr. G. W. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. T. J. Southam (assistant secretary), Mr. C. F. Sayer (librarian) and Mr. H. H. Hole, C.A. (hon. auditor).

The resolution from the St. Albans District—'That in view of the fact that honorary members pay an annual subscription, the term "honorary" be discontinued in favour of a more suitable title,' was proposed by Mr. R. A. Cochrane (Hatfield) and seconded by Mr. T. W. Sheppard (Bushey). This was agreed to. After much discussion it was decided that the honorary members be known as associate members.

Arrangements for Coronation ringing were discussed and Mr. W. Ayre urged that no ringing be done between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and that advantage be taken of publicity by co-operation with the Press.

A vote of thanks to the hon. general secretary and all others concerned in getting the annual reports printed in time for the meeting was proposed by Mr. E. G. Buck, who said that as long as he could remember, it had always been desired.

Mr. W. C. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. treasurer for his difficult task during the year in dealing with the accounts and getting them in such good order.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for use of the bells, the steeplekeepers and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. H. V. Frost.

Further ringing at St. Peter's and the Cathedral concluded another enjoyable gathering.

H. V. F.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Sherlock 1, Mrs. T. Francis 2, Miss A. E. Salter 3, Miss M. Lawrence 4, G. Spencer 5, P. J. Coles 6, T. H. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob by 1, 3, 4 and 6

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. J. T. Dyke

ON Easter Monday some 150 members met at Bath, where after ringing at Twerton-on-Avon and at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, the service was held at the latter. The Rev. E. H. G. Sargent, the Vicar, conducted it and the organ was played by Mr. D. Hawkins, of All Saints', Weston, Bath. The choir consisted largely of Association members and greatly helped the singing. The address was given by the Master of the Guild, Prebendary A. J. Hook, who told eloquently of the Easter message. More than 100 members then took luncheon at the Christopher Hotel, where the subsequent business meeting was held.

The chief business of the meeting was the election of officers and the following were elected:—Master, Prebendary Hook, who asked the members to consider a successor to him, for he felt that he should be relieved of his office next year. Another officer, the Diocesan advisory expert, Mr. W. A. Osborn, at the end of his extensive report and current advice, also hoped that a successor would be found for him. The work entailed much time freely given. It needed a younger man with a knowledge of engineering. Mr. Osborn was re-elected.

The committee had considered the nomination of other officers to take the place of Mr. J. T. Dyke and recommended that Mr. Roger O. Fry, of 5, Morford Street, Bath, be elected general secretary and Mr. H. J. Sanger peal secretary. A question was asked if any other nomination could be accepted at the meeting. The Master said there was no objection, but as there was no other name brought forward the committee's nomination was accepted. Mr. L. W. Pullin took the office of treasurer, he having been elected at the previous meeting.

In addition to the report by Mr. Osborn the retiring secretary reported a numerical strength of fully paid-up resident ringing members as 1,441. There were about 100 members in arrears, who would no doubt pay up, but they could not be counted on the roll for the purposes of this statement. The assets of the Association were given as £335 10s. 7d. cash balance and £171 investments at face value. He said that the report for the years 1948-51 was nearly complete and the peal book was written up. He also proposed to write the new name book to hand over to the new secretary. He thanked the members for their co-operation and paid a tribute to the local secretaries, who were the mainstay of the Association.

Mr. S. G. Coles gave a lucid and interesting account of the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The quiet touches of humour which interspersed his report were thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then rose to ask the Master to present to the retiring secretary a pipe, tobacco and a cheque for £36. Mr. Sanger spoke of the hard work done in the past by Mr. J. T. Dyke and he was supported by Mr. W. J. Prescott, Mr. W. H. Coles and others. Mr. Dyke was too much overcome to reply adequately. Another honour, that of being elected an honorary life member, was conferred on him.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks, Mr. S. Woodburn being especially mentioned, for he had been of inestimable help in making the meeting arrangements.

Ringing took place at no fewer than twelve towers during the day and much admiration was expressed of the Weston bells, where the six bells had been rehung, retuned and augmented to eight.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on April 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, F. Hansford 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler 4, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 5, W. Parker 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, I. H. Trueman 8, R. J. Bowden 9, F. C. Mogford 10. Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Rowlands, the oldest communicant at the church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHERE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WAS BORN

Dear Sir,—As the writer of the report on Hartest dedication, I am stating where the report of the birth of Grandsire Doubles came from.

It was taken from the records of Samuel Slater, who was a local historian on ringing matters and lived at Glemsford, three miles from Hartest. The date was given me but when writing I could not remember exactly so I wrote 18th century. The exact date can be found in these records by anyone visiting Bury St. Edmunds.

Richard Duckworth was inducted at Hartest in 1660, not 1650, and on his arrival must have given the order to John Darbie for a ring of five in 1661. Stedman was at that period about 20 years of age and it was about this time that half-pull changes were first rung.

As J. A. Trollope admits in 'The College Youths,' there was a lot of guess-work of the true happenings which took place in those days, as with very poor communications I can well imagine people being credited with composing when other people had already achieved it elsewhere. Even in recent years this has happened, because Pudsey was composed, but not published, at Lavenham six months before it was published and named elsewhere.

A few months ago Challis Winney was stated in 'The Ringing World' as coming from Polstead, when S. Slater says the Winneys all came from Nayland, and I have a copy of a peal rung there in July, 1828, with two Winneys in the band. I estimate it would take a lifetime to examine all this old literature, compare it, and really arrive at the truth.—Yours sincerely, LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

RUSHALL DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have read the several replies to my letter about 'Newington' Doubles with considerable interest. As Mr. Moreton makes no claim for any name, Mr. C. E. M. Smith's 'Rushall' appears to be the correct one for the method, if such it be, and I gladly yield to him. I would, however, like to correct one statement of his. He says that there are 'four different callings available as in All Saints': in point of fact there are only three, for a bob the fourth lead, twice repeated, brings up rounds at the 119th change, the 120th being 12435.

Another of these 'mixed Doubles methods' was rung, to the best of my knowledge for the first time, at Cheriton on April 15th this year. It is Reverse St. Bartholomew with a St. Dunstan's plain lead as its bob. We have provisionally named it 'Edinburgh' but are quite prepared to bow to any prior claim.

As Mr. Short's 'St. George's Doubles' appears to have been previously christened 'Marchington,' perhaps he would not mind us calling another variation of All Saints by this name. This has a St. Dunstan's plain lead as its bob, giving three callings.

Finally, I would like to disagree with Mr. Smith when he says that he prefers Doubles methods with their own distinctive plain courses. A quarter peal of, for example, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Besthorpe, Old, Norfolk and Seighford—all having the same plain course—is far more difficult than one of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Grandsire and Stedman.—Yours faithfully, CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Saltwood, Kent.

HEAVIEST FIVE FOR A PEAL

Dear Sir,—The recent peal at Ogbourne St. George (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.) raises the following question: 'Is there a heavier five that have been rung to a full peal?' Will you enlighten us, please?—Yours, C. SAVAGE.

Aldbourne, Marlborough.

JOSEPH EAYRE

Dear Sir,—First I must compliment your paper and also thank Harry King for producing information about Thos. Power, gent, who made the Buckden clock in 1681. I had almost thought that to ask for information about a clockmaker of the 17th century, whose name is not recorded in Baillie's list of 35,000 clockmakers, was expecting too much of 'The Ringing World.' But their capacity seems boundless.

Having received an answer to a hard question, may I trouble you with one which should be much easier? Are any clocks made by Joseph Eayre still in existence, and in what towers can one find a specimen? Every bellringer knows of Joseph Eayre, so I will not enlarge upon his fame as a bell founder.—Yours faithfully, A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

TWO NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the peals of Doubles at Rugeley (April 17th) and King's Bromley (April 18th) there are two methods which, as far as we can trace, have not previously been published. I give details below:—

St. Augustine's Doubles: Plain Lead, Grandsire Single; Bob, Grandsire Extreme.

Lapley Doubles: Plain Lead, St. Nicholas'; Bob, Grandsire Single.

It is possible that these have been rung before under other names, although we have been unable to find any record, and if this is the case I would be glad to have details so that I can amend my records.—Yours faithfully,

Rugeley. J. H. JOYNER.

'DIABOLICAL CONTRAPTION'

Dear Sir,—It is with surprise and dismay that I read in the current issue of 'The Church Times' of the proposed installation of a 'carillon without bells' at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

St. Bride's is famous in the annals of our art as the tower where many of the earliest peals were rung, and it is to be regretted that it is now to become the first in this country to have this diabolical contraption, which has been decried by so many ringers in recent years.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that no comment has yet appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the news that a 'carillon of synthetic bells' is to be placed in the tower of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, to commemorate the Coronation. I have no doubt that London ringers have done everything possible to induce the authorities of this church to install another ringing twelve in this historic tower—the very cradle of change ringing. However, I, for one, would much like to know the reasons which have finally led to the sorry decision to have electronic 'bells.' On the face of it, and in the circumstances, a less worthy commemoration of the Coronation could hardly be imagined. J. E. SPICE.

Liverpool.

THE OLD BELLS OF CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—I suggest Mr. Collins reads the article again and he will find no mention of the church or the ringers. I have visited Chobham over 50 times since 1903 and several vicars have told me the parishioners prefer the bells as they are: hence no steps being taken to accept any schemes for improvement. Looking back over my article again, I cannot see that I implied the bells as being bad, even though I wrote saying they were not musical, an opinion generally accepted.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A New Secretary Appointed

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Easter Monday and was attended by ringers from a wide area.

The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, St. Bene't's, Trumpington, and Chesterton were in use during the day. The twelve of St. Mary-the-Great are still at the Loughborough foundry.

The service was held at St. Andrew's, the Vicar (Canon Woodard) officiating, and Mr. T. R. Dennis acting as organist. Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall by some of the local ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon Woodard. The general secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) mentioned that he had been privileged to serve the Association as district and general secretary for the past 18 years and now felt that perhaps a change of secretary would be a good thing. He asked that his resignation be accepted and proposed Mr. W. J. Ridgman as the new secretary. This was agreed to. It was decided to hold the annual general meeting again in Cambridge next year.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject of badges it was agreed to leave the matter to the Diocesan Committee for them to choose a new design and act as they thought best.

W. W. C.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Increase in Subscription Approved

The annual general meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Tibshelf, Derbyshire, on Easter Monday. The attendance was very good, representatives from most towers being present, and also visitors.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon and ringing enjoyed until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address. Tea followed, provided by the local band.

The annual business meeting took place immediately after tea. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist and ladies who provided tea and so ably waited upon the ringers.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. W. England: vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hobbs, W. Dobb, H. Draycott and J. Brothwell: treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote: secretary, Mr. B. A. Sollis: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Smithson: Central Council representative, Mr. C. W. Evans.

The resignation of Miss F. M. Price as secretary was received with regret and thanks were recorded by those present for her services to the Association. Fourteen new members were elected.

After much discussion it was decided to raise the annual subscription to 2s. per member (1s. members under 18) and abolish the entrance fee.

Ringing was then resumed until after 9 p.m., a very enjoyable afternoon and evening being spent by all present. B. A. S.

THE 'PROFESSOR OF CAMPANOLOGY'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. A. Peck, of Rugby, I am afraid the source of the information is unknown. Some years ago the first editor of this paper showed me a cutting which he had received, and after discussing whether such a performance was possible I took a copy of it with the intention of seeking further information. Probably the cutting was from a magazine and the eye-witness used plenty of imagination when he described the actual performance, especially the 'Professor's' rolling of himself round the central pivot on the floor. There seems no record of any repeat performances in any other tower.

W. S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN MEETING

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-first Council (55th annual meeting), held in the Chapter House, Lincoln, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 3rd, 1952.

A very warm welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. Prayers were offered by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. J. E. Lilley.

Dudley & District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association. — Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society. — Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Association.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. W. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mr. J. W. Raithby.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association. — Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Honorary Members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers.

SUMMARY.

	Associations	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented..	28	71	
Partially represented..	21	43	30
Not represented ..	5		5
	54	114	35
Life Members ..		4	
Hon. Members ..		12	8
		130	43

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to elect 149 representatives. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 4 Life Members—a total of 177. There were two vacancies in Representative Members and four in the Honorary Members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Rev. W. H. K. Trewhella, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. P. Baker, K. Beardsall, G. W. Cecil, P. A. Corby, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, E. G. Fenn, F. W. Goodfellow, G. L. Hewitt, A. J. Hughes, D. Hughes, J. W. Jones, F. B. Lufkin, T. G. Myers, W. Osborn, A. B. Peck, F. Precey, B. D. Price, H. J. Sanger, G. H. Spice, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, J. J. Webb, C. W. Woolley.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mr. J. E. Lilley (Devon), Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County), Mr. J. Raithby (Southwell), and Honorary Members—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Messrs. J. P. Fidler, E. Shepherd and P. L. Taylor.

LOYAL ADDRESS

On the motion of the President it was decided to send the following telegram:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at annual meeting at the Chapter House at Lincoln assembled, desire to convey to your Majesty their expression of their loyal devotion and pray that your Majesty may be preserved for many years to preside over this Realm and Empire,'

to which the following gracious acknowledgment was received:—

'The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers assembled at their annual meeting for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty much appreciates.'

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Nominations were the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed on behalf of the Selection Committee by the President, supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes. The voting by ballot resulted in Mr. E. A. Barnett's election by 76 votes to 52. Mr. E. A. Barnett expressed his thanks.

The President expressed the thanks of the Council to the retiring Honorary Secretary and to Mrs. Fletcher.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring member, Mr. W. Rowe, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, and it was also decided to retain the four vacancies.

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes on behalf of the Standing Committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher was unanimously elected, and on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, Miss M. E. Snowdon was also elected.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The death of the following members was reported by the President with members standing in silence: T. Groombridge, S. J. Hector, T. Laver, J. C. E. Simpson, J. Swindley, T. W. Taffender. The President also reported the death of Miss Nora Johnston, sister of the late Mr Cyril Johnston.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the Minutes as published and circulated were approved and adopted.

REPORTS

The various reports have been published as indicated:—

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The Hon. Librarian appealed for the return of publications still held by associations on sale or return.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, pages 378 and 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, 'The Ringing World' accounts being subject to audit.

Notice of Motion was given to increase the affiliation fees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

HANDBOOK

On the President's motion, it was agreed to leave the completion of the book in the hands of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

ROLL OF HONOUR
('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, and on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, a vote of grateful thanks was passed to Mr. F. Cullen for generously undertaking the writing and to Mr. Miles for the successful completion of this work.

It was agreed that further consideration be given as to where the book should be deposited.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN
('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the Council agreeing that the committee be dissolved.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The recommendation by the committee that it be disbanded was rejected.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,151, June 20th, 1952, page 393.)

The committee's recommendation to add to the Rules relating to Doubles Methods was adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. The rules are:—

(1) The working bells need NOT be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the Plain Course.

(2) No bell shall strike more than four consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows only to occur when the treble is at the front or at the back.

(3) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single hunt methods which have three leads in a plain course.

On the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. C. Wallater, it was agreed to defer further consideration until next year of that section of the report devoted to Extension of Methods. On the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the question of the use of 3 lead course Royal Methods was referred back.

It was also agreed to add Mr. C. H. Kippin to the committee, and the committee was given power to co-opt others.

REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, pages 379–380.)

The committee was instructed to delete from the Analysis for the year all those peals which did not comply with the Decisions of the Council. With this deletion the report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, 1952, page 409.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe reported on behalf of the committee (see 'Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, page 409). The report was seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis and adopted. It was agreed to add Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. F. Collins to the committee.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,149, June 6th, 1952, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The President congratulated Mr. Edwards on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. W. Clarke reported verbally that it was proposed to make a final appeal so that the work could be finally wound up.

The report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,149, June 6th, 1952, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was also decided to add Mr. L. Stilwell to the committee.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE
('Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, 1952, pages 409–410.)

The committee recommended (1) that the price be maintained at 4d. for the present and (2) that Mr. A. A. Hughes be appointed 'Ringing World' treasurer.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MOTION

Proposed by Mr. A. E. Lock, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and carried:—

'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the Central Council rule requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present-day knowledge and practice.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman, it was decided to visit Bournemouth, and the Council also agreed that the meeting commence at 10 o'clock instead of 11 as hitherto.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, thanks were expressed to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, particularly the Dean (President), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Master) and Mr. J. Bray (Secretary) for arrangements, all incumbents of churches for the use of bells and to all towerkeepers.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Members of the Council and their friends were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation at tea, presided over by the Mayor, Councillor J. W. Giles, supported by the Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Lindsey. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

The South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are arranging a coach trip to Loughborough (May 8th-10th inclusive). The inclusive charge is £4 and names should be sent to either Mr. A. L. Bennett or Mr. E. W. Biffen.

DEDICATION

BOTUS FLEMING, CORNWALL

Situated at the bottom of a steep hill, some three miles from Saltash, is the pretty village of Botus Fleming. For some years the bells had not been going at all well, and in addition the fifth bell was cracked.

It was, therefore, a great pleasure for the local company on April 11th to have their bells rededicated after being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited.

The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. John Wellington, Assistant Bishop of Truro, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Bazalgette, and the church was packed with parishioners and over 100 visiting ringers.

After the service a very nice tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, prepared by the ladies of the parish.

The bells are a mixed ring of varying dates with a tenor weighing 10½ cwt. They have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings and the fifth bell recast.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon represented the bellfounders and received congratulations on behalf of his firm. Ringers were present from the following towers: Calstock, Lanreath, Luxulyan, Morval, St. Cleer, St. Dominic, St. Ive, St. Martin-by-Looe, St. Stephen's-by-Saltash, St. Teath (all in Cornwall) and Tamerton and Yealmpton (Devon). The usual well-struck rising and falling, with rounds in between, was enjoyed by each band in turn right up to 9 p.m.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The fine octave at Chew Magna attracted a good attendance at the quarterly meeting on April 18th.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Bell), who in welcoming the Branch recalled that the last visit to Chew Magna was for a Corporate Communion, which he warmly commended as an activity of the Branch.

At the business meeting three new members from Barrow Gurney were elected. Long Ashton was suggested for the next quarterly meeting with a practice meeting at Backwell in May and Publow in June. Mr. G. Yeo proposed the vote of thanks to all who had contributed to a successful meeting, especially Mr. and Mrs. H. Babb.

Ringing up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions received to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—Clerical Guild £1 1s., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Glanvill 5s.

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Mr. W. W. Cousins, who for the past 18 years has served the Ely Diocesan Association as a district and general secretary, has resigned. The new secretary is Mr. W. J. Ridgman.

THE BELLS OF OATLANDS, SURREY

Henry VIII. built one of his finest palaces at Oatlands and from then onwards the district was closely bound up with the comings and goings of royalty until the palace was destroyed under the Commonwealth of Oliver Cromwell.

The church is away from the village and the tower is clearly seen by travellers on the main line between Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge.

The eight bells of the ring by Warners are all dated 1911, yet it was not until March, 1913, that they were dedicated. In the interim period this octave was heard by millions of people although not installed in any church tower. During the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace in 1911 these bells were played by that well-known London ringer, Fred Newman, and it was intended that the ring should be sent to India for the Durbar, but this arrangement was cancelled and they were conveyed to the Olympia, where they played a part in Max Reinhart's famous spectacle, 'The Miracle.'

The interior of this great building was transformed into a grey-walled cathedral and in this setting the tragic and beautiful story was enacted without words. It is the tale of a beautiful nun, whose life was one of joys and sorrows. She heard the world calling; she heeded it and she tasted its sweets and bitters. Then she came back to the Sanctuary, different yet the same.

Full of majestic music and picturesque scenes, the bells broke in from time to time with joyous peals, and the tolling for matins and vespers was also impressive. All very magnificent and stirring.

The founders had many offers for these bells, including one from a nobleman in Scotland, who wanted them for his mansion, but Warners kept to their original offer, i.e., to let Oatlands have the first refusal of them. Each bell bears the same inscription, viz., 'Cast in the first year of the reign of King George V., 1911.' The tenor is 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major

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42361758	—	—	—	—	63254
24316578			—	—	25634
42136587	—	—	—	—	62534
41263857		—	—	S	46235
14628375			—	2	42365
		—	—	3	52463
14263857		—		—	52634
Bob		—		3	23546
14628375	Four times repeated with singles for bobs half-way and end.				
16423857	Rung at Hingham on April 19th, 1953.				
Single					
14628375					
14623857					

OBITUARY

MR. C. H. PERRY

For many years captain of the St. Illtyd, Bridgend, South Wales, band of ringers, Mr. C. H. Perry passed away at the residence of his daughter (Mrs. Eastwood) on April 22nd.

Mr. Perry, who was aged 67, was a very enthusiastic ringer and rang and conducted peals in many parts of the country.

Owing to ill-health, he had to cease active participation in ringing in 1949, much against his will.

NOTICES

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DEATHS

MATKIN.—On April 20th, 1953, at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth Mary Jane, aged 49 years. Beloved wife of Daniel Thomas Matkin. 2503

PERRY.—On April 22nd, 1953, at the residence of his daughter, Belle Vue, Brede, Sussex, C. H. Perry, aged 67. 2529

TEMPORARY ADDRESS

The temporary address of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby for the next few months will be 2, Kirby Hall Cottages, Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Permanent address remains Forest Hill. 2533

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—Practice night has now been changed to Monday, 7-8.30. Six bells (tenor 7 cwt.). Everyone welcome. 2468

BUY ONE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. — The 'Delight' 'Ringing World' Home Binder. 8s. and 12s., postage 1s. 3d. (add 1s. if year and volume number required). — William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2120

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Saturday, May 2nd. Burton Dassett (6), afternoon; Farnborough (5), evening. Arrange own tea. Blue Bus service Leamington to Kineton via Gaydon, and Kineton to Banbury via Gaydon and Northend.—R. J. Edden. 2506

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Tedburn St. Mary, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (juniors half price). 2481

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, May 4th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, May 9th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 3-4.15; All Saints', Isleworth, 3; service 4.30; tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15; further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 2nd. Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Braughing (8 bells). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Langleybury (6), Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2478

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. Social evening 7.30-11 Victoria Hotel. — W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2436

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — South Norfolk Branch.—Spring meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Prince of Wales. Also Shotesham bells (5) after tea. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2490

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial, Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8) 6-7 p.m.; Appleton (10) 6.45-8 p.m.; Radley (6) 7-8 p.m. 2536

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Barton buses leave Granby Street, Nottingham, 2.28 and 3.28. Take sandwiches; cups of tea and cakes provided free. All ringers welcome. 2467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton.—John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2487

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2-4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Corunna Cafe, Ousegate. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Michael's, Creech, May 9th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m. —A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 2525

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Barnsley District. — Meeting, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than May 6th, Mr. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2539

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.45. Tea at the Oak Inn 4.45. Short service 5.45. Names for the annual outing. Let's have a good meeting.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2531

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Nunburnholme on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. F. Wilkinson, 7, Denison Road, Pocklington. 2522

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Please send names for tea, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. A. Potts, Hon. Sec., 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 2507

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 2542

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who send names to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2482

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, North Shields, May 9th. Details of committee meeting, etc., by circular.—D. A. Bayles. 2538

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE. — A Ringing Day will be held on May 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Broach, Eardisland, Leominster. 2150

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 9th (Wadhurst not available). Names for tea to Miss M. Cosgrove, The Green, Westerham. Book early for summer outing, July 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6), May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 2515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday the 6th. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m.—H. Pratt; Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — Malmesbury (8), May 9th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Bracmore, Filands, Malmesbury. 2512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), May 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 6th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2528

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, May 9th. Bells from 3: Service 4.30. Tea at Fox Tea Room 5. Numbers, by Thursday, please, to W. E. Matthews, Ellenscroft, Mount Pleasant, Effingham. 2532

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2504

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent, by May 6th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2491

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby.—A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Childwall (6), May 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. F. S. Almond, 138, Vale Road, Woolton. All welcome.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton (free tea).—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 2516

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY
and
George Williams Commemoration Dinner

BOURNEMOUTH, SAT., MAY 23rd

Ringing at local towers during day.
Dinner 6.30 p.m., Devonshire Hotel.
Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, presiding.

Tickets 10s. 6d. each from A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2486

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, May 9th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 2535

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch, Lincoln District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Bassingham (6) on May 9th. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous, Mr. J. Woodsall, Bassingham.—C. Brown and P. White, Hon. Secs. 2483

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Southgate, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea may be obtained locally.—T. J. Lock. 2510

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs. 2511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne (6) and Whitchurch (6) May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, Pangbourne, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Lantern Cafe, 5 p.m. Names, by May 4th, to Nancie Swann, 49, Whitenights Road, Reading. 2498

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, May 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea afterwards for those who notify me by May 4th.—H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2494

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cuddesdon (6), May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service after tea. Names for tea, not later than May 5th, please, to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxford. 2508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, May 9th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2527

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festical, Calne, Saturday, May 9th. Annual meeting, Town Hall, 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d., obtained before May 5th, from Mr. F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. Towers available: Wootton Bassett, Calne, Melksham, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes (St. John's), Bradford (Christ Church), Brimhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton, Lyneham, Heddington and Yatesbury (from 12-2.15 and 6-8.30).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. 2497

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newport, May 9th. Recently rehung octave. All welcome. Service 4.30. Tea at Austin's Cafe 5.15. 2505

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Mavesyn Ridware, May 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Important committee meeting 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A coach will leave Wolverhampton (Wallsall bus stop) at 2 p.m. Names for tea and coach, not later than May 6th, to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 2518

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Thorpe Bay, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (cups of tea provided: bring own food). Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 2524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 6th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2523

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Storrington, May 9th, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by 5th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 2521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. Bells available before and after the dedication. —F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2514

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — N.E. District. — Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley 2469

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Annual District meeting, May 16th, St. John's, Leicester (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 12th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. All welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2526

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Annual, Gainsborough, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2530

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Blewbury, May 16th. Service 3.30. Names for tea, by the 12th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2517

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. Notifications, by May 13th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 2520

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.; also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Raunds on Whit Monday, May 25th. Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in the School. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. followed by the business. Names for tea must reach me by Saturday, May 16th. Towers open for ringing: Great Addington, Woodford, Islip, Lowick, Tichmarsh, Higham-Ferrers, Stanwick, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thrapston 12 to 2; Ringstead 11 to 2.30; Raunds 1.30 to 3 p.m. All towers open in the evening.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2513

RUSHDEN ST. MARY'S, NORTHANTS.—Restored and augmented ring of eight. Dedication service by Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Saturday, May 30th, 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for buffet tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. R. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. 2509

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NOTICES—Continued

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Parish Church bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by annual general meeting. Dinner at Stevens' Cafe, Hope Street, 7 p.m. Early application for tickets (8s. 6d.) to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2537

LAMBETH, S.E.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer (first on tower bells) 2, C. R. Smith 3, W. D. Grainger 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. M. Meyer 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8.

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WOMEN!

ONE presumes that the war of the sexes is never ending. Perhaps now that the fair sex have entered many of the walks of life that at one time were the exclusive right of the male the war is intensified. Be in the company of a few motorists and mention 'women drivers,' soon each is giving an opinion and rarely to the credit of those women drivers; be in the company of ringers and mention 'lady ringers,' the opinions are more circumspect, especially if members of the Ladies' Guild are present. Of course, there are some who look askance at a lady ringer, especially those of the old school; those of the younger school look on it in a different light. Is it a case of 'sour grapes' as far as the 'old school' is concerned? Still there are times when a lady makes a sign and you wonder whether she wants to dodge with you, or whether she wants to know if her nose is shiny, or perhaps pat her hair in place.

Such old stalwarts as Sam Wood, Ben Thorp and Harry Chapman had to put up with lady ringers towards the latter part of their careers whether they liked it or not—still Miss Tonge held her own with them and one more of the gang who is still alive. She found it hard going at first, but her ability made all the difference. One wonders what they would have said if those ladies had brought their knitting with them to while away the time when they were not ringing or if they saw in the belfry copies of 'Woman's Weekly,' 'Woman's Own,' etc., lying alongside 'The Ringing World,' or saw patterns of unmentionables tucked away inside 'Standard Methods.'

Even clergy are not immune from looking twice at lady ringers and some do not look with favour on them. About thirty years ago at Marple, on the occasion of a Chester Guild meeting, the then Vicar strongly objected to mixed bands ringing; he did not mind a complete ladies' band ringing, provided the men left the tower—needless to say, the ladies present, to use a modern term, fired a few 'rockets.'

Romance now finds its way into ringing circles and it behoves the men to watch out, for, whenever the time comes when the fair sex predominates, then you who have married one will have to stay at home on Sunday to do the chores whilst she goes to ring for morning service.

Ever attended a Ladies' Guild meeting? Is the stronger sex allowed in at the business meeting? Not on your life; the 'Iron Curtain' is up good and proper. Is the time coming when we shall have an 'all women' Central Council? One hopes not. J. P. F.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 9th, 1913

CHRIST CHURCH BELLS, BOSTON, U.S.A.

English Ringers Assist at the Reopening

Christ Church bells, being the first ring shipped from England, are well known in America by reason of their purity of tone, long vibration and carrying power, a characteristic of the Rudhall foundry at about the middle of the 18th century. . . .

Situated in a remote section of Boston, abandoned to Italians, Russian Jews and Portuguese, the edifice had been for many years neglected, while its bells had become unringable; [but] an extensive restoration has at length been effected.

Although it was found necessary to renew headstocks, wheels, stays and even clappers, the bells were in perfect order; and when quarter-turned and rehung, could be managed with the least appreciable effort. . . . The eve of April 19th, the anniversary of a holiday known in Massachusetts as Patriots' Day, was selected for the opening, and . . . the bells burst out in touches of Grandsire to the satisfaction of a heterogeneous multitude which thronged the adjacent streets. The bells, eight in number, with tenor of 15 cwt., were cast in 1744, and are now as perfect as when sent across the water from Bristol. . . .

A. H. Nichols, M.D.

[A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung shortly afterwards by P. J. Allfrey (Brighton) 1, Mrs. Shurtleff 2, S. W. Sturgis 3, W. Bashford (Nutfield, Surrey) 4, G. Moore (Maidstone) (conductor) 5, Dr. A. H. Nichols 6. Mrs. Shurtleff, daughter of Dr. Nichols, had taken part in two or three peals in London some ten years previously. She is the senior lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	JOHN HILL	7
JILL BRITTAIN	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	8
JOHN CHILCOTT	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
CYRIL LEWINGTON	5	CHARLES SANGWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A birthday compliment to Mr. John Phillips.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST H. DURRANT	*Treble*	RICHARD G. BELL	6
WILLIAM H. COLES	2	D. KAY ADKINS	7
†REGINALD ROWLEY	3	†WILLIAM WENBAN	8
‡JOHN SCHOFIELD	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	5	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on 10 bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	*Treble*	†ERIC N. HARRISON	6
THOMAS W. CROWE	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	W. NORMAN PARK	8
†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ROLAND PARK	9
KENNETH ARTHUR	5	†EDMUND P. CROWDY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	6
*JAMES H. LILLEY	2	RAYMOND OVERY	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	KENNETH SNELLING	8
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	9
HERBERT S. JAMES	5	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
STANLEY SLANEY	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
PAMELA J. LEANING	4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN W. T. CHEW	*Treble*	JAMES A. PARKER	5
GEORGE DOWLING	2	*JOHN B. IBBOTSON	6
*JAMES V. DAVIES	3	HAROLD PARKER	7
THOMAS SOUTHWICK	4	†EDGAR THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon J. W. Lamb, on his elevation to the doctorate.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	THOMAS BIRD	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	*ALAN FEVER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
*JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal on eight bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOHN McDONALD	2	PETER J. MORTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*Elizabeth D. Hale	*Treble*	Reginald W. Keyte	5
Frederick G. Nurden	2	Brenda M. Smith	6
Wilfred J. Newman	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung on the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, Evesham's oldest resident.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Marion Grain	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	5
Albert E. Austin	2	*Cyril A. Hurst	6
*William J. Ridgman	3	John G. Gipson	7
Ernest G. Hibbins	4	*Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb in D.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	†William A. Kitchenside	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Edgar R. Rapley	6
*William Rogers	3	Raymond Overy	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by William Rogers.
* 100th Surprise peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung on the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Hills.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs. April 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
Bryan D. A. Woolley	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	3	John Pinfold	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* 400th peal.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*Sheila Duffin	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Andrew C. Sinfield	2	J. Michael Stephens	6
Mary E. Stephens	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Richard W. Stephens	4	Bryan F. Sims	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by J. Michael Stephens.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung on St. George's Day, and also marking the 60th anniversary of the restoration of the old ring of five bells and the addition of a treble bell.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Eight-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Ruby L. Gibbons	*Treble*	*Laurence E. Hitchins	5
William C. West	2	Frederick S. Slatford	6
Mary I. Kennelly	3	Charles F. Andrews	7
*Frank D. Mack	4	†Percival W. J. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. C. West, wife of the General Secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Jean M. Harris	*Treble*	David R. Reed	5
Brian Bladon	2	Frederick S. Slatford	6
Percival W. J. Harding	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Herbert H. Abrahams	4	*Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Herbert H. Abrahams.
*100th peal.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Hemming	5
John Thomas	2	*†Gerald C. Hemming	6
*Frederick G. Nurden	3	*E. Trevor Newbury	7
Mrs. John Thomas	4	*R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Albert Mallen	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Bernard Lawton	6
Arthur Peakman	3	John Lloyd	7
Frederick Jukes	4	Stephen Mallen	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

*Derek Norris	*Treble*	Charles E. J. Norris	5
Percy J. Spice	2	Ronald E. Norris	6
Hilda Oakshett	3	William A. J. Knight	7
Maxwell F. Oakshett	4	William J. Rawlings	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. A. J. Knight.
* First peal of Major.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*Edward W. Colley	*Treble*	†Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
†Ronald F. Diserens	3	Reginald W. Rex	7
Walter Hunt	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of London Surprise.
Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*Herbert Colcombe	*Treble*	*F. James Dodson	5
John S. Mason	2	William Simmonds	6
*E. John Wells	3	William T. Beeson	7
Gordon P. T. Peters	4	Albert Harman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Harman.
* First peal of Surprise.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	ALICE M. REED	5
MOLLY DENBY	2	BETTY FAITHFULL	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	†REGINALD A. REED	7
CHARLES TAYLOR	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal of Major and in the method. † 25th peal in the method. The conductor has now called Kent Minor, Major and Royal on these bells this year.
Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Molly Denby, and to celebrate her engagement to Norman Hayes; both are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*PAUL T. HERBERT	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
†BARRY COOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	3	DONALD COOMBES	7
WILLIAM S. MAY	4	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the Vicar of Prittlewell, Ven. E. G. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY L. HARRISON	*Treble*	E. HARRY STONELEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
HARRY BROUGHTON	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
HAROLD G. JENNEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	†DEREK J. TRANTER	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
*JOHN KING	3	R. GEORGE CARE	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by R. GEORGE CARE.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and first of Surprise since 1908.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in 17 methods. 1. London, Wells and Cunecastre. 2, Lightfoot and Wearmouth. 3. Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 4. Berwick and Hexham. 5. Beverley and Surfleet. 6, Cambridge and Ipswich. 7. York and Durham.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne. Mr. Lake was for many years captain of the Bourne ringers.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents, comprising one each of Fortune, Northrepps, St. Simon's, Cassington, Eynsham, Shropham, St. Albans, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, St. Leonard's, Milcham and St. Paul's, two of Stedman, three each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Hurdibras, Reverse St. Bartholomew's and St. Augustine's and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	4
JOHN H. JOYNER	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	5
CECIL A. BRASS	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
First peal in 20 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Joyner on their 20th wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 9 methods: 1, Plain and Double Bob; 2, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 3, Cambridge Surprise; 4, Oxford Bob; 5, Double Oxford Bob; 6, St. Clement's; 7, Double Court. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. JERRETT	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	4
DILLYS L. HULBERT	2	RONALD C. LUCAS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
The first peal in nine methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
BARRY HOLLAND	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
*IAN M. HOLLAND	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
CHARLES W. LEE	3	*FREDERICK MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob differently called. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CECIL MATTHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY AMOS	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN H. BLUFF	3	PERCY D. BALDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD HARRIS	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	4
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN..	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	5
REGINALD L. SILLS ..	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Minor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	4
HAROLD WORRALL	2	CECIL RADDON	5
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne, Wells, Durham, York and London Surprise Minor. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL ORME (age 15)..	*Treble*	EDGAR W. WINTERS ..	4
†GEORGE CHERRY	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'
Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH	*Treble*	*ALAN ELLIOTT	4
CHARLES BURTON	2	HARRY MILLATT	5
JOSEPH ELLIOTT	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Joseph Elliott.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one extent each of Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine's, St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, Shropham, Elford, Cassington, St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, Mileham, Austrey, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', St. Thomas', Norwich, Shareshill, Lapley, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Hurdibras, Scighford, Old Doubles, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Costessy, Little Aston, St. Columb, Winchendon, St. Miles', St. John's, Walsingham, Ryton, St. Luke's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
JOHN H. JOYNER	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
DAVID W. BARR	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
First peal in 42 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.



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LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

*STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3
FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	4
CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. E. Bennett, wife of the treble ringer.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	BERNARD E. FROST	4
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	GEORGE ROOME	5
KENNETH D. PERKINS	3	*ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* 75th peal for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The previous peal of Minor was rung in 1937.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods:—(1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

SIRNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* 25th peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4
†JOHN R. COOPER	2	†WILFRED W. RING	5
†HARRY BAKER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

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

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

CECIL HINTON	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
K. MARY COWLEY	2	ROGER KEELEY	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells.

SWEPSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ROLAND BENISTON	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

On the front six. Being seven 720's of Kent. Tenor 4 cwt. 8 lb.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	‡MOLLY DENBY	4
*ADRIAN TUMBER	2	‡CHARLES TAYLOR	5
†BETTY FAITHFULL	3	‡NORMAN HAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal on six bells, and first of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. on her 27th birthday.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

LOTTIE R. PIMM	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	4
*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal with a working bell.

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

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's (2 each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement) and 34 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID W. BARR	4
DEREK PREECE	2	*BRYAN E. CARSON	5
*ANN BARR	3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Michael W. Fairey now 'completes the circle.' The quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*TERRY SENIOR	*Treble*	HAROLD MOORE	4
MRS. M. MOORE	2	RONALD SUCKLING	5
JUNE STARLING	3	JOHN LEEMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of St. George of England.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WARD	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	3
REGINALD LOOKER	2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
ALFRED HINMAN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson on the birth of their daughter. Also to commemorate 60 years as a ringer by Mr. Joseph Gilson, of Melton Mowbray.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DAVID C. BENNETT	*Treble*	LAWRENCE GREENHOW	4
†ERNEST MORRIS	2	HARRY POYNER	5
‡DEREK G. GOODMAN	3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor on tower bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERNEST F. SHEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	4
*MICHAEL HORSEMAN	2	LEONARD DERRICK	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal of Surprise Minor and on the bells.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being nine methods, viz.: Three different extents each of (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Southrepps Pleasure, (3) Clifford Pleasure, (4) Little Aston, (5) Kennington, (6) Seighford, (7) April Day, (8) Plain Bob, and ten different extents and four different Morris's 240's of (9) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

ERIC EDGINGTON	*Treble*	BRYAN E. CARSON	4
DAVID W. BARR	2	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
JOHN R. JOYNER	3	DEREK PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.
First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles in nine methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. T. Marshall Charlesworth and Miss Marguerite Norton.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two 120's of St. Simon's and four 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob; April Day, Norfolk, Old Bob, Kennington and Grandsire.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DONALD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	†RICHARD S. HOLLAND	3
†MICHAEL F. AMOS	2	†ERNEST G. ORLAND	4

†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.. *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. † First peal in 11 methods.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being sixteen differently called Morris's and Pitman's 240's and ten different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	*ERIC EDGINGTON	3
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	DAVID W. BARR	4

†JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. The quickest peal on the bells and first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., March 30, 1953, in 1 hour and 46 Minutes,
AT 26, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) College Bob and Wavertree College Bob, ((2) St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		R. JAMES COOK	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3—4
		JOHN KING	5—6

Condueted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at North Stoneham for the Queen's birthday was rung after losing one of Grandsire Triples due to a miscall. The inevitable coin decided that Cedric Murphy (aged 14) should stand down and allow Adrian Tumber to ring his second peal before his 13th birthday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There was a very happy dinner at the Golden Pheasant, Plumley, on April 18th, when Messrs. H. Parker, H. W. Howard, H. Worrall and Cecil Raddon celebrated the ringing of their 50th peal together at Eccleston, Cheshire, on March 28th. The dinner was attended by their respective wives and two other friends. 'A good time was had by all,' writes our correspondent.

Ringing friends of the Henley-on-Thames tower will be sorry to hear that Mr. E. Nash is in Reading (Berks) Hospital and will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

In the report of a quarter peal rung to the memory of Queen Mary on March 31st at Claverley (Salop) a wrong line was dropped in when making a correction. The 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. J. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun., 3, G. Goodson 4, F. Hinton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (conductor) 7, E. Bennett 8.

Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, in submitting a peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight of Evesham's 12, specially commends the way Miss Brenda M. Smith rang the sixth, which is 33 lb. short of 19 cwt. Brenda, he assures us, enjoyed her peal and was quite excited about it.

In ringing the peal of Stedman Triples at Sevenoaks on April 17th as a wedding compliment to Miss H. M. Argyle, daughter of the Rector, the ringers would also like to say 'Happy Birthday' to Betty Mason, whose father rang the second.

Four Associations and Guilds are supporting the Thames Valley Ringing Festival on June 27th. Ringing will take place in all the towers along the River Thames from Windsor to Walton, with headquarters for tea and service at Egham. Arrangements are jointly being made by Mr. W. Simmonds and Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne (Lincs) was celebrated by a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 17 methods. Mr. Lake came to the church to start the peal and called 'Go London,' and the peal went without a hitch. For over 30 years Mr. Lake was Ringing Master at Bourne, retiring when the war started. He conducted many notable peals of Spliced Surprise Minor, including one in 28 methods in 1936. He has over 100 peals ranging from Doubles to Surprise Royal to his credit.

Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield (Sussex), has recovered from his illness enough to start ringing again. On April 21st he rang his first peal for over a year and in calling from the third he 'completed the circle' in his home tower in a novel way—by conducting a different Surprise Major method from every bell.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Frank V. Sinkins, of Slough, has now fully recovered from his recent fall, which resulted in a broken collarbone. He is now in his 89th year and is still a regular service ringer at Slough. On April 26th, at Hughenden, he was heard to remark, 'It is 73 years since I first rang in this tower.' What a grand old gentleman he is, to be sure!

Two regular Sunday service ringers at North Stoneham (Hants), Norman Hayes and Molly Denby, celebrated their engagement and Molly's birthday with a peal on April 25th. The band were entertained to tea after the peal at the home of Miss Denby with samples of her proficiency in the culinary art in the form of piles of small cakes and a huge iced one. A toast was proposed and simply but very sincerely answered, and the celebrating continued until late in the evening, with Mrs. Reed providing the musical accompaniment on the piano.

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THE MINISTRY GOES WEST

Gilbert Thurlow Tells of the Clerical Guild in Cornwall

THIS does not mean the fall of the Government. Something more exciting, at least for those concerned. The Clerical Guild has been spending its annual ringing week in Cornwall. Determined to paint the county red, the Guild toured round in a motor coach inscribed 'Crimson Tours'—which title hardly seemed to imply the nature of its contents.

The party gathered on April 13th at Carbis Bay. You have to visit this delectable spot to realise how far it is from 'England.' The undersigned arranged to cover the first 120 miles late on Sunday night; arrived an hour late in Hitchin, where he had arranged to pick up a member. Finding nobody at the place of meeting, he and a fellow cleric invaded the police station at midnight, were discussing how to catch a stray cleric at that hour, when the said cleric walked into the station also, providing the constables on duty with a story on which they could put what interpretation they liked.

After hours and hours over plains, hills, valleys, moors, ravines, rivers, more moors, to the far west—Carbis Bay ringing chamber looked indeed bright and welcoming late on Monday evening. There were gathered the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. B. Andrews, the Revs. D. Ballard, W. G. Bridge, N. F. D. Coleridge, F. Ll. Edwards, K. W. H. Felstead, M. C. C. Melville, the Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Richards, the Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Roberts, the Revs. J. G. M Scott, R. D. St. J. Smith, A G. G. Thurlow, W. H. R. Trewhella, H. F. Warren, Canon R. F. Wilkinson and E. B. Wood. We were presided over, as is our usual great joy and privilege, by the cousins Cox, the Canon who is our president and the Prebendary who is our secretary. (This reminds one of the story of the rather ponderous clerical lecturer who had been lecturing a class of ten-year-olds at length on the constitutional set-up of Cathedrals and at the end said, 'Now boys, what is the difference between a Prebendary and a Canon?' to receive the reply, 'Please Sir, a Prebendary has two humps.') And, of course, there were those without whom life at Carbis Bay would be most sadly bereft—the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, also Evangeline, now aged nine and ringing Grandsire Doubles.

Whilst the undersigned and his carload were crossing Cornwall the police phoned Carbis Bay saying that offertory boxes in the neighbourhood were being rifled. This had no connection with St. Andrew's, Norwich, bells fund.

Tuesday began with Holy Communion at Carbis Bay Church, celebrated by the president, assisted by the Vicar. After this some rang Double Norwich for an hour at Carbis Bay whilst others, choosing more wisely, visited the nice little six at Lelant, and thence to Camborne, where all met for Kent, etc., etc., and lunch (dry for the unenterprising). On to Redruth and then to Kenwyn, each of which has a fine eight. Then to Evensong at Truro Cathedral, sung by the congregation as the choir was on a well-deserved holiday. Here we met a school party from Beoley, Worcs, whose enterprising teacher runs tours for the children all over the British Isles. Robert Wilson from this party rang with us at the Cathedral, where Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Major, etc., were rung. The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wigg had meanwhile joined us. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts most kindly gave us tea at Truro, at which the Bishop of Truro was guest of honour. Back to Hendra's Hotel, Carbis Bay, where we were staying.

TRIED TO HEDGE THE CUCKOO

On Wednesday some rang Stedman Triples at great speed for 50 minutes at Towednack, a church with an appearance of immense age, with two of the Cornish 'Preaching Crosses,' some of which are sixth century, in the churchyard, a mediæval granite altar slab and a church tower finished very low because the Devil wouldn't let them build any higher. This was the parish where they tried to hedge in the cuckoo, and they would have succeeded had the hedge been a bit higher! Others rang at the famous little church of Zennor, where you can see monuments to a family with father of 95, mother of 99 and daughter of 104, also to John Davey, the last to know the old Cornish language well. Our member, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, was once incumbent here and installed the delightful six on which we rang. An ancestor of his, son of the Squire of Zennor, had a lovely voice which attracted a mermaid. She induced him to follow her beneath the sea, so he was heard no more, but she can still be seen carved on a bench end in the sanctuary at Zennor. This village takes its name from St. Senner. Western Cornwall is alive with memories of many saints of the earliest Christian Church in this land, and their Preaching Crosses are a thrilling feature of the landscape

Thence to Madron, with one of the splendid Cornish chancel screens, mostly renewed, and a fine ring of eight. Lunch in a field with a grand view of the sea and St. Michael's Mount. Thence to Gulval—but on the way some members strayed from the programme to visit the mead works, where you can buy all sorts of mead, dry, sweet, etc., etc., also honey and spices, in an old-world atmosphere, albeit the affair only dates back ten years or so. At Gulval we enjoyed Surprise, etc., on a very nice little eight, also chimed the bell hung in the open air in the churchyard and had a service taken by the Vicar, who had kindly met us, as did the Vicars of Madron and Penzance, to which grand eight we now turned. After Stedman, etc., here we inspected the church, a featureless Georgian Gothic affair which in the hands of really artistic folk is being made a place of great and surprising beauty.

Then to Alverne Hill, with its charming gardens, where we were given a sumptuous tea by Miss Eileen Symons, who is president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and her sister. Some of the party drove thence to Land's End passing the Merry Maidens, a circle of stones supposed to be a group of maidens who were thus punished for dancing on Sunday, but in fact something far more interesting, a relic of the culture of Cornwall centuries before Christianity. After gazing at the wild grandeur of Land's End, touches were rung on the light six at Sennen, England's most westerly tower.

A NEW HON. SECRETARY

The day ended with the annual meeting held at headquarters at Carbis Bay. At this Canon Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected president, and Canon Wilkinson vice-president. Prebendary E. V. Cox felt that owing to his many important Diocesan duties he must resign the office of hon. secretary. The president and others spoke in the warmest possible terms of the work Prebendary Cox had done in building up the Guild and in arranging the ringing weeks. It was unanimously agreed to make him a vice-president as soon as the constitution could be revised to permit having two vice-presidents. The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews was unanimously elected hon. secretary. It was agreed to hold the 1954 ringing week in the Monmouthshire area.

On Thursday, April 16th, we started at Crowan, then to the fine eight at Helston, a church rather like Penzance on a small scale both in design and in modern treatment. Posters were advertising the Furry Dance on May 8th. We found Cambridge, etc., more interesting. Then to one of Cornwall's finest churches, St. Keverne, with splendid pillars of serpentine, etc., with one granite monolith and fine pew ends. A good ring of eight here, by Taylor's, with tenor of 18¼ cwt. After lunch, to St. Anthony, a most charming little church close by the sea—or rather, a narrow arm of the Helford river, which is like a Norwegian fjord on a tiny scale, surrounded by steep hills: the little granite tower with trees and hills around and the sea in front makes a perfect picture. Then to Manaccan, above the head of the fjord, with a fine Norman doorway—rather rare in the district—and a large old fig tree growing out of the nave wall; a very nice little six here. Prebendary Cox celebrated his retirement from the secretaryship by giving us tea in a farmhouse which was extraordinarily difficult to find—deep admiration to the driver for this and other triumphs. After a splendid tea, to the nice six at Mawgan, where the memorial brass to Hannibal Basser, 1708, is thus inscribed in Bob Minimus fashion:—

'Shall wee all dye
Wee shall dye all
All dye shall wee
Dye all wee shall'

It is comforting to feel that this, like all the problems of life and death, will come round if only pursued long enough. Then to Carbis Bay for our final evening.

On Friday, April 17th, we went our long, long way home, ringing at Phillach, St. Enoder and Lanivet, then crossing moors, rivers, ravines, more moors, valleys, hills, plains, back to Old England, but leaving a large portion of our hearts in the ancient land of saints, crosses, stone circles, granite, serpentine, royal hospitality—our hearts full of gratitude to so many people, clergy, tower captains, the coach driver, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts and most especially Prebendary Cox, who has made the Clerical Guild what it is.

Marriage of Mr. W. F. Butler and Miss A. A. Ewins

Two very popular young ringers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were married at Farnham Royal on April 18th. They were Mr. 'Bill' Butler, leader of the Clewer (Windsor) band, and Miss Audrey Ewins, of Slough. Both learned to ring since the war, and Mr. Butler has assumed the role of leading conductor in the area, whilst his bride, who learned to ring at Slough, has been for the past three years on the staff of Queen Mary's Children's Hospital at Carshalton, where she has recently successfully completed her training as a S.R.C.N. She had rung eight peals before going nursing and has rung a few since.

Almost 100 guests attended the wedding, the majority of whom were intimate ringing friends. Among the numerous presents was a set of table forks subscribed for by Slough bellringers and a few other ringing friends. As the couple left the church they walked beneath an arch of handbells while the tower bells rang overhead. The best man was Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, who taught the bride to ring, and in attendance was Mrs. E. Armstrong (formerly Miss Iris Ewins), a ringer at Farnham Royal, who herself had married a ringer.

After the reception a peal in honour of the event was attempted, but came to grief after 1¼ hours' ringing through a miscall. The Vicar kindly consented to a further attempt on the following Monday, which also, unfortunately, failed through a conducting error.

The happy couple left by air for their honeymoon in Jersey, after which they will take up residence at 2, Faraday Road, Slough.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Bedford

THE two rings of bells in Bedford and that at Biddenham once again attracted a good company of ringers to the Bedfordshire Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday. Members were present from all parts of the county and visitors were welcomed from Middlesex, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey.

A full day's programme opened at ten o'clock with ringing on the magnificent ten bells (tenor 28¾ cwt.) at St. Paul's, Bedford. Local ringers can often be accused of overrating the qualities of their own bells, so it was reassuring to have the honest opinions of visitors that the tone of these bells ranks very high. This knowledge makes more disappointing the fact that ringing is highly restricted owing to the presence of the Town Market immediately below the spire and the close proximity of a theatre, concert hall and local government offices. Easter Monday is the ringers' day, however, and all present made the most of the opportunity of ten-bell ringing. Mr. S. Foskett was Master, and methods rung on the ten included Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Treble Ten; the back eight were rung to Double Norwich, Bristol Surprise and Spliced Surprise Major.

Meanwhile the Association's president, Miss E. Steel, was greeting the six-bell enthusiasts at her church at Biddenham, and methods rung on the six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) ranged from Bob Doubles to York Surprise. The tower has for the past year been encased in scaffolding, but gradually the stonework is being given a new lease of life, and its clean appearance will be in keeping with the trimness of the churchyard and indeed with the character of the whole village.

FINANCES HEALTHY

A lunch at the Dujon Restaurant put all in a good frame of mind to tackle the agenda of the business meeting. The president took the chair and recalled that five members, namely, Mr. H. D. Harris, Mr. E. Herbert, Canon A. Rust, Mr. D. Thompson and Mr. H. Gayton, had been members of the Association for more than fifty years. The secretary, Mr. J. M. Stephens, then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The next item was the adoption of the statement of accounts for the previous year; this showed the finances were in a particularly healthy state and that, provided the membership figures remained steady, there would be no need to consider increasing the annual subscription of two shillings.

The committee's report stated that the total of performing members was 244, including 14 under the age of sixteen years. While this figure was similar to the previous year's total, it was encouraging to note an increasing interest was being taken by the clergy and churchwardens, and as a result the society had more honorary members. Peals rung during 1952 showed a decrease of six on the previous year's total, but the 27 rung were of great variety with the conducting shared by no less than 17 ringers. Members ringing their first peal totalled nine.

In the election of officers all were re-elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters and P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. M. Stephens; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

It was unanimously agreed that the annual meeting next year should again be held at Bedford, and the proposal of holding the summer festival meeting at Maulden on June 27th met similar approval. Miss P. Wright, of Cardington, was elected a performing member, and Messrs. C. Woolley, G. Seaman and W. Wenban were elected non-resident members.

MAJORITY FAVOUR DINNER

The suggestion of an Association dinner was the next item on the agenda, and this provoked much discussion. After the president had allowed many opinions to be voiced, the proposal of holding a dinner in Bedford during the autumn was put to the meeting and carried by a large majority. The secretary was instructed to make inquiries on the matter and report at the summer festival meeting. There being no other business, Mr. H. D. Harris proposed a vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair and the meeting then closed.

Members returned to St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches for further ringing. At the latter tower Mr. W. Stapleton was in charge and the ringing included all the standard Major and Triples methods. Perhaps the most noticeable addition to the furniture of the ringing chamber here is the new timepiece given by Miss E. K. Knight as a farewell gift to her tower. Miss Knight, a ringer at St. Peter's for 33 years, has now left Bedford for South Africa, and her gift will be of great value to both service and peal ringers alike.

After an hour's break for tea ringing was again resumed at St. Paul's, and when eventually the back eight were rung down in peal at 8.45 p.m. it was generally agreed that in spite of inclement weather the ringing fraternity had enjoyed their Easter Holiday.

AN EASTER SUNDAY 'GRAB'

On Easter Monday a party of about twenty ringers from towers as far apart as Pakefield, Surfleet and Warwick gathered in East Leicestershire for what is fast becoming a traditional Bank Holiday 'Grab.' A varied assortment of vehicles may have been seen wending their way towards Illston-on-the-Hill, where a pleasant half-hour was spent on the six bells before continuing to King's Norton, which, though not famous for a long length of London, has a fine old eight by Eayres—now very rough-going.

The ringers at Billesdon, though they had not been told of the visit, made the party very welcome and good ringing was accomplished. Somerby bells, augmented to six in 1950, were most enjoyable and the tower is one of the comparatively few where ringing is done from the middle of the church. Twyford gave a wet welcome but the musical six compensated for the dampness. The period allocated to the eight at Ashby Folville was all too short for these fine bells.

Then the Doubles merchants came into their own for three towers—Great Dalby, Kirby Bellars and Hoby, the respective specialities being All Saints', Stedman and St. Martin's.

By way of contrast and to satisfy catholic taste, the final tower of the day—one might say the 'Grand Finale'—was Melton Mowbray. Full use was made of the bells even though ringing was weakened by early departures. 'Stay-benders' and 'experts' alike were in agreement that the day had been well spent.

MR. JOHN FOWLER'S 25 YEARS AS RINGING MASTER

MR. JOHN FOWLER, for 25 years Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, retired at the annual meeting held at Hughenden on April 25th.

Collections were made in the towers of the branch in appreciation of Mr. Fowler's long and loyal service, and on Saturday he received his presentation from the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. Robert Hay).

In his last annual report Mr. Fowler said that most of the 11 branch meetings of the year had been fairly well attended, although the numbers present represented a small percentage of the membership of the branch, the largest in the Guild. On the whole, ringing had been quite good and some useful instruction had been given.

Mr. Fowler continued: 'I am now turned 65 and this is my 25th and last report. . . . I do hope you will give my successor that same loyal support that I have received.'

During his term of office he had missed only nine meetings. He had seen many changes in the branch—there were three more rings of eight—at Stoke Poges, Bray and Cookham—and a very useful ring of 10, the only one in the branch, at Slough.

Quite a lot of restoration work had been carried out. The bells at Burnham and Hughenden, two fine light eights, had been recast and rehung on ball bearings and new frames. Mr. George Gilbert and Mr. Roland Biggs had every reason to be proud of their efforts.

Mr. Fowler paid tribute to the work of Mr. A. D. Barker, 'an indefatigable secretary and treasurer,' who had faithfully served the branch and was entering his 30th year of office.

The day he had taken over the affairs of the branch things were in a very bad way financially. By hard work and enthusiasm he had put the branch on a sound footing and it had remained there ever since. It was the most lively in the Guild.

Mr. Fowler had a word of advice, especially for the younger ringers. He had noticed, particularly in recent years, a tendency among many ringers to look upon the art only as a hobby. Bell ringing was very fascinating, but they had to remember that it was first and foremost to the service of God and His Church.

'Make every effort to attend as often as possible for service ringing and for your local practice; be in good time; don't keep the others waiting; handle your bell well and you will strike her well; let your service ringing be the best possible,' urged Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Barker reported that the branch had just under 300 members. Fifteen new members were elected.

Special prayers were offered by the chairman (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman) for Mr. George Martin, the well-known ringer from Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, who was seriously ill in hospital.

Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden, former Deputy Master, was elected Master in place of Mr. Fowler. Mr. Don Boreham becomes deputy. Mr. Barker was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, will again be chairman.

The branch service at Hughenden Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. A. C. Dickins). The Bishop of Buckingham was in the congregation. Mr. Fowler read the lesson.

After tea and some enjoyable ringing, the meeting moved on to High Wycombe and the twelve-bell tower.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North-Western District

The Easter Monday meeting of the North-Western District at Kingston-on-Thames proved very popular. The Esher bells were open previous to the Kingston bells and a good number of ringers assembled here for an hour's ringing.

After the afternoon ringing a tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the meeting with Mr. F. E. Collins, District Master, in the chair. Fifty-one ringers representing ten towers were present. Four new members were elected and Ashtead was confirmed for place of next meeting. The sum of £1 8s. 3d. was collected for the General Bell Fund. R. L.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters on this subject from Messrs. P. I. Chapman and J. E. Spice, I wrote to the Bishop of London on behalf of the Central Council protesting against the proposed installation of an electronic device at St. Bride's.

The reply, given below, was not what I had hoped for, but at this stage no further action seems possible.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

The Bishop of London wrote as follows:—

Fulham Palace.

'I think you are labouring under a complete misapprehension as to the intentions of the Vicar and churchwardens at St. Bride's. So far as I am aware there is no proposal not to restore the ring of bells. The carillon they have been offered would be for either complementary or supplementary use.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM LONDON.'

QUEEN'S, ETC., HALF-MUFFLED

Dear Sir,—In recent issues there have been published several short touches of Grandsire Triples containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's changes. Nearly all these occur at backstroke, and when the ringing is half-muffled the desired musical qualities are lost.

The following touches contain all these musical changes at handstroke, and are, therefore, very suitable for half-muffled ringing.—Yours faithfully, RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

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Nos. 1 and 2 contain Queen's.

No. 3 contains Queen's and Tittums.

No. 4 contains Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's.

LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir.—While congratulating Mr. Nobles and his fellow-ringers at Dallington on their peal, I am afraid he is too late to claim it as the first rung by a local band holding other church offices. The following is an extract from a letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 8th, 1912, concerning a peal of Erin Triples rung by eight Crayford ringers in October, 1911:—

'The members of this band are also church workers in other ways, as will be seen by the following:—Treble, W. Fletcher (assistant organ blower); 2nd, R. Brough (chorister and Sunday School teacher); 3rd, G. Povey (chorister); 4th, E. Audsley (chorister); 5th, P. E. Bex (sidesman); 6th, E. Barnett, jun. (chorister); 7th, E. Barnett, sen. (parish clerk and sexton); tenor, W. Floyd (chorister). . . . Yours sincerely, R. Brough.'—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—There are surely many ringers who in the past have had the pleasure and satisfaction of ringing on the fine ring of eight at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Woodbridge, Suffolk. This ring, founded by Thos. Osborne, of Downham Market, in 1799, is regarded as one of the finest rings in the county, with the tenor weighing 25¼ cwt.

Unfortunately, this fine ring has been silent for a considerable time owing to the development of a crack in the seventh, and after an examination by an authority the fourth was also found to be cracked. The Church Council decided it would be very appropriate to have these two bells recast in time for the bells to be heard on Coronation Day and the two bells are at present at the Croydon Foundry. The approximate cost will be £300. The fabric finances of the church are at a very low level as recently the masonry of the tower, repairs to roof, etc., have meant heavy expenses. An appeal is now made to meet this added liability.

If any ringer would care to help, any donations large or small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, Canon A. W. Sarson, The Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—Yours, etc., A. STANLEY WOODARD,

Captain of Ringers.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Chesterfield Surprise Major rung at West Hallam, Derbyshire, on January 19th, 1952, conducted by myself, as I have found the composition by Mr. G. Freebrey, published in 'The Ringing World,' March 14th, 1952, to be false.

This was the first time the method had been rung to a peal and I wish to express my apologies to the rest of the band and to the Records Committee.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

THANKS TO THE DEAN OF CHESTER

Dear Sir,—The band who rang the peal at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 11th, 1953, would like to express their thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' to the Dean of Chester for granting permission to ring without any restrictions on the composition of the band, also for getting the towerkeeper, Mr. F. Fox, to carry out the minor repair to the tenor bell at very short notice after the head ringer, Mr. P. Swindley, had cancelled the peal attempt 24 hours previously without the Dean's knowledge or instruction.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. BIBBY.

Frodsham, Cheshire.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

The first quarterly meeting for 1953 was held at Rockwell Green on April 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. E. Easter, and tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, some 42 members being present.

At the business meeting it was agreed that the next quarterly would be held at Wellington on July 11th, and the next two monthly practices at Creech (St. Michael's) and Ashbrittle respectively.

The secretary gave a report of the Association's annual meeting held at Bath recently.

Returning to the tower, good use was made of the easy going six in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild was held on April 15th and the following new officers were elected:—

Master, F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College.

Secretary, J. H. Fielden, St. Catharine's College.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

Coming of Age Meeting at Glasgow

The 2st annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on April 11th. The fine ring of ten of 32 cwt. was available both before and after the business meeting and the bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Ten and Cambridge Major. An all ladies band rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and those who were at first unwilling to stand in had to admit that the bells were much easier to handle than they could ever have anticipated.

The Provost, the Very Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, D.S.O., M.C., conducted the Association service and also gave the address. He welcomed the ringers to the Cathedral and said that so far as he was concerned they were always welcome, but he was sorry that not all those who lived round about the Cathedral shared his interest in hearing the bells rung.

The president of the Association, Mr. W. H. Pickett, took the chair at the business meeting, which turned out to be one of the shortest in recent years, as everyone was anxious to get back to the tower.

The Master, Mr. C. R. Raine, reviewed the ringing activities of the past year, which had included three peals. This was an increase on the previous year, but there had been a reduction in the number of quarter peals rung.

Mention was also made of the new ring of eight at Dunblane, which had been opened during the year, and the rehanging within the last few weeks of the bells of St. James', Leith.

Six non-resident life members had their election confirmed by the meeting and six new members were admitted from St. Andrew's, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. The present office bearers were re-elected. It was decided to hold meetings for the ensuing year at Dunblane (October), Alloa (February) and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh (April).

The president, in answer to a question from the meeting, gave a report of the arrangements which had so far been made about ringing for the Coronation. He remarked on the drop in the number of quarter peals which had been rung during the past year and expressed the hope that the individual towers might join forces more often so as to be able to make more frequent attempts in future. In conclusion he thanked the ladies of St. Mary's for all the work and trouble they had taken in providing the excellent tea which had preceded the business meeting.

Ringers were present from five of the seven towers at present represented in the Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Branch Report Progress

The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Kirtlington on April 25th. The eight bells of the Parish Church were rung from 2.45 to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples to Plain Bob and Kent Major.

The branch service was conducted by the Rev. L. A. Gutch, with Mr. L. Pearman as organist. At 5 p.m. tea was served by Mrs. Kirtland and her helpers and this was much appreciated.

The Rev. L. A. Gutch presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch), when the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, the High Hugh Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to the Guild Committee, Mr. W. Baggett and Mr. H. Hatfield. Mr. L. Bloxham was elected a member of the Guild.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Piddington on June 27th. The secretary reported that progress was being made in the branch. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had made the gathering such a success.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Anniversary Peal Gathering at Stoney Stanton

On April 28th, 1923, the long peal of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. On Saturday, April 25th, the seven surviving members of the band and the one remaining umpire met again at the village to celebrate the anniversary.

After greeting old friends a move was made to the belfry for an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise. Six of the ringers took the same bell that they rang in the long peal, whilst Mrs. H. J. Poole took the place of the late Tom Chapman, and John Thompson, a pupil of the latter, deputised on the tenor for F. H. Dexter, who umpired the attempt together with Tom Vallance (pen name A Flat!). The attempt came to grief after an hour and 35 minutes' ringing.

It not being time for refreshments, touches in several methods were rung and a move was made to lower the bells when someone had a brain-wave, 'Why not have tea and ring the peal afterwards?' Word was sent to the caterers to hurry along the meal whilst more ringing was indulged in.

On arriving at the hostelry an excellent repast was waiting, to which full justice was done. The Sergeant Major, as usual, was in brilliant form and kept the party highly amused with his anecdotes. Those who know him can imagine the scene, whilst those who do not know him little guess what they have missed!

The ringers again adjourned to the belfry whilst the 'umpires' stayed in the local. For the second attempt the band was reshuffled and the tempo of the ringing increased and the peal ran into rounds in 2 hours 40 minutes.

It is perhaps rather remarkable that after 30 years eight of those connected with the long peal are still with us, and Mrs. Poole also was present in the church during the whole of the time the peal was being rung.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Maiden Newton

The ancient Church of St. Mary, at Maiden Newton, surrounded by a churchyard crowded with waving daffodils, made an ideal setting for the spring meeting of the Dorchester Branch on April 11th.

The well-kept light ring of six bells was available from 2.30 p.m. until 4.15, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck), who also welcomed the Guild. Mr. A. Squires was the organist, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby read the lesson.

Tea was served in the school by the ladies connected with the church and was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman (Canon A. W. Markby). The hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) read a message from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna, to the effect that the Blandford ringing festival would take place on July 4th. The secretary had received an apology for absence from Mr. Paul Field, Deputy Ringing Master, and also a card from Frampton, stating that their bells were available. One new ringing member was elected, Mr. T. Webb, of Abbotsbury. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Charminster in June. Notice was given of the annual Guild Festival, to be held this year at Calne on May 9th, and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) was asked to make the necessary arrangements regarding transport.

The question of the six bells of West Lulworth was raised, and it was stated that the tower had been rebuilt, to the exclusion of the bell chamber, and the bells sold.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, to the organist for his services and, above all, to Canon Slemeck for his beautiful service and kind welcome was proposed by the chairman and carried with acclamation.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Ringers from Keswick, Carlisle, Egremont, St. Bees, Hensingham and Workington attended the annual meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association at Egremont on Easter Monday. Also present were members of the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association. Ringing from rounds to Stedman Triples and a plain course of Double Norwich was much enjoyed on the bells of the Parish Church.

The service before tea was conducted by the retiring president, the Rev. I. M. German. The inner man was completely filled for the business meeting with the Rector in the chair. Both the general secretary and the ringing secretary reported a very quiet year, and even the treasurer reported no expenditure and a credit balance of £29.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. J. Davidson, Carlisle; general secretary, J. W. Brownrigg, Keswick; ringing secretary, S. Richardson, Hensingham; treasurer, S. Grisdale, Keswick. The committee was re-elected with the addition of J. Mossop, Workington, in place of Canon C. E. Last, St. Bees, who is leaving the district.

The Workington ringers were congratulated on the progress they had made, having started from scratch just over twelve months ago, and were now ringing quarter peals. The ringers of St. Bees were also praised in saving their church expense by lowering their own bells ready for transport to the Croydon Bell Foundry. The bells are expected back fairly soon. The meeting voted the sum of £5 to the Bell Repair Fund of St. Bees.

The meeting urged the need for 'The Ringing World' to continue to press the B.B.C. for a longer spell of broadcasting of bells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Section was held at Llanfeigan on April 11th to coincide with the induction of the Rev. H. M. Hughes by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon to the living of Llanfeigan and Llanddetty.

Llanfigan Church has no heating or lighting and services are only held here during the summer months. The bells, a Taylor eight with modern fittings and frame, have no ropes. The bells were rung before and after the service at the request of the villagers of Pencelly, which is about one mile away, and ropes for the occasion were brought from Talgarth Church. About 20 ringers attended.

A meeting was held in the church with Mr. J. A. Hoare, general secretary of the Guild, in the chair. Llanfaes was selected for the next meeting. Members afterwards left by car and bus for Talybont for a grand tea.

The visit of the Guild has been more than appreciated. A prominent person is prepared to meet the cost of a new set of ropes, and some young men in the village have expressed a willingness to learn. This church is ideally situated for peals and there is a good approach road right up to the church.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The contests of the Halifax and District Association held at Mirfield Parish Church on April 11th resulted as follows:—

Friezland, 72 faults: Meltham, rang out; Liversedge, 74 faults: Huddersfield, 80 faults; Shelley, 90 faults: Lindley, 129 faults.

The judges, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smith, of Mirfield, therefore declared Friezland the winners of the Association's Silver Cup.

At the commencement of the quarterly meeting, held after the competition, the president, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, called upon all members to stand in silence for one minute in remembrance of Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, for many years a judge at these contests, who had died since the last meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Miss Marie R. Cross, of Berkshire, and friends from a wide area supported the quarterly meeting held at Lifton on April 11th.

During the afternoon and evening full use was made of the grand ring of eight bells. Rounds and courses and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, a pleasing feature being the high standard of striking maintained.

The Rector, the Rev. H. T. Boultbee, left his sick-room to conduct a short service, and in the course of his address considered the ringing for service on Sundays a most important part of the service itself. For that reason he would very much like to hear more of the bells when they are rung before services broadcast by the B.B.C. 'Surely three minutes would not be asking too much.' The Rector said he did not know whether the ringers had made representations at any time to the authorities, but he would urge them to get together and press for the bells to be rung for three minutes on all occasions when they are rung before a broadcast service.

A collection for branch funds, amounting to 18s. 2d., was taken at the service.

At 5 p.m. Mrs. Boultbee (wife of the Rector), ably assisted by a number of wives of the local ringers served a sumptuous tea in the School.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Howard Thomas (branch chairman), supported by Messrs. G. H. Myers and F. C. Smale (vice-presidents of the Guild), and members and friends numbering 40. All present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. Cox (wife of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild), who passed away recently.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary read a letter from the Rev. B. T. Guy explaining why it was not possible for the branch to have its meetings in Tavistock. The action taken by the secretary in arranging Lifton as the alternative was heartily approved.

The Guild certificate of proficiency was presented to Mr. F. E. Day, of Emmanuel, Plymouth. Two new members were elected, viz.: Instructor Commander R. Gordon Cross, R.N. (now resident at Tavistock), and Mr. W. Manning, of Lifton.

The Ringing Master reported he had received only one request for his services as conductor of a peal attempt for the Coronation, and that was from the Truro Diocesan Guild. It was obvious the branch was not enthusiastic about the suggestion he made at the annual meeting in December last, i.e., 'that during Coronation week, if possible, peal attempts be made in each of the towers in union with the branch.' However, he expressed a hope that all towers would endeavour to ring their bells for this historic event, and intimated that every effort would be made to attempt a peal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on Coronation Day.

The chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Lifton for all they had done to ensure the success of the meeting, and this was carried with acclamation.

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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on April 12th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Lock (cond.) 1, M. Angela Carter 2, R. D. Prior 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks 5, J. W. Berry 6. First in method for 3 and 5. Rung for the 21st birthday of R. D. Prior.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 12th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Stewart 1, Shirley Corke (first quarter as cond., aged 15) 2, E. Bragg 3, R. Corke 4, W. Viggers 5, D. Williamson 6, T. Page 7, W. Denyer 8

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Valerie Mepham (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First in the method for 3, 4 and 5. First in the method as conductor. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. E. E. Trusler, who has been secretary at this tower for 23 years.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cottle 1, Miss N. Smith 2, N. V. Andrews 3, O. G. Smart 4, J. R. Tolman 5, R. Smith 6, A. L. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Smart 8. In memoriam Queen Mary.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Phillips 1, E. Shearn 2, Miss J. Abbott (first 'inside') 3, M. Horseman 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, C. Kortright 6.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Freer 1, Phyllis E. Clarke (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Smith 3, W. Freer (cond.) 4, R. Freer (first quarter) 5, A. B. Clarke 6.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor (first away from tenor) 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. M. Johnson (first 'inside') 3, Miss P. Burnell 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung for Patronal Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Starling 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, H. Moore 4, Mrs. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Leeming 7, C. Barker 8.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Bellamy 1, A. H. Reed 2, D. Gammons 3, G. Walford 4, W. G. Gigg 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal of Minor on the bells.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): E. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, J. W. Allen (first quarter on working bell) 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung to the Glory of God and on the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. W. Chown 2, S. G. Osborne 3, G. Hancock 4, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 5, F. Hancock 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Beryl J. Payne and Mr. Raymond W. Begley.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fagg 1, Miss A. Rayner 2, B. Watts 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, —. Arter 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. First quarter away from tenor for T. Fagg, in honour of whose 60th birthday the quarter was rung.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On April 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Butterfield 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Ling 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss P. J. Leaning (first 'inside') 3, R. Newman 4, E. F. Pryor 5, W. D. Prockson 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tompkins 1, F. Mynard 2, A. Freeman 3, R. Perkins 4, V. Adams 5, H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung previous to dedication of memory of the Rev. C. W. Fulmer, 45 years Rector (1900–1945), by the Bishop of Buckingham.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 600 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. C. Wickham 1, A. Peters 2, H. Fountain 3, F. A. Hooper 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, E. Fisher 6. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

DAMERHAM, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Baverstock, J. Mussell 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. W. Moule, who was for 30 years Vicar of the parish.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Collett 1, G. Creed 2, W. Higgins 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Smith 5, W. Higdon 6, R. Tucker 7, R. Higgins 8. Rung as a farewell to Sheila Collett prior to joining the W.R.A.F.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Coulson 1, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, F. A. Finch 5, H. J. Eldred 6, A. Harding 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung half-muffled as a last respect for Prebendary H. Greatbatch, Vicar for 19 years.

QUARTER PEALS

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on St. Mark's Day, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, R. S. Wilson 4, E. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, L. Boumphrey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, C. R. Raine 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Joan F. Winterbourne 1, T. Bond 2, Lottie Pimm 3, Daphne R. Castell 4, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 5, C. Bennett 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Peck.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Smith (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 2, K. Arthur 3, T. Sewell 4, J. Roach 5, J. Hedley 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith 1, E. J. Chapman 2, M. King 3, C. Richardson 4, N. Pearson 5, B. S. Cope 6, J. R. Main (cond.) 7, B. Haddon 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 5 and 8

HAMPSTEAD, MIDDLX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Mar. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Bevan 1, G. F. Carter 2, Miss B. A. Mitchell 3, D. K. Adkins 4, R. Ducker 5, R. V. Stephens 6, T. Price 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8. Rung for the Confirmation service by the Bishop of Willesden.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: T. Holmes 1, B. Harris (cond.) 2, E. C. Crewe 3, R. Hind (first quarter) 4, R. G. Corby 5, Shirley Golding 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Wood 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, P. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, E. Atkinson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, J. Carfott 2, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 3, S. Penfold 4, A. H. Worboys 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, W. Fern 2, Christine M. Hall 3, C. Bennett 4, L. H. Busby 5, T. S. Bowles (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Woodland 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. D. Bishop 7, J. Wells 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Gilbert 1, Miss A. Smith 2, M. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, W. Izzard 5, H. Gilbert 6, C. Izzard 7, L. Turner (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H.M. Queen Mary by the local band.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Wilkinson 1, Miss R. M. Barwell 2, J. Temple 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P. W. Campling (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

MARC'I, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): A. W. Palmer 1, S. Haw 2, W. E. Young 3, W. Storey 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, F. Newman 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. White 1, B. Madeley 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, A. Hickman 7, F. Price (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. B. Stratton.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,280 Painswick Bob Major: P. Mehew 1, Miss A. Willes 2, R. M. Dixon 3, H. E. Werrett 4, W. J. Hitch 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6, J. S. Dear 7, E. G. Buck 8. First in method for all.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, W. Rose 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. Bush 4, W. Ransom 5, J. H. Bluff 6, H. S. Peacock 7, L. W. Hadman 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Jones 1, H. Hawkins 2, J. Holbrook 3, F. Carter 4, G. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, H. Griffin 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sims.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Swannell (first quarter) 1, K. Perkins 2, T. Baker 3, I. Dickin 4, A. Cozens (first as cond.) 5.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, H. E. Brown 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. S. F. Allison), a former Vicar of this parish.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Mills (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. Firth 3, F. Fisher 4, T. C. Ryder 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. Rung as Princess Margaret left the town after attending a service at this church marking Rotherham's 50th year as a county borough.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Williams (first quarter) 1, J. Reed 2, F. Mitchell 3, D. M. Hall 4, S. Dance 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. First quarter by a local band on the bells.

SEALE, SURREY.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Edna J. Young 1, Mary L. Downes 2, Myrtle A. Cass 3, J. W. Carter 4, E. Gardner (first as cond.) 5, H. A. Cass 6. First quarter peal by a local band for 26 years.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on the back eight, on April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Thorpe 1, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 2, R. C. Preston 3, J. Seager 4, D. Holland 5, B. Holland 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, H. Thorpe 8. First quarter in the method for 4 and 5.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Gough (first quarter) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Kathleen Watts 4, A. Morris 5, Barbara Bayliss 6. Rung on Margaret Gough's 20th birthday.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Miss M. F. Jackson 2, W. Prockson 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, W. R. Winterton 6, A. R. Ling 7, F. J. Matthews 8.

SMITHFIELD, E.C.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. K. Lunn 3, D. Fowles 4, A. J. Phillips 5. A 21st birthday compliment to B. K. Lunn.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Jelley 1, H. Kilby 2, B. S. Chapman 3, G. R. Bodycote 4, H. Bray 5, E. J. Jelley 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Queen Mary. Also on April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. R. Bodycote 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, J. M. Jelley (first 'inside') 3, Winifred M. Burton 4, H. Bray 5, H. Kilby 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. In memoriam Charles Marshall.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Griffen 1, W. Buckby 2, R. Buckby 3, G. Wykes 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 21st, at the Cathedral 1,293 Stedman Caters: H. Goodenough 1, Miss Copson 2, H. R. Hofton 3, A. Day 4, G. Dodds 5, B. Cornell 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, A. Hatten 8, R. F. Ewer 9, W. Nicholls 10. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ST. ATHAN, GLAM.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles in eleven methods, being 60 Stedman and 120 each of Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Southrepps and Grandsire: Miss D. Charlie 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, R. E. Coles 5, T. Charlie 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First in eleven methods by all the band.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Foreman 1, Miss B. Warboys 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, C. Sampford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Monk.

THORNE, YORKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): L. M. Woodhead 1, D. A. Chapman 2, F. J. Jackson 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the completion of 40 years as a service ringer by the conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hingley 1, A. Elsmore 2, K. W. Knowles 3, A. Hubble 4, A. Hingley (cond.) 5, G. Darlington 6, D. Knowles 7, D. Tranter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Queen Mary.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Hull 1, R. Gardiner 2, G. Salmon 3, A. Weare 4, V. Roberts 5, S. Attwell 6, H. Smith (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Rice 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, L. Nice 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Foster 1, A. E. Rolfe 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, R. L. Stannard 4, W. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Arranged for R. L. Stannard, home on leave from Royal Navy.

LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.15 p.m., followed by meeting and buffet tea. Will branch secretaries please forward numbers to be expected to Mr. G. E. C. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester, by Tuesday, May 26th. Towers available: Handbridge, St. Mary's Within, Hoole, Eccleston and Christleton from 1.30 p.m. and after the meeting.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. W. WARWICK

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Walter William (Bob) Warwick, of East Ilsley, Berks, who died on his 79th birthday, on April 24th.

Bob, as he was always known, started ringing at East Ilsley at the age of 15 years and was never late and always there whenever wanted, until a few years ago when his age and eyesight prevented him from ringing.

Mr. Warwick, in his younger days, walked many miles to attend branch meetings but the day he always enjoyed best was the annual outing; he never missed one.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 28th. at St. Mary's Church. Amongst the many floral tributes was one from the East Ilsley ringers.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by V. J. Roussel 1, Miss June East 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Miss Joan White 4, E. T. Sneller 5, M. Rosier 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, R. Wells 8.

MR. W. H. T. KING

It is with regret we record the passing of Mr. W. H. T. King, of 1, Firfield Avenue, Breaston, Derbyshire, on April 15th.

Mr. King was an enthusiastic ringer who travelled widely in pursuit of his hobby and was well known to the ringing fraternity of the North Midlands area.

Following interment at Breaston on Saturday, April 18th, a touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on half-muffled bells by a combined band from Breaston, Sawley and Long Eaton.

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DEATH

CRAWLEY.—On April 26th, 1953, at the home of her daughter at the School House, Welford, Muriel Lucy, aged 73, the beloved wife of Albert Crawley (Crewe). 2568

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BROXBOURNE.—The memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. Radley will be dedicated on Saturday, May 16th, at 4 p.m. Ringing from 3-8 p.m. Tea provided. Names, please, to N. Radley, 4, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts. 2566

A SOMERSET TOUR, June 6th-13th. — Ringers required to complete party. Own transport required. Headquarters Wrington. For further details, contact Mr. G. W. Seaman, 5, Richmond Drive, Watford, Herts. 2549

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Liverpool, May 9th. Train Euston 8.30. Ringing 1 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2564

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 9th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. 2507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. 2482

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 9th (Wadhurst not available). Book early for summer outing. July 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6), May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 2515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby.—A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, May 9th. Bring own food. 113 bus from Preston, 2.5, change Lydiate Lane; 367 from Chorley, 2.26; 106 from Southport, Standish, 1.30.—L. Walmsley. 2544

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 9th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 3-4.15: All Saints', Isleworth, 3; service 4.30; tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15; further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2541

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Southgate, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea may be obtained locally.—T. J. Lock. 2510

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cuddesdon (6), May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service after tea. 2508

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newport, May 9th Recently rehung octave. All welcome. Service 4.30. Tea at Austin's Cafe 5.15. 2505

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Thorpe Bay, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (cups of tea provided; bring own food). Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 2524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2523

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Bells available before and after the dedication.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2514

NUTFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—Dedication of the restored bells by The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Southwark on Sunday May 10th, at 11 a.m. Bells available from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. 2552

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Backwell, May 16th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2570

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting at Hinton St. George, Saturday, May 16th. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec 2550

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea must be received by May 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8), Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Major. Names for tea to W. D. Kirkpatrick, 3, Crouchley Lane, Lymm, near Warrington. 2556

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 12th, at latest, to Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2581

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Allesley (Coventry), Saturday, May 16th. All towers are asked to be represented so that arrangements can be made for ringing during the Coronation. Special method for practice, Double Norwich. Tea for those who notify me by May 12th. Meeting after tea.—J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone Greyfriars 474.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at SS. Basil and James', Fenham, on Saturday, May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 2575

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **must** be sent by Thursday, May 14th, to D. R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 2580

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Blackwell, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 14th, to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Sec. 2546

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — N.E. District. — Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.— J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley 2469

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, May 16th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. D. Dadson, The Post Office, Frensham.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2551

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Battle, Sussex, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2545

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, May 16th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 12th, to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2573

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Annual District meeting, May 16th, St. John's, Leicester (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 12th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. All welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2526

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2577

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting will be held at Sileby on May 16th. Those requiring tea please notify, by 13th, W. Draper, Highgate Road, Sileby.—B. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2557

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Annual, Gainsborough, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2530

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 11th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2586

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8), May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available locally. Quarterly business. Pinner bells (8) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 2585

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Necton, Saturday, May 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please write direct to Major Barton, Church Farm, Necton. Special method, St. Clement's. Visiting ringers will be made most welcome.—C. V. Ebberson, Dis. Sec. (pro tem.). 2555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Blewbury, May 16th. Service 3.30. Names for tea, by the 12th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2517

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Clewer, Saturday, May 16th, 3 to 5. Names for tea at Clewer by May 11th. Slough 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2569

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, May 16th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2565

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea only provided.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2554

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting will be held at Cotton, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.; Mendlesham (5), Wickham Skeeth (6), Thornham Magna (6) after 5 p.m. Finningham Station one mile to church. Cups of tea, snack. Notification appreciated.—B. Chilvers. 2562

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. Notifications, by May 13th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 2520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Little Horsted, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 13th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2547

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, May 16th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, by May 12th, to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 2559

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, May 12th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen (8), Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 14th please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2567

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Scarborough, May 16th. Bells (recently restored) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by May 12th, to Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2578

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake, Surrey. 2584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6). Whit Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2560

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Tattershall, May 23rd. Opening of Bellringers' Chapel and dedication of St. Dunstan's altar. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 20th, to Mrs. E. Flintham, Harrowdene, Thorpe Road, Coningsby, Lincoln. 2583

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouthshire Branch. — Meeting, Abergavenny, May 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 19th, to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—Jacqueline S. Evans, Branch Sec. 2571

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2558

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral; preacher the Venerable E. N. Gowing, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 20th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Exeter, Whit Monday. Service, St. Thomas's, 12 noon. Luncheon, Buller Hall, 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 5s. members, 5s. 6d. non-members, **must** be paid for in advance; latest date May 19th. Ringing: St. Thomas's 10-11.45 a.m. and after meeting; Cathedral 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Heavitree 10.30-11.30 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; St. Mark's 3.30-5 p.m. For luncheon tickets and particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.; also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Raunds on Whit Monday, May 25th. Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in the School. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. followed by the business. Names for tea **must** reach me by Saturday, May 16th. Towers open for ringing: Great Addington, Woodford, Islip, Lowick, Tichmarsh, Higham-Ferrers, Stanwick, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thrapston 12 to 2; Ringstead 11 to 2.30; Raunds 1.30 to 3 p.m. All towers open in the evening.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2513

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Parish Church bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by annual general meeting. Dinner at Stevens' Cafe, Hope Street, 7 p.m. Early application for tickets (8s. 6d.) to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2537

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A GOOD housekeeper—what a difference such a one makes to the home. Although we may grumble over the operation known as 'Spring cleaning,' secretly we enjoy its result of extra cleanliness and order from the attic to the cellar. One of the signs of a good housekeeper is shown by the attic and the cellar—not just the room set aside for visitors and thus giving a false impression. Another is the order and method by which her work is done and this means planning.

Would it not be considered an honour to be asked to be the housekeeper at a palace where the upper chambers would be as clean as the throne room. Yet hundreds of ringers are called to be housekeepers of a portion of the house of our God. Are we good housekeepers? Do we plan our work? Are any of the polished corners of the temple under our care? One of the signs of a good steeplekeeper is that he can do any minor adjustment required in his best clothes and come back to the ringing chamber with hands as clean as before he left.

Why not make this year's spring cleaning a start to better housekeeping? First sweep the rafters and beams above the bells with a stiff broom or brush, then clear all the twigs and rubbish away and burn them. Next brush down the walls, and why not a coat of lime wash—it is cheap enough? Wire brush down the frame, the ironwork and the bells. Oh, yes, it is dusty, dirty work for the present, but stick it out. If you want to find out how a good clean improves the tone of bells try it out on the tower handbells—you probably will be surprised. Having swept up all the dust, let us get busy with the scrubbing brush. Plenty of hot soda water and soap—both inexpensive—and scrub all the woodwork and the bells. For what painter would paint over dirt and grease. Where oil or grease still remains on the bells it can be removed by a little petrol. A coat of creosote on the frame if it is of wood will add years to its life, and a black bitumen paint is excellent for all ironwork and steel frames. Now we can start enjoying the results of our labour; shiny black ironwork and limewashed walls make the belfry a far less dismal place than before. Now for that little extra that makes all the difference between a good housekeeper and one that takes a pride in his or her work. The oak wheels, the stays and slide bars as well as the stocks will look much better for a little wax polish, preferably of the kind containing a deterrent to our great enemy—the wood beetle. A brush or soft cloth will work wonders in their appearance as well as helping to preserve.

Floors are places where the steeplekeeper crawls over in attempting to reach the interiors of the bells, so why not give them a good scrubbing? Our modern washing aids will remove grease as well as give us a P—— whiteness. There is only one thing in the belfry that will not benefit from a good washing, and that is the ropes, so on this point just moderate that burst of enthusiasm that comes with spring cleaning your belfry.

In the opening paragraph order was placed after cleanliness. So let us order our work to spread the load of the routine jobs. Only a few hours a month is required. Not much, is it, for the glory of God? Make the first job of every month that of moving the ropes at the garter hole in the wheel an inch or so at a time, lowering in the winter and raising in the summer, and where there are plain bearings they require a feed. Then each month do an extra job, for instance:

January, change the ropes over every third year and inspect ladders for safety.

February, see that galvanised wire netting covers all openings to keep our feathered friends in their place.

March, overhaul the clapper joints. Where there are leather liners to the baldricks, take the joint apart and well grease both the leather and the iron, and do not forget the split pin or wire key to prevent the nuts working loose.

April, sweeping up and washing after March winds have done their worst.

May, polishing and treating for wood worm, and remember that this last job requires three consecutive years to eradicate this pest.

June, overhaul slide bars and grease their pivots.

July, grease all pulleys.

August, tighten all bolts and remember those on the stock, only half a turn at a time until all are tight, and a dab of paint on each after the job is done.

September is time for greasing the clapper joints again.

October, sweep out the belfry.

November, clean out the lead gutters where there is a parapet to the tower, inspect the roof and chase the church authorities until they remedy any defects found.

December, check up on the muffles, for the old year is dying, but a new year is dawning of good steeplekeeping.

G. P. E.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Comprising 1,440 of Belgrave and Yorkshire, and 720 each of York, Cambridge and Pudsey, wiith 90 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	JOHN HILL	11
JOHN R. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	HARRY F. HOLDING	7
*EDGAR MARLOW	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	†WILLIAM DAVIES	9
*IVOR R. NICHOLS	4	SAMUEL BIRCH	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	11
GEORGE A. PACKER	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. H. Davies, of Walsall (mother of the ringer of the 9th), and an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. V. C. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet (father of the ringer of the 8th).

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

ERNEST SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	WALTER ALLMAN	7
WILLIAM BARTON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	9
JAMES FEARNLEY	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
A birthday compliment to R. G. Edwards, and rung on the 40th anniversary of E. Jenkins' first peal at Henley, Suffolk.

LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	8
THOMAS G. FOX	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
GEORGE W. CECIL	5	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
First peal on the bells since the restoration of the church and bells and rebuilding of the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

T. KELHAM DEACON	*Treble*	FRED E. WILSON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	FRANK K. MEASURES	6
CECIL E. CARR	3	ALAN H. HOUGH	7
*ALBERT A. LUCAS	4	W. ROLAND PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Tues., April 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS E. ROWLAND	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
MRS. P. HARRIS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
*HARRY POYNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JILL HAFFENDEN	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	*FREDERICK W. MITCHELL	6
BETTY M. VIDLER	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
PETER CARTER	4	†CHARLES M. CLOEYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

HONITON CLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD C. WOODLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	HENRY G. KEELEY	7
BRIAN PIDGEON	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
JACK BAILEY	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	JOHN F. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore for his 80th birthday.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
*CAROL FORSTER JONES	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal on eight bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SEDBERGH COURT MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
WILLIAM LOVE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. George F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh. The first peal in the method, first published in the 'Bell News,' May 28th, 1910, p. 196, by Gabriel Lindoff and first practised at Sedbergh. The composition, in 12 parts, contains all combinations of 4-5-6 at middle, wrong and home and only those combinations at course ends.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	BERT GOGLE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
*PETER KINDRED	4	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. K. W. Riddle to the Rectory of Pakefield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*JOYCE HALLIDAY	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. SOMERS	5
†MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN	2	†STANLEY S. LIVESEY	6
BESSIE A. CARTER	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
*ALBERT W. STONE	4	RICHARD B. BENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER COXALL	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
*JEAN MARSHALL	2	*ERIC COOKE	6
*DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
THOMAS MARSHALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Amy Barnes, wife of the Vicar of Parbold.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
The first peal in the method by all the band.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
†JOE HOBBS	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	6
OLIVE M. MARTIN	3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* 325th peal for the Hertford County Association. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. S. Brown.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all except the ringer of the 4th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	†STANLEY SLANEY	5
*CYRIL WRIGHT	2	*PHILIP H. WHITAKER	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First as conductor in the method.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung for the first birthday of Nicola Michèle Le Saux, granddaughter of the conductor.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOKE	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	6
WALTER SCOTT	3	ARTHUR J. HAYNES	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except ringers of 4th and tenor. Conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	GEORGE DAVIS	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Beresford.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MABEAN,
A PEAL OF 5472 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	2	*A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4	*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* 25th peal together. Longest length yet rung for the Guild. First peal on the bells.
Rung on the 7th birthday of the treble ringer's son.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell, of St. Peter's tower.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Mon., May 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*MRS. S. H. JONES	2	*ERNEST MORRIS	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	GEORGE ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 AYLESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal to be rung in this method, which is Tipler's No. A4/10. First Surprise peal on the bells.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	*NORMAN SMITH	6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
†JEAN DAWSON	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Double Norwich on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.
Rung on the 40th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells (May 6th, 1913) and for the 75th anniversary of the installation of the back six (April 21st, 1878).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent of Double Oxford, two extents of Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

MAX P. PAGE	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
ALAN FEVER	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
JOHN S. WYBROW	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Page, mother of the conductor, and to Mr. F. Bowell.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
JOHN BEARDMORE	2	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	5
CHARLES S. RYLES	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.
A wedding compliment to Dr. Anthony G. Ackerley and Dr. Sylvia Woodbridge, whose marriage took place earlier in the year.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, 1. York and Durham; 2, Ipswich and Cambridge; 3, Allandale and Westminster; 4. Netherseale; 5, Bourne; 6. Hull; 7. Norwich. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	†PETER MASON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	*MOSES BILLINGS	5
RONALD APPLEWHITE	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in ten Surprise.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	4
ETHEL WISE	2	JOHN SCOTT	5
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
The conductor's 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

PAULERS PURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*JAMES BOOTH .. .. ..*Treble*		†PERCY FOSTER 4	
†NORA TOMLIN 2		WILLIAM YATES 5	
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 3		*KEITH SHELDON .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. L. Dunkerley, M.C., M.A., who is leaving the parish.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Rung on the front six.

*JOHN R. AUSTIN .. ..*Treble*		STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE.. 4	
†FRANCES E. ELLISON .. 2		RICHARD G. LATHAM .. 5	
*ERIC ROUGHLEY 3		HARRY BLACKBURN .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by HARRY BLACKBURN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN W. BROWN .. ..*Treble*		TERRY L. STOCK 4	
TERRY EARLE 2		PETER L. WOOD 5	
*ANTHONY B. STOCK .. 3		ALAN R. SYDER .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

* First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 15 years 5 months.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BERYL HARTELL .. ..*Treble*		*JOAN MILTON 4	
FRED HAWKES 2		WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. 5	
DAVID BEACHAM 3		*DONALD WILLIAMS .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. HUBERT EPLETT ..*Treble*		MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	
CLEMENT W. JOSE 2		REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5	
*JAMES P. BLOND 3		†DAVID N. PENROSE ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

A farewell to Instr.-Lt. Dennis Roe, who left a few days previously for the Far East.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(The Bures St. Mary's Society.)
On Tues., April 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JANET M. SPURGIN ..*Treble*		*DONALD L. MILLS 4	
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 2		†ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5	
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 3		LESLIE D. MILLS .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.



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HOUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents of St. Simon and 37 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*BENJAMIN J. BULL .. ..*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3
*MICHAEL J. DYER 2	*JACK R. G. SPICER .. 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal of Doubles. A birthday peal to Mr. W. A. Warren (82 years), churchwarden. First peal on the bells.

ARDINGTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LINDA R. BINNINGTON ..*Treble*	*CHARLES B. LESTER .. 4
CYRIL P. LAY 2	HARRY WHITE 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, Rev. G. E. Bussell, and in thankfulness for his ministry, extending over the past 6½ years.

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. approx.

D. JORDAN .. ..*Treble*	I. GORDAN 4
H. BISHOP 2	*W. CORDEROY 5
J. BOSLEY 3	D. BOSLEY .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by D. JORDAN.

* First peal 'inside,' and first peal of Doubles by the rest of the band.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of College Exercise, Spliced College Bob and Single Court, Double Court, Spliced St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, Reverse Bob, combined Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 53 lb. in A.

STANLEY W. COPLING ..*Treble*	*WILLIAM LOVE 4
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in more than seven methods. First peal in twelve methods on the bells.

Rung at the request of the parishioners.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 15 in C.

LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 1—2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 3—4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.. 5—6	

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

First handbell peal by all.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 1—2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY..3—4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.. 7—8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

The first silent peal of Surprise on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Petty 1, A. Hoare 2, E. Morris 3, G. Lewis 4, A. Hannington 5, R. Blick (first quarter 'inside') 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, T. Roderick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. H. Perry, for many years leader at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Howard 1, W. B. Dawson (first as cond.) 2, P. H. Renolds (first quarter) 3, G. R. Dawson 4, A. T. Randal 5, N. B. Fovogue 6, A. H. Bennett 7, C. Stubley 8.

BRISTOL.—On April 30th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. M. Bennett 1, V. J. Williams 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, Mrs. N. Dart 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. F. Pedler 6, A. C. Baker (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. First in method for 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. S. Lee, who is retiring after 22 years as Vicar of St. Ambrose.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Triples) 1, H. C. Burge 2, G. Gaylard 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. Perry 7, H. Johnson (first quarter) 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 240 each Old, April Day, 300 Plain Bob): Rev. J. M. Ouless (first quarter) 1, R. Old 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, M. J. Bushell 4, C. T. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. In honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor 720 combined Double Oxford and St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob) J. West 1, R. Gardiner 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, I. J. M. Saunders (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. E. G. Roast 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Saunders.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Knowles 1, E. W. Butler 2, N. G. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, W. A. Peck 5, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 6, M. W. Harbott 7, J. Greenough 8. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, F. A. Green 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. F. Ridett 5, P. R. Stephen (first quarter) 6. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. W. Green 2, S. Moody 3, E. F. Ridett 4, F. A. Green (first as cond.) 5, C. A. Saunders 6. Rung for the launching of All Saints' Bell Appeal Fund.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Cynthia Bibby 1, Elizabeth M. Bibby 2, W. G. Bibby 3, H. Matthais 4, F. Jackson 5, O. Claybrook 6, J. E. Bibby (cond.) 7, F. Bibby 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Janet Bailey 3, H. Belcher 4, R. Charge 5, J. B. Sansom 6, R. Sanders 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Chilcott 10. A 52nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Langdon.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. W. Moore 1, H. W. Moore 2, Miss H. M. Snowden (first quarter of Major 'inside') 3, Miss J. S. Starling 4, C. Snowden 5, Miss H. G. Snowden 6, T. Earle 7, A. R. Syder (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. J. Niblett 2, S. Warwick 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, J. Niblett 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8. Rung for the Bishop of Willesden's visit to the church. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. D. Niblett 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, S. A. Warwick 3, H. Hodgetts 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 30th, 1,320 Surflleet Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First in method by all except conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Ruck (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, F. Blondell 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. Moore (first 'inside') 5, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 6, W. J. Winter 7, J. Rickets 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Baldwin 1, P. Baldwin 2, A. Clutton 3, F. Hayes (cond.) 4, P. Evans 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Jeffery (first quarter) 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, F. J. Wood 3, H. G. Goddard 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. E. Porter, who was inducted this day.

KILBURN, N.W.—At St. Augustine's, on April 19th, 1,504 Bob Major: C. E. Lankester 1, Miss D. Watts 2, S. Pacey 3, Miss A. Barker 4, R. B. Meadows 5, A. H. Catlin 6, T. Dew 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Barker 1, Miss C. Harding 2, S. Elsey 3, E. Mastin 4, W. Critchley 5, J. Raper 6, N. Harding (cond.) 7, W. Rose 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 180 Stedman and 120 each of Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and St. Simon's): Rosemary Hutchings 1, S. White 2, Muriel Legg 3, Marjorie Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, D. Millier 6. First in seven methods for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On April 26th, at All Saints', 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Dominy 1, T. Grice 2, F. Hogan 3, B. Baker 4, J. Wallis 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leason 7, R. Rich 8, L. Mannering 9, F. Thwaites 10.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. O. Fry 4, E. Naylor 5, J. G. Davis (first quarter) 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 1st, 1,280 Bob Major: Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 1, C. J. Turner 2, Betty Smith 3, R. Pike 4, P. Davis 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, E. Rowe 7, J. Arbury 8. First quarter of Bob Major on the bells since rehanging.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 900 Grandsire): D. E. Griffin 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. Swann (first in two methods) 3, E. Martin (first quarter) 4, A. J. Millward (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to the parish.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): A. Hayward 1, J. Summerhayes 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, W. Burston 4, B. Burston 5, F. Matravers 6. All six are grandfathers.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 29th, at the Cathedral on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother to a dedication and thanksgiving service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, H. Nobes 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. F. Taylor 5, J. W. Meade 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8. Also after the service 756 Stedman Triples.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Taylor 1, D. Surman 2, C. Rouse 3, P. Warren (first of Stedman Doubles) 4, B. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. A farewell to the Rev. W. H. Hill, nine years Vicar, on his retirement

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,568 Superlative Surprise Major: B. Parker (first quarter of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, W. C. Shute 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, H. Abrahams 5, J. Gilbert 6, R. Marlow 7, W. E. Cheater (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints', Hamer, on April 19th, 1,260 Minor (540 Single Oxford Bob and 720 Double Oxford Bob): A. Taylor 1, K. Abbott 2, Marjorie Leach 3, I. W. Taylor 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate the Vicar (the Rev. N. Wallworth) and Mrs. Wallworth on the birth of a son.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, Miss A. Yarde 2, D. T. North 3, Miss M. Hill (first quarter) 4, S. N. Bristow (cond.) 5, C. J. Stevens 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Miss M. Shearmur (first on 8) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, A. C. Chaplin 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. In honour of the Queen's birthday.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. L. Webb (cond.) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, J. Harper 4, H. Meek 5, T. Wilce (first quarter) 6, L. H. Jones 7, R. Weaver (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Beard, a ringer at this church for 50 years.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, M. J. Martin 2, G. F. Gray 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 4.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on April 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. Williams (cond.) 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, A. J. House 5, W. R. Winterton 6, A. R. Ling 7, T. H. Francis 8, F. E. Hawthorne 9, R. E. Price 10.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): N. Stevens 1, D. R. Brazier (first quarter as cond.) 2, A. W. Allen 3, T. P. Harris 4, W. P. Billington 5, F. Bunker 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. G. F. Oakeshott as Vicar to the parish.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Birt 1, A. D. Rivers (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, F. Scott 4, B. M. Taylor 5, M. Hatchett (first of Triples as cond.) 6, J. Birt 7, R. I. Shepherd 8. Rung for Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' rally, and as a birthday compliment to A. Rivers. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Butler and Miss A. Ewins.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On April 26th, 1,440 Treble Bob (consisting of an extent Spliced Kent and Norwich Surprise and extent Spliced Oxford and Norwich Surprise, change of method made from back stroke treble lead, Nos. 6 and 5 at back): E. J. Wakeling 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First Splice in these three methods by all.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On April 19th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, Janet Bailey 3, R. G. Lay 4, H. Ellis (first of Cinques) 5, W. Prockson 6, S. H. Dearden 7, J. Hill 8, R. F. Deal 9, C. G. J. Watts 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. Chilcott 12.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robson (first quarter) 1, M. Parry 2, E. J. Rowe 3, W. T. Forrester 4, H. Howson (first as cond.) 5, W. Coleman (first quarter) 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, J. Schofield (first in method as cond.) 2, Miss A. Bell 3, C. Wenban 4, R. Stoddard 5, T. Leversuch 6, E. Turner 7, R. Lambert 8. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen's birthday.

STEEP, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Gilbert 1, Mrs. A. Pearson 2, Miss C. Roberts 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, F. Bowden (cond.) 5, H. Gauntlett 6. First quarter Bob Minor by 1 and 3.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Cookson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, R. Lees 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Fellows 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. All are service ringers.

STRATFORD, E.—On April 26th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miss S. Booth 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, C. W. Ottley 5, E. E. Holman 6, E. D. Smith 7, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, Doris Shepperd 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Price 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, B. Cattle 6, W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. J. M. Eagles.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Green 1, P. Mayne 2, Mrs. C. F. Miles 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for a service of Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and as a welcome home to the treble ringer from his Antipodean travels.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles in three methods: W. Knight (first quarter) 1, B. Rainsford (first quarter in three methods) 2, W. Smith 3, K. Stacey 4, J. Clark 5, J. Rainsford 6. Rung in honour of Anzac Day, and also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Botting, who have just celebrated their golden wedding (Mr. Botting formerly rang at Betchworth, Surrey).

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Phillips 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss J. Bailey 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, A. J. Phillips 6, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 120 each St. Simon's, Southrepps, Clifford, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, All Saints', Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew's and 60 Grandsire Doubles): O. Pole 1, K. Prime 2, R. Short (cond.) 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet 5, C. Norton 6. First in more than one method by 2 and 6; in more than five by 1; in more than seven by 3, 4 and 5. First in more than five methods on the bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bawden, and a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Keirle and Miss P. Morgan.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss J. Barbrook 1, C. Rouse (first as cond.) 2, Miss D. M. Drew 3, H. Robinson 4, Inspector J. Adshead (first quarter of Treble Bob) 5, F. Roberts 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Watts 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled for Lady Caird, who was laid to rest this day.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 2, R. A. Johnson 3, A. Grove, sen. (first of Major) 4, J. E. Warner 5, T. Culver (first of Major 'inside') 6, W. Rawlings 7, B. Aldridge (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. First of Bob Major rung in Woolwich for many years.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Evans 1, Miss S. Banks 2, W. H. Cooper 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, G. W. Shepherd (first as cond.) 5, D. A. Shepherd 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, J. Clutton 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to honour the Queen's birthday.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Price (first quarter) 1, D. Vowles 2, G. K. Westlake 3, L. W. Pullin (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. H. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on May 5th of Mr. George Martin, of Maidenhead, aged 75. He was one of the English ringers who visited Australia in 'The Great Adventure' tour.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The visit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to Liverpool last Saturday was a great success. The Master of the London contingent had a wonderful reception. Apart from local ringers there were members and friends present from Derby, Oldham, Runcorn, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Chesterfield, York, Birkenhead, Wallasey and other places to greet them. A report will appear in our next issue.

Ringers of the Leicester Guild will wish Mr. Shirley Burton many interesting experiences on his visit to the United States. He returns to this country in the middle of August.

Mr. J. W. Roberts, of 13, Dimas Road, Llandudno, invites any visiting ringers to North Wales, during the period June 6th-13th inclusive, to stand in a Coronation peal.

At the six-bell tower of Chilton, Berkshire, a peal of Doubles was rung on April 30th. It is believed by those who participated that this is the first peal on the bells—at any rate there is no record of a peal in the past 30 years.

The peal at Perranzabuloe was arranged as a farewell to Instructor Lieutenant Dennis Roe, who has spent twelve months in Cornwall. Unfortunately he left for the Far East a few days previously. Doubles was substituted for the proposed Minor, and the conductor's nephew, David Penrose (aged 15), who is learning his ringing at Truro, stood in to ring his first peal.

A 5,472 of Plain Bob Major has been rung for the Truro Guild. This is the first progressive length ever to be achieved. The band would like to associate Herbert C. Spencer and Dennis Roe with the success as they were, respectively, in one and both of two attempts made recently for the peal.

The 'ever-young' G.O.M. of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Midland Counties Guild veteran, Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore, was determined to have a peal for his 80th birthday, but only got it at the third attempt. Bob Major, at Repton, ended half-way through a rope breaking; Stedman Triples, at Ashby, simply would not go! But a good peal of Oxford Bob Triples, at Overseale, was rung successfully and he receives the congratulations of all concerned.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was one of the war victims. It is gratifying to record, in this historic church, the first peal on the restored ring.

Dallington, Northampton, ringers held a corporate Communion on May 2nd. It is hoped to continue this corporate service monthly.

The method 'Fortune' was included in the peal of Doubles in 21 methods rung at Roade, Northamptonshire, on April 7th.

The B.B.C. have promised to broadcast on Whit Sunday at 9.30 a.m. the bells of Deane, Bolton. These bells are shortly to be recast. Deane is associated with Titus Barlow and Thos. B. Worsley.

An informal presentation of a small bell, made from metal from bells cast during the reign of Elizabeth I., was made on Wednesday last at practice by the Abingdon ringers to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of 35, East St. Helen Street, as a small mark of appreciation for the time and patience spent in teaching them to ring.

Freshwater bells, which are associated with the poet Tennyson, are to be repaired and modernised at a cost of £350. A novel cover design from a scraper board drawing contains the appeal. Mr. C. A. Saunders is the hon. secretary of the Appeal Fund. Those who have spent their holidays on the Isle of Wight would doubtless like to be associated with this appeal.

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COLERIDGE MEMORIAL DEDICATED

Impressive Service at Oxford

About 250 ringers and friends attended the service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on May 2nd, when the Dean of Oxford, the Very Rev. J. Lowe, D.D., dedicated a tablet in the cloisters and the two recast treble bells of Christ Church, Oxford, to the praise and glory of God and in memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, a ringing member of the Guild from 1881–1949 and Master from 1933–1946.

A glorious and happy service was held and the singing was led by some 40 choristers. The lesson, taken from Ecclesiasticus xliv., 1-15, was read by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, and the inspiring address on the life of the late Master was given by the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, who also conducted the service.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' a procession was formed of the choir, clergy, Dean and members of the congregation to the Cloisters.

Standing by the new memorial tablet in the south-east of the Cloisters, Mr. William Hibbert, secretary of the Diocesan Guild, requested the Dean to dedicate the tablet and the recast bells 'to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of His servant, George Frederick Coleridge.'

The Dean then said the dedicatory prayers, concluding: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells and this tablet to the praise and glory of God and in memory of George Frederick Coleridge, priest, in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

A course of Cinques was then rung by the following members of the Oxford Society: W. F. Judge 1, Miss F. Edgar 2, F. P. Wright 3, Miss M. L. Tutt 4, J. B. Gray 5, P. Walker 6, E. G. Moore 7, C. Coles 8, P. Border 9, J. R. Chaundry 10, F. A. H. Wilkins 11, F. A. White 12.

After the service a few well-chosen words were given by the Master, who, with modesty, told the gathering of the admirable work of the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) in arranging such a grand service in conjunction with the Dean, but the writer and other Guild officers are fully aware of the part the Master had also played in ensuring the success of the day.

Well-known ringers in the persons of Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. F. Perrens were welcomed, and a letter of apology was received from the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis.

The two recast trebles by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are an admirable match, and the re-hanging, etc., was carried out with the usual efficiency by R. White and Son.

An attractive plaque, placed in the tower by the generosity of the Oxford Society, was dedicated after the service by the Master. W. H.



THE LATE CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales Reports Progress

Glorious spring sunshine favoured the meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild at Cowbridge on May 2nd. Some 50 ringers enjoyed the bells and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, who extended a hearty welcome to the Ladies' Guild. The lesson was read by Mr. I. Davies, a Cowbridge ringer.

A sumptuous tea was prepared by Mrs. R. E. Coles and her helpers, and Mr. Trevor M. Roderick voiced the appreciative thanks of the company. The secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans, thanked the Vicar and said the Guild would certainly accept his invitation to visit Cowbridge again.

At the business meeting the vice-president, Mrs. R. Price, presided and ten new members were elected from Aberavon, Sketty, Radyr, Whitchurch and Newport. Membership is now 47. Porthcawl was decided upon for the next meeting and the date fixed provisionally for July 18th.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Mr. A. Peakman New Secretary

The annual general meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on April 28th. The attendance was not as good as usual, but practically all towers were represented. Full use was made of the lovely ring of ten. The service in the church at 4.15 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Keith Murray, who gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Parish Hall.

The president (the Rev. W. Keith Murray) regretted he was unable to preside at the meeting owing to another engagement. Before leaving he paid tribute to the many years' faithful service rendered to the Guild as secretary by Mr. F. Colclough, who found it necessary to relinquish the office owing to indifferent health. Best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Colclough for their future health and happiness.

Mr. W. Davies (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting. The treasurer (Mr. H. J. Shuck) presented the statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £16 9s. 8d. The Ringing Master gave his annual report.

The president, vice-presidents and hon. vice-president were re-elected.

Before receiving nominations for the secretaryship the chairman once again paid tribute to the wonderful service given over a number of years by Mr. Colclough; other members also supported the chairman. Mr. Arthur Peakman was elected as secretary.

The Ringing Master, treasurer and auditors were re-elected, and five new members were elected.

Mr. H. J. Shuck was elected Central Council representative (1954).

STAND AGAINST RECORDED BELLS IN CHURCHES

Action by the Ripon Diocese

The Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee has taken a firm stand on the installation of recorded bells in churches.

Canon D. M. M. Bartlett, chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, gives the following signed statement in the current issue of 'The Ripon Diocesan Gazette':—

Minute of the Advisory Committee's meeting on March 13th.

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN

The full minute runs:

Starbeck Installation of Recorded Bells.

The Vicar attended. The application was not recommended. After a full discussion, not only of this particular application, but of the principles underlying the use of recorded music for church services, it was unanimously agreed, 'That this Advisory Committee, while reserving judgment on particular cases, as a general rule is not prepared to recommend to the Chancellor the acceptance of proposals for recorded bells': and that a copy of this be sent to the Chancellor, the Diocesan Registrar, and in reply to any such applications received; further that a copy be sent to the 'Diocesan Gazette' for publication, with a note from the chairman setting forth the principles which underlie this decision.

The principles seem clear. Some are as follows:—

(1) 'I will not offer unto the Lord that which costs me nothing'—there must be voluntary human effort and dedication of our God-given faculties behind any acceptable worship. And the work of a bell-ringer (even of one bell) is an opportunity of work for God. And the 'thin edge of the wedge' argument was felt to be very strong here. If mechanical bell-ringing, why not mechanical choir-recording, or indeed mechanical worship altogether? People think they have 'worshipped' by listening-in to the wireless, but, in fact, they have not.

(2) The art of change ringing offers opportunities of church work, and is a distinctively English art, which should be protected and encouraged. The proposal does the opposite.

(3) Nothing faked should be used in God's service. We rightly dislike artificial candles, flowers, ornaments, etc. To hear a 'ring' of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth.

(4) It is true there are one or two recorded sets of bells in the diocese. But deeper thought has recently been given, and the Central Council for the Care of Churches, of which Advisory Committees are a part, feels as strongly as we do. Past mistakes should not be taken as precedents, but should be repented of!

(5) The intention behind such gifts is a kind one. But in many cases the replacement of a tinkling bell by a fine-toned one, or perhaps the gift of a clock or some other helpful amenity, would be far preferable.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Selby on May 2nd the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, read the statement of Canon Bartlett to the meeting. The Association endorsed the policy of the Advisory Committee, and expressed the hope that it would receive the widest possible publicity.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Viggers 1, Shirley Corke 2, B. Batt 3, R. Corke 4, D. Williamson 5, A. Page 6, P. Page 7, T. Page (first of Kent as cond.) 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, Oxford and Hereward Bob Triples: A. Mallen 1, F. Jukes 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, A. Peakman 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, J. Lloyd 7, S. Mallen 8. First quarter in three Triples methods by all.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): A. W. Townsend 1, C. T. Watts 2, S. Mumby 3, W. Berridge 4, G. Coleman 5, H. Harrison (cond.) 6, J. Ball 7. In honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

CURFEW BELL FOR ST. BRIDE'S

First Step in Restoration of Full Ring

THE authorities at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, E.C., are now negotiating with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous bell founders, of Loughborough, for the casting of the curfew bell, in keeping with the old tradition of the church.

St. Bride's, now established as the earliest church in London, was one of the four churches in the City authorised to ring the curfew in 1370 and subsequent periods.

This is the first step towards the restoration of St. Bride's historic ring of bells. The curfew bell will be cast from metal recovered from the ring destroyed in the blitz—a ring which contained metal from the bells smashed in the previous Great Fire of 1666.

St. Bride's was the first church in London to have a ring of twelve bells 50 years after the Great Fire, and the two lightest (5.7 cwt. and 5.5 cwt.), provided by the College Youths, the oldest bell-ringing society, bore the inscription, 'Prosperity to all our benefactors. A.R. 1719.' The letters A.R. are the initials of the bell founder, Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester.

Bell-ringers will be delighted to know that St. Bride's authorities are following the old tradition established when Wren rebuilt the church after the Great Fire. A single bell was cast for £38 10s. in 1668 and hung in a 'bell house' above the porch, and for the opening of Wren's church in 1675 it was hung at the west end of the middle aisle. Thirty years later a subscription was started for a ring of bells, and seven years after that the first trial of the ring was made.

The plan to restore the curfew bell first coincides with the dramatic discovery of the massive foundations and part of the north wall of the Norman tower which housed the original single bell in the centre of the long Wren vault in the south side of the church. Over the original floor of the tower has been found a magnificent mediæval floor, made of Penn tiles. This is the first proof that St. Bride's had a Norman tower.

The inscription on the new curfew bell will keep to the tradition of the bells presented by the bell-ringers. It will be as follows:—

Peace and Good Neighbourhood,
God save the Church and Queen, 1953,
Prosperity to England.
Prosperity to all our Benefactors.

Application for a faculty for this bell has already been made.

As after the Great Fire, it may be many years before a full ring can be installed—unless some generous donor presents one — because the excavations which have disclosed earlier churches dating back to the basilica of about 600 A.D. have also revealed that the foundations must be strengthened. As a result, St. Bride's is now faced with an additional unexpected cost of about £20,000 to preserve the earliest church and other archæological discoveries of outstanding importance as an undercroft and to strengthen Wren's foundations.

With this knowledge, newspaper friends of the church have made the very generous offer to provide a modern Compton carillon, as a Coronation tribute, to follow the tradition of 1923 when the ring of bells was converted to a carillon operated by one man. For twelve years before, it appears, no chimes had been rung on St. Bride's bells.

When the first ring of twelve bells was rung early in the 18th century, one of the gentlemen ringers was Lord Chief Justice Hale, and 'all the ringers were of such estate that they went home in their own carriages.'

The reason for converting the ring in 1923 to a one-man carillon was the difficulty of getting together a regular team of ringers.

The new Compton carillon, made by the well-known organ builders, will be the first of its kind in England, and reproduces the timbre and beautiful texture of actual bells, with the 'swinging' and 'doppler' effects. It can be played by professional carillonners or by a new form of mechanism.

In 1923 when the St. Bride's carillon was first played it is recorded that 'passers-by raised their eyes to the spire, attracted by the sound of the Old Hundredth.'

It is hoped that a licence will be granted for the use of the Compton carillon for the period of the Coronation celebrations, so that the tradition of St. Bride's old-time loyalty can be followed.

Old records show that peals were rung on notable occasions, such as:—

1711—The Queen's birthday.
1714—The proclamation of George I.
1740—The King's birthday.
1741—The King's Coronation.
1751—The birthday of Queen Elizabeth.
1771—The release of the Lord Mayor from the Tower.
1814—The overthrow of Napoleon.
1820—The accession of George IV.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' May 16th, 1913

PULHAM, NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin

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*Edwin Whiting	2
*John Snelling	3
*Frederick Seager	4
*Ernest Whiting	5
*George Snelling	6
Charles T. P. Brice	7
Frederick R. Borrett	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
Conducted by C. T. P. Brice.

* First peal in the method. First of London in the county by a resident band since the peal at Norwich in 1835—the first rung in the method.

[A long interval. The conductor was no stranger to the method, having taken part in many peals of it with the famous band at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.]

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Life Membership to be Considered

For the 53rd time members and friends met on 'April Fair' Saturday in the city of Lincoln for the Guild's annual meeting. An attendance of over 150 enjoyed the usual warm welcome from the Guild Master and the city ringers. There was ringing for all tastes on the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6).

At the Cathedral choral evensong a short address of welcome was given by the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild, who also presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House.

The Guild report and balance sheet were formally accepted and all the officers re-elected.

The Guild having been in existence over 50 years, the question of life membership for long service members was discussed, and the branches were asked to bring forward suggestions at the half-yearly meeting. Now that the Guild library contains over 50 books, consideration is to be given to the appointment of a librarian.

After the meeting the bells of the city again rang out — another milestone in the Guild's history had been passed.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Officers & District Committee Meetings

MORE than 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 18th. Full use was made of the bells of the ancient Church of St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, and also of St. James', Clerkenwell, during the afternoon under the supervision of Mr. T. Price, the Association's Ringing Master. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. T. M. Browne, Vicar of Clerkenwell.

The Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton and president of the Association, was in the chair for the business meeting and was supported by all the Association's officers.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the previous annual meeting:—Sir Gilfrid Craig (Hillingdon), the Rev. H. Greatbatch (Ealing) and the Rev. R. Home (Hillingdon) honorary members: Messrs. H. S. Arbin (Hadley), W. J. Baldwin (Barnet), A. W. Brighton (Forest Gate), H. Brooks (Isleworth), J. Cobb (Heston), H. C. Collier (Willesden), R. H. Colver (Pinner) and W. Honor (Hillingdon) ordinary members; H. F. Dawkins, S. J. Hector and W. Keeble, life members.

Mr. E. C. F. Turner, the general secretary, presented the annual report of the activities during 1952. Sixteen District meeting were held as well as four other meetings held jointly with neighbouring Associations. Peals rung during 1952, although not large when compared with some other Societies, included a good variety of peals in advanced methods. Peals in the following ten Surprise methods were rung for the first time by the Association:—Guildford, Leicestershire, Maulden, New Gloucester, Warnham, Acton, Battersea, Edmonton, Middleton and Plymouth. The five latter methods were the first peals ever rung in these methods. Eleven members rang their first peals. The list of conductors was headed by C. W. Roberts with eleven and R. F. B. Speed with nine. The number of quarter peals reported was 123. The Stanwell band recorded 15, Harrow Weald 14.

The accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. W. Roberts. The General Fund showed a deficit on the year of £2 19s. 8d. and the Bell Restoration Fund a surplus of £10 14s. 9d. It was agreed to donate £5 5s. to St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, and £2 2s. to St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, from this fund.

Officers elected for the coming year were:—President, the Rev. P. Gough; active vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Genna; treasurer, C. W. Roberts; Ringing Master, T. Price; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts and E. C. S. Turner.

A proposition from the Central Committee amending Rule 5 by permitting general officers to attend District committee meetings gave rise to considerable discussion. It was explained that it had been the custom for general officers to attend District committee meetings, but this year one member of the South and West District committee pointed out that the presence of one of the general officers at one of their committee meetings was irregular. The president and several members did not consider that any amendment to the rules was necessary and maintained that it was generally understood that general officers automatically served on all committees. In view of the fact that the matter has now been raised it was eventually decided that the following be added to Rule 5: 'All general officers are ex-officio members of all committees.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Clerkenwell.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents, tower keepers, those who had prepared and served the tea, and the organist, concluded the meeting. Further ringing at St. Giles-in-the Fields followed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVIEST FIVE FOR A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 1st Mr. C. savage inquires whether a full peal has been rung on a heavier five than those at Ogbourne St. George (Wilts), where the tenor is 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. On November 28th, 1936, I conducted a peal at Thorncombe, Dorset (tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb.), and on March 20th, 1937, another peal at Kingsdon, Somerset (tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.), on each occasion the tenor-man being that fine heavy bell ringer, the late Mr. Percy N. G. Rainey. The bells at Kingsdon have, since the peal, been augmented to six.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Savage, of Aldbourne, Marlborough, a peal was rung at Yetminster, Dorset, on August 2nd, 1930, then five bells, tenor 19 cwt.—Yours truly,

E. G. L. COWARD.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—A peal of Stedman Doubles was rung on December 5th, 1934, on the heavy five at Ludham, Norfolk. The tenor is locally reputed to be 22 cwt., but I regret I have no information as to her exact weight. I should say she is an honest ton of bell metal.—Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

Dear Sir,—Ogbourne St. George (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.) is certainly not the heaviest five yet rung to a peal, as queried by Mr. C. Savage. Castle Ashby, Northants, has a ring of five (tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.) which has been rung to several peals. It used to be assumed that this tenor was 23 cwt., but its official weight (as above) was given me a few years ago by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who rehung the bells in 1903.

Peterborough Cathedral undoubtedly possesses the heaviest five (tenor approx. 30 cwt., 56½in. diameter), but no peal is known to have been rung upon the five. They are the last five of ten cast in 1709; the first five were sold in 1831. —Yours, etc., P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

CHOBHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Shepherd claims that he does not imply that Chobham bells are bad, yet his article stated 'they would require at least five new castings.'

His statement that the parishioners are quite content with their present octave is, like his mention of a clock bell, at least 20 years out of date. I would suggest that when quoting supposed local opinions he should be sure they are true at the time of writing. When I mentioned the improvements to the church it was merely to illustrate that the parishioners are aware of all the needs of their church, including the bells, which will receive attention in due course.

Incidentally, it was at Chobham in 1947 that William Shepherd became the first man to encourage me to break with stoney ringing, for which advice I am still grateful.—Yours truly,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

A YOUNG TENOR RINGER

Dear Sir,—Miss Josephine Green, age 13¼ years, who recently rang her first peal on the tenor (5¼ cwt.) at Aston Ingham, Herefordshire, is a ringer at Ross-on-Wye. She often rings our tenor to short touches of Triples. This bell is 24 cwt., on plain bearings, hung by George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1881. Is she the youngest lady to ring a bell of this weight? —Yours faithfully, J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. E. Spice, in his letter under the above heading, writes: 'I have no doubt that London ringers have done everything possible to induce the authorities of this church to install another ringing twelve in this historic tower.' The fact is that the London ringers have not done me the courtesy of approaching me in the matter at all. Had they done so, a good deal of misunderstanding would have been avoided.

A start has been made with the replacing of our historic ring, and one fine bell has been ordered. We have made an appeal for funds to restore this church to its former glory, and among the items is included the bells.—Yours sincerely, CYRIL M. ARMITAGE, Vicar.

NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. J. H. Joyner's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, it seems to me that the 'method' to which the name 'St. Augustine's Doubles' has been given, in which the plain leads are Grandsire Singles and the Bobs Grandsire Extremes, is Grandsire pure and simple, and is not entitled to a special name. Singles and Extremes are standard calls in Grandsire Doubles, and the fact that, by prior arrangement, the singles are taken for granted and not called does not appear to me to constitute a fresh method. SSSE, twice repeated, and its three variants, give four of the 42 six-scores obtainable in Grandsire Doubles, vide Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' and I cannot see on what grounds a special name is claimed for them.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

NAMES FOR DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to inform those interested in Doubles methods the names of a few which were rung at Roadc on December 27th, 1952:—

Name	Plain Course	Bob
Walsingham	Winchendon	
Norwich	St. Nicholas	
Mileham	St. Martin	Plain Lead
Shropham	St. Simon	St. Dunstan's
Costessy	R. Canterbury	
Besthorpe	Plain Bob	
St. John / St. Luke	Winchendon	Grandsire Single Old
St. Thomas	St. Nicholas	Grandsire Single
St. Paul	St. Martin	R. Canterbury
St. Alban.	St. Simon	R. Canterbury

Yours sincerely.

Duston, Northants E. NOBLES.

A CLAIM FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re the four different extents in Rushall Doubles, the secret is to start with a bob, i.e., have Plain Bob start instead of the usual All Saints' start. Then call a bob every fourth lead in the normal way. This applies equally well to those other methods where the bob takes effect at or after the treble's backstroke lead. April Day, for example, can have a fourth calling by having a Grandsire start, then ringing the Grandsire Single every fourth lead.

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Wratten's Edinburgh has been rung for some considerable time at Rugeley, under the name of St. Augustine's Doubles, although it was only rung in a peal for the first time this year.

Mr. C. Savage, of Aldbourne, Marlborough, asks if there has been a full peal rung on a five with a tenor of more than 18 cwt. If my memory serves me correctly there have been at least two peals rung within recent years at Kingsbury, Warwickshire, this being a 20 cwt. tenor.—Yours truly,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Little Aston, Staffs.

DEANE, BOLTON, BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we have to tell you that extensive restoration is required to our old church, which last year celebrated its 500th birthday. A sum of £7,000 is required to complete the job. One of the main items is a complete rehanging and recasting of the bells, most of which have not been recast since 1718.

We think you will agree that in the past Deane has done its share to raise and improve the standard of ringing in our Association, particularly by those two stalwarts, Titus Barlow and Thomas B. Worsley. It is in the minds of the ringers that some attempt be made to commemorate their services by defraying the cost of a bell. This would truly be a fitting and lasting memorial to two of the Association's outstanding ringers. The secretary of our Association has agreed to this appeal being made. Any help, either small or great, will be gratefully acknowledged. Please forward donations to The Chief Ringer, Deane Vicarage, Junction Road, Deane, Bolton, Lancs.

K. M. BISHOP, Vicar.
M. CROOK, Chief Ringer.

REASONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Almost three months have passed since I asked Mr. Felstead, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' if he would be kind enough to give the REASONS for the Methods Committee's decision to ostracise Minor and Doubles methods with, so-called, irregular lead-ends. (Not 'illegitimate' methods, please, Mr. Felstead.)

This letter apparently elicited from Mr. Felstead the tentative suggestion, in a letter to 'The Ringing World' about three weeks later, that he would place such reasons before the Exercise.

No such explanation has so far appeared!

May we interpret this silence as a tacit admission by Mr. Felstead, on behalf of the Methods Committee, that he is unable to produce one valid or cogent reason for the decision. Is he still investigating the possibilities of discovering an antiquated one in the archives of 'The Ringing World' or 'Bell News' of 1912, in which he intimated that the subject had been exhaustively discussed: or is it merely that he prefers to deal with Doubles and Minor ringers and ringing as nebulous, theoretical abstractions?—Yours faithfully, H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

THREE QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to offer congratulations to the band at Ashcott, Somerset, on ringing three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles on Easter Day.

With reference to the query of Mr. K. Prime on page 267, at St. John's, Deptford, we have at least on three occasions rung three quarter peals on Easter Day:—

April 12th, 1914, Oxford Bob Triples and two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; April 23rd, 1916, three quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; April 20th, 1919, three quarter peals of Grandsire Triples; the eight quarter peals of Grandsire being from Holt's Original.

There are other occasions on which we have rung three quarter peals, such as Armistice Day, November 11th, 1918, etc.—Yours sincerely,

Brockley, S.E.4. F. W. RICHARDSON.

Manchester University Guild

The A.G.M. was held on May 3rd, when the following officers were elected:—Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson; secretary, P. P. Carter, Dalton Hall.

Participating in the peal at Kirby Bellars (Leics) on April 25th, rung to commemorate Mr. Joseph Gilson's having completed 60 years as a ringer, was his old friend, Mr. William C. Ward, who has 56 years' to his credit.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Winterton

The Eastern Branch held its quarterly meeting on May 2nd at the isolated coastal village of Winterton with its very tall tower and pleasant ring of six bells. After 24 hours' steady rain, the day broke fine and sunny with a blustery north wind. These conditions, coupled with the warm personal greetings given to each ringer by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Harwood, who conducted the service and presided at the business meeting, created a happy atmosphere.

Ringing ranged from rounds to London, thus suiting all assembled tastes, and the only hitch was when one of the somewhat unique stays dropped out of its socket mounting situated in the centre of the headstock. The stay, a really substantial piece of timber, was quickly replaced and no other untoward incident marred a happy meeting.

Mr. H. Leggett, of Ludham, was elected a ringing member. It was decided the next quarterly meeting should be held at Halvergate on July 4th.

Amongst the items under general discussion was the unfortunate but quite accidental clash that day with the South Norfolk meeting, and whilst the pros and cons of setting a fixed Saturday for each quarterly meeting of the four branches were closely argued, it was agreed such clashes are extremely rare, and it was left to the branch secretary to maintain close liaison with his opposite numbers.

The general secretary (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) then sounded the opinion of the meeting as to the desirability of changing the date and possibly the character of the Association's traditional annual dinner and meeting held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Decreasing attendances during the past few years suggested a Saturday half-day meeting and tea might suit most members, and in a free vote all present were in favour of such a change and no one for the retention of Easter Monday as the set date for the annual meeting.

The General Secretary commented that this was most interesting and confirmed what many other guilds had found—that Bank Holidays were not now necessarily the best times to hold ringing meetings.

He further requested the feeling of the meeting regarding the supply of an Association badge possibly of a new design, but only six members expressed themselves in favour, the general opinion being that a definite decision be deferred until further and more precise details were available.

Votes of thanks were unanimously conveyed to the Rector for his great interest, kind welcome and willing help: to one of the members, Mr. E. Purslow, of Beccles, who at the shortest possible notice played the organ for the service, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, the local captain, for the excellent tea arrangements.

North Norfolk Branch

Some 30 members representing 13 towers attended the meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Aylsham on April 18th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Martyn), who welcomed the visitors, and tea followed in the Church Room.

The branch chairman presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. Nolan Golden (Association Ringing Master) and Mr. G. Sayer (Branch Ringing Master) and the Vicar.

Five new members were elected from Aylsham and three from Marsham with two belfry elections.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Martyn and to Mr. Pumphrey for all he had done for the meeting was proposed by the branch chairman.

The next meeting will be held at Mulbarton on June 27th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-East Branch

There was a total attendance of 50 at the North-East Branch meeting at Buckleighton on April 18th, where the Ringing Master (Mr. A. G. Selley) arranged a programme of ringing to suit all requirements.

The Rector (Dr. L. G. Hatch) welcomed the Guild during the service. An excellent tea was provided by local ringers and their ladies.

The branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) presided at the business meeting, supported by the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and the branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Ware). The meeting stood in silence as a last mark of respect to Mrs. E. V. Cox, the wife of the president.

The next meeting will be held, subject to permission, at Morebath on July 4th, when in order to avoid clashes of meetings it will be recommended that meetings of the branch be held on the first Saturdays in January (annual), April (except during Holy Week), July and October.

Four new members were elected and one proficiency certificate awarded. The meeting was voted to be one of the most successful the branch has ever held, and all who contributed to such a happy event were heartily thanked.

Branch Meeting at Cockington

Picturesque Cockington was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch, which was held on April 25th, and the event was quite a success, ringers attending from many towers as well as the president and general secretary.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, this being followed by a short service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Roy Chatfield), who gave an excellent address.

After tea at the Drum Inn, Cockington, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Mary and Mrs. E. V. Cox.

A certificate of full membership was presented by the president to Mr. C. D. Clarke, of Totnes, and two associate members and five non-resident members were elected.

In accordance with the 1953 programme, a joint meeting is to take place at South Brent on June 27th with the South-West Branch, whilst the next quarterly meeting is due to take place at Widecombe-in-the-Moor and Buckland-in-the-Moor, all subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Cockington for the use of the bells and for conducting the service as well as giving the address, and to the lady organist for her services.

Ringing afterwards took place at Paignton Parish Church, Upton bells not being available on this occasion as previously arranged.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting was held at Wath-on-Dearne and was a very happy and successful one, and it was very encouraging to see so many young beginners in the tower. Tea was served in Church House and a very nice meal was enjoyed.

The business meeting followed with the president in the chair. Nine new members were elected as follows: H. Birkhead, J. Brook, B. Hepptonstall, R. Turner, B. Turner, Vera Parish and Margaret Cook (all of Wath), G. Smith (Crofton) and F. Brunt (Thrybergh).

The May meeting was fixed for Thornhill. The usual vote of thanks concluded the business and further ringing followed.

HAWKHURST & DISTRICT GUILD

Iden of Forty Years Ago Recalled

The Hawkhurst and District Guild assembled at Iden, Sussex, for their April meeting. A small gathering were expected at this out-of-the-way spot, but it was exactly the reverse. Places represented were Hawkhurst, Iden, Benenden, Sedlescombe, Salehurst, Ashford, Lydd, Sutton Valence, Sittingbourne, Brenchley, Bexhill; Mr. F. J. Hannington, of St. John's, Cardiff, also was present.

A few facts on the history of ringing at Iden may be interesting. In the closing years of the last century change ringing started at Rye resulting in a strong band being kept going for some years. In those days Iden bells were in bad condition, change ringing being almost impossible. Eventually the Rector of Iden (the Rev. John Lockington Bates) and his family paid to have the tenor rehung. The remaining five were similarly treated, Iden parishioners having responded quickly in raising sufficient cash. The restoration was completed a few years before the first world war.

Iden ringers decided to learn change ringing. Instruction was given by Mr. W. Franks (Battle) and by Mr. G. Billenness (who was then at Rye). Great strides were made and Mr. Billenness and five Iden men rang a peal of Bob Minor in 2 hours and 48 minutes. This was followed by another peal of Minor in four methods (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Single Bob), the band again being Mr. Billenness and five Iden ringers. Later an all-Iden party rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles with Mr. G. Kenward conducting. Three of the ringers who met regularly at Iden in those days—Mr. George Wood (75), Mr. George Billenness (69) and Mr. George Kenward—were reunited at the meeting and are still going strong.

There is little or no changeringing at Iden to-day, but if Rye and Iden could join forces then there might eventually be a possibility of achieving results like those of over 40 years ago.

But to return to the Hawkhurst and District Guild meeting. The Iden Rector (the Rev. A. D. Wing) welcomed the party and conducted a short service at which M. T. Cullingworth (Ashford) played the organ.

The Master (Mr. W. Gorringe) presided at the meeting and thanked the Rev. A. D. Wing, also Mr. G. Wood for having the bells in readiness, and Mr. Cullingworth for playing the organ. Miss M. Vantom and Miss O. Boulden, both of Lydd, were elected members.

RAILWAYMEN RINGERS AT BRISTOL

A meeting of railwaymen-ringers was held in Bristol on April 25th, and 22 employes of British Railways (Western Region) assembled from a wide area. They came from Bristol, Coalpit Heath, Didcot, Hallatrow, Highbridge, Neath, Oxford, Port Talbot, Reading, Swansea, Swindon, Wellington (Somerset) and Westerleigh; all departments were represented.

Various methods up to Cambridge Maior were rung at St. Philip's, where the model bell in the ringing chamber was found very attractive, especially when Mr. F. J. Brown showed how it should be rung! Tea followed at one of Bristol's Civic Restaurants, after which methods ranging from Bob Doubles to London Minor were rung at St. John's

An informal meeting was held in the tower, thanks being expressed to Mr. W. B. Kynaston for organising the meeting, and to Messrs. E. J. Brown and A. Bennett for their co-operation.

As a considerable number of those present have to work 'round the clock' it was not possible to fix a definite date for another meeting and it was left for Mr. Kynaston to arrange a meeting at Swindon in the early autumn. It was felt that the venture had been well worth while and a goods guard aptly summed up everyone's feelings with the remark, 'If that's railway ringing I'd like some more'!

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

DANBURY, ESSEX

Making an early start at 7.30 a.m. on April 25th, Danbury ringers and friends had their annual outing in Suffolk.

Ringing took place at Helmingham, Debenham (also lunch at the Bridge House), Stowmarket, Lavenham, Long Melford and All Saints', Sudbury. Danbury was reached at 11.15 p.m.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. P. J. Came for arranging such an enjoyable day and to the incumbents.

Ringing consisted of call changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS

On April 25th, the Rotherham company of ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual outing in beautiful spring sunshine. Leaving Rotherham at 6 a.m., the party travelled by motor-coach to the wonderful old cathedral city of Chester, a place of charm and great interest. A halt was called here for breakfast, a very good meal being had at the Bear and Billet Hotel.

Here we were met by the Rev. G. Kingdon (Vicar of St. Mary-on-the-Hill) and Mr. H. O. Baker. Greetings over, those with ringing interest were soon climbing the short steep street to the Parish Church of St. Mary, a fine old church with a good ring of eight bells (tenor 13¾ cwt.).

Adieu being said, the journey was continued to Gresford, a pleasant village just over the border in Denbighshire, North Wales. We were welcomed here by Mr. T. R. Griffiths, who introduced us to the very fine old Parish Church of All Saints, with its rich mellow-toned ring of eight bells (tenor 24¾ cwt.). A pleasant hour's ringing was enjoyed.

Good-bye once more and we were away again, travelling through splendid Welsh scenery to the small town of Llangollen, a beautiful place with the river running along the roadside through the valley. Crossing the narrow bridge in the centre of the town and along an equally narrow street brought us to the Church of St. Collen, another grand building with a fine ring of eight bells (tenor 17½ cwt.), rehung in ball-bearings in 1951. A hearty welcome was given here by several members of the local company. Ringing was enjoyed by all, a desire by the local people for us to stay longer being much regretted as we were already behind schedule owing to an incident at Gresford (a broken rope). A pleasant greeting from the Vicar and his wife, who said how pleased they were for us to visit the church and expressed a desire for us to call again.

With 'Thank you, Llangollen,' our journey was continued along the beautiful Vale of Llangollen with its road of two miles of bends to the foot of the mountains. Climbing via the Horseshoe Pass (a most wonderful spectacle with the ruins of Valle Crucis Abbey near the foot), we reached the old town of Ruthin.

A splendid tea was had here at the Greenwich Cafe. All satisfied, a move was then made to the Church of St. Peter and its ring of eight bells (tenor 17 cwt.). Our shepherd here was Mr. E. W. Thomas with several others of the local band. These bells proved a rather tough job, especially the two trebles, which proved more than we could manage with any satisfaction, so we satisfied ourselves with the back six. Saying 'Good night' to Mr. Thomas and others, a start was made for home via Mold and Chester, Rotherham being reached at 12.45 a.m.

A most pleasant outing, fine churches, good bells and wonderful scenery. Methods rung throughout the day were Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A. F.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX

Itchingfield ringers and friends on Easter Monday had a long coach trip to Canterbury. The ringing programme opened at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, and after an hour at the Cathedral the coach was boarded again. Ringing took place at Chartham, Wye (the highlight of the day), Pluckley and Smarden, where ringing included Cambridge and London.

YOUTH AND VETERANS

Buckingham ringers spent Easter Monday in Shropshire and neighbouring counties. Ringing took place at Nuneaton, Broughton, Market Drayton, Hodnet and Coalbrookdale.

During the day some very good ringing was heard, the methods including Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and London Surprise Major. The ringing included youth and veterans, Mr. F. Townsend, genial captain—and an ex-policeman. Mr. W. Yates made the admirable arrangements for the party.

R. H. B.

SOUTHMINSTER AND BURNHAM

On April 11th a mixed party of Southminster and Burnham bellringers, wives and friends spent the day visiting and ringing the bells of various churches around Essex. The first call was at Broomfield, where the mellow tone of the bells gave a fitting start to the outing. The second call was at Great Waltham, where was found the second oldest carillon in the country.

At High Easter it was learned that the bells had not been rung for 22 years. This was soon apparent when watching the straining of the ringers and the dust which occasionally flew down in spite of valiant efforts made by church workers to sweep away years of cobwebs, nests and dust. The ringers decided that with continuous ringing (taken in small doses) the bells would soon be put into trim again.

Even on an outing like this accidents do occur, and one such happened at Hatfield Broad Oak. During a try-out of rounds the fourth rope broke. Later it was learned that the bells had not been rung since before Christmas and that one rope was known to be weak but time had not been found to attend to it. Mr. Deacon, of Burnham ringers, kindly spliced the rope and ringing was continued. Harlow, the next call, was to be recommended for the smart and clean appearance of its belfry.

The last church to be visited was Epping Upland, where the ringers found the oldest bell was cast in 1611 and four were cast in 1707. After tea in Epping the party enjoyed a show at the London Palladium.

Ropes Dedicated at Dallington

On April 26th, during the matins service, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, the new ropes were dedicated.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) conducted the dedication in the belfry with the following:

V. 'Lord be with you.'

R. 'And with Thy spirit.'

'Almighty God, we beseech Thee to bless these bell ropes, which we dedicate to Thee for Thy great glory. Grant that they may be used as instruments, whereby many be called to worship Thee in this Thy house, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The Vicar, turning and handing the ropes to the tower captain (Mr. E. Nobles) said:—

'We entrust these ropes to your care, for the use of all who may ring bells in this tower. Will you promise to use them for the Glory of God and His Holy Name?

The tower captain replied: 'I will so do. God being my helper.'

Prayers for ringers, the sick and the faithful departed followed.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY
Appreciation of Mr. Lofthouse's Secretaryship

The 64th annual meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th. Members were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Idle, Otley, Rothwell, Thorner, Wetherby, Woodlesford, Lindley, Ossett and the local company. Visitors were also present from Brighouse, Sussex, Normanton and Doncaster.

Ringing took place before tea, which was early owing to a service in the church, and again after tea with a break for the meeting.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. W. Benton, and the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was moved by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. G. Smith. Mr. I. Slack replied. The next meeting is due to be held at Batley on May 30th.

The following officers were declared elected: President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, W. Dixon and J. Gibson; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack; trustees, Messrs. H. Lofthouse and H. Gibson.

The secretary's report showed a membership of 230 and the total worth of the Society as £23 0s. 2d. Thirty-three new members were made during the year. Two members had died and 16 lapsed.

Mr. Drake moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. Lofthouse for his work, devotion to duty and interest in all the activities of the Society in his 30 years as secretary. He said they were all sorry to see him lay down his office. Mr. Lofthouse had done much for the Society and he thought that all members appreciated all that he had done. Mr. F. Gibbard seconded, and Mr. T. Hill, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. Rayment also spoke in support. Mr. Rayment also wished to include Mrs. Lofthouse in the vote of thanks.

It was announced that the two visitors from Doncaster had called in to see the secretary, who had given 30 years' service, to offer congratulations and to thank him for all he had done for ringing.

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Rung at Willesden, November 24th, 1951.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The bi-annual corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wraxall (8. 22¼ cwt.) on April 26th.

Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. and continued until 8 a.m., when approximately 25 ringers attended Holy Communion, the celebrant being the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Kempe, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Young from the daughter church of Tailand. The service included several prayers taken from the Association's service paper.

After breakfast at a nearby hotel, ringing was resumed until matins at 11 o'clock. M. J. H.

OBITUARY

MR. CECIL JOHN BAKER

After a short illness Mr. Cecil John Baker died on April 12th at the age of 66 years, and by his death St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston, has lost one of its oldest ringers.

Cecil Baker took up ringing in 1904 after spending a number of his young years as a chorister, and he was a most regular attender.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, particularly in his latter years, he was always prepared to take a rope on important occasions for a peal attempt, and in all had 49 peals to his credit. Sunday service ringing was his main consideration and up to three weeks of his death he could always be relied upon to be prompt and regular in his attendance twice each Sunday.

The funeral was on April 15th, when a service was held in St. Mary's Church prior to cremation at Wilford, Nottingham. Four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers. A half-muffled peal was brought round successfully on the day following the funeral and the bells were rung half-muffled for both services on Sunday, April 19th, as a tribute to his memory.

MR WILLIAM CHALK

With the death of Mr. William Chalk, which occurred at Colchester on April 23rd, at the age of 79, the Essex Association, and in particular the St. Peter's, Colchester, band, have lost a loyal and devoted member.

A native of Langford, near Maldon, Essex, Mr. Chalk came of a family very well known and respected in Essex ringing circles, especially in the Maldon and Witham districts, and his father was a founder member of the Essex Association.

His ringing career started at All Saints', Maldon, in 1887 at the age of 13 and it was here, under the tuition of his father, that he rang his first 720 Minor. Together with his brothers and sisters he also learned to ring handbells to both tunes and methods, and in later years often gave performances on these.

He was also an accomplished musician on the double bass and violin, while his fine baritone voice was frequently heard to advantage in local oratorios. A keen cricketer, he won many medals in league and club matches and played regularly until nearly 60 years of age.

Moving to Colchester in the early 1900's, the late Mr. Chalk at once joined the St. Peter's band and became one of its keenest members A schoolmaster by profession, he was an excellent ringer on both tower and handbells and although handicapped by deafness for the last 25 years of his life he continued his ringing activities until about two years ago when, much against his will, failing health caused him to give up.

An especial joy of his was taking part in an all-Chalk peal of Minor at Witham in 1913, conducted by his brother Fred. There is no complete record of his peals but he rang a considerable number on both hand and tower bells, including London Surprise Major, and conducted several.

At the funeral at Langford, on April 27th, the Essex Association was represented by Mr. H. J. Millatt (Master, N.E. Division). Messrs. J. H. Edwards (St. Peter's, Colchester), H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble, G. South, S. Easter, S. Linnett (All Saints', Maldon), H. Evers (Witham), P. G. Sayer (Great Totham) and J. Chalk (Woodford).

After the interment, at Langford, four members of the All Saints', Malden, band—Messrs. A. Hubble, S. Easter, H. J. Mansfield and S. Linnett—rang a course of Triples on handbells at the graveside. Owing to local circumstances it was, unfortunately, impossible to attempt a muffled peal at Colchester on the day of the funeral. H. J. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch at Dinton

Dinton Church was the rendezvous for some 25 members of the Salisbury Branch and friends from Chippenham, Yetminster and Templecombe, and later from Queen Camel, on April 18th. The church possesses a very pleasant light ring of six and a keen local band of ringers who are training some learners to fill the gaps in their ranks.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. H. B. Campbell, who has for many years been an hon. member and is shortly retiring, conducted the Guild service and gave a short address, after which the company adjourned to the Old School, where the ringers' wives had prepared tea. Dinton has made itself a great reputation for ringers' teas, and Mrs. Baker and her band did not disappoint them!

The short business meeting followed, at which the Vicar took the chair. Three new ringing members were elected: S. Mullins (Donhead), Miss H. Rixon (Tisbury) and B. Morton (Hindon).

The members heard with real sorrow the news of the death of an old friend, the Rev. H. W. Moule, of Damerham, the previous week. Himself a keen ringer, Mr. Moule had taught and encouraged many a young learner during his 30 years' ministry at Damerham. The local ringers had rung a half-muffled quarter peal at the memorial service held in Damerham Church, and the meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The bus service to Dinton being rather sketchy, some members had to hurry away at this point; others stayed on for a while to enjoy further ringing at Dinton before another bus and various forms of private transport took them on to Chilmark, another fine old stone church with a rather heavier ring of six. Close to it the famous Chilmark stone was quarried which was used in the building of Salisbury Cathedral.

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JOINT MEETING AT MADELEY

The Shropshire Association and the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild arranged a joint meeting at Madeley on April 11th. This again proved to be a successful venture and, as one of the secretaries concerned remarked after a substantial tea, was sure to become a hardy annual.

Local ringers have played a big part in the installation of this new octave, and recently made a further contribution towards pleasant ringing by carrying 100 bags of sawdust up to the tower. The sound is now pleasantly modulated and good striking in standard methods, Double Norwich and Cambridge was heard.

More than forty ringers were present at tea, and towers noted as being represented were Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's and St. Mary's), Oswestry, Wellington, Broseley, Newport, Coalbrookdale, Stockton, Claverley and Birmingham.

Mr. E. D. Poole, a former Association secretary, received congratulations on the birth of a son.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

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DEATH

MARTIN.—On May 5th, 1953, at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, George Martin, of Sunnymede, Fielding Road, Maidenhead, in his 76th year. 2596

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The peal secretary, Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester, will be visiting the United States from May 14th to the middle of August. Peal booking fees and compositions should still be sent promptly to the above address. Receipts for booking fees will be duly acknowledged by Miss Winifred Burton. 2592

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 27th. Maximum cost, including dinner and tea, 25s. Deposit of 10s. 6d. will secure seat. Beginners and friends welcomed.—Write A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 2616

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2563

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, May 16th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2551

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Battle, Sussex, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 2545

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, May 16th. Service 4.30. 2573

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 16th, at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2607

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8), May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available locally. Quarterly business. Pinner bells (8) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 2585

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Necton, Saturday, May 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please write direct to Major Barton, Church Farm, Necton. Special method, St. Clement's. Visiting ringers will be made most welcome.—C. V. Ebberson, Dis. Sec. (pro tem.). 2555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Clewer, Saturday, May 16th, 3 to 5. Tea at Clewer. Slough 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2569

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting will be held at Cotton, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.; Mendlesham (5), Wickham Skeeth (6), Thornham Magna (6) after 5 p.m. Finningham Station one mile to church. Cups of tea, snack. Notification appreciated.—B. Chilvers. 2562

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. 2520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Little Horsted, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2547

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. 2582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen (8), Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2567

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Scarborough, May 16th. Bells (recently restored) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2578

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton (12), on Saturday, May 23rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 2598

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Winscombe (8) May 23rd. Bells 6 p.m. Special ringers' service and meeting, Berrow (6), Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Free tea 5.15 followed by ringing to 9. Please notify me for tea by May 23rd.—E. C. Wickham, Local Hon. Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2594

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, May 23rd at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) and look up Kelso Surprise.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 2600

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ashbourne (8), May 23rd at 3 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) for those who notify, by Wednesday, May 20th. P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 2603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Sat. May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2590

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake, Surrey. 2584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hereward Bob Major.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2589

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6), Whit Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2560

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cobham (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Wednesday, May 20th. 2615

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — J. Thornley, Assistant Sec. 2614

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Coppull, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Morris, 3, Betham Street, Coppull, near Chorley.—W. O. Farrimond and L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 2617

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, May 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5. Please notify, by May 19th, Mr. C. Clarke, The Nook, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. 2605

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouthshire Branch. — Meeting, Abergavenny, May 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 19th, to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—Jacqueline S. Evans, Branch Sec. 2571

ST. BEES PRIORY CHURCH, CUMBERLAND.—Rededication of the eight bells after rehanging. Service on Saturday, May 23rd, at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, by Thursday previous, to Harold Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees. 2595

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea, by May 20th, R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2599

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Spring Festival, Wendron (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Helston bells (8) also. 2.30-4 and 6.30-7.30.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 2591

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2558

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral; preacher the Venerable E. N. Gowing, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 20th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Exeter, Whit Monday. Service, St. Thomas's, 12 noon. Luncheon, Buller Hall, 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 5s. members, 5s. 6d. non-members, must be paid for in advance; latest date May 19th. Ringing: St. Thomas's 10-11.45 a.m. and after meeting; Cathedral 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Heavitree 10.30-11.30 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; St. Mark's 3.30-5 p.m. For luncheon tickets and particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.: also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester. Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.15 p.m., followed by meeting and buffet tea. Will branch secretaries please forward numbers to be expected to Mr. G. E. G. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester, by Tuesday, May 26th. Towers available: Handbridge, St. Mary's Within, Hoole, Eccleston and Christleton from 1.30 p.m. and after the meeting.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2588

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.; Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. Names for tea, by May 27th, to Miss A. M. Bailey, 1, Pleasant Road, Bishop's Stortford. 2601

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon, May 30th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. J. Chester, Helmdon, near Brackley.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2606

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edith-Weston (new 6), May 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 26th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton. 2597

RUSHDEN ST. MARY'S, NORTHANTS.—Restored and augmented ring of eight. Dedication service by Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Saturday, May 30th, 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for buffet tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. R. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. 2509

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, May 30th, Barford St. Martin (6), 2.30-4.45. Tea, King's Elm, Compton Chamberlayne, 5.10. Bells: Compton (6) and Fovant (5) afterwards. Please send names for tea by 26th, to Miss Eloic, 81 Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2604

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH. — Corporate Communion, May 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by May 28th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2612

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BOURNEMOUTH

JUST over a century ago it would have meant a slow and lonely journey to travel from Christchurch Priory to the ancient port of Poole. On a summer's day it would have been pleasant enough with blue sea and a grand view of Old Harry Rocks and the Needles on the one hand and the pine woods on the other. One or two houses were being built in the evergreen valley at that time, for Bournemouth was already becoming famous as a health resort.

The first Vicar of St. Peter's must have foreseen the rapid growth Bournemouth would make, for he planned and built the large church that stands in the centre of the town, but it is doubtful if even he ever imagined that one day it would be the mother of nearly thirty churches.

To-day, Bournemouth closely borders its two older neighbours, and is still expanding northwards; it would be difficult to find a more beautiful health resort with its sands and promenades, well-kept pleasure gardens and recreation grounds, its fine Municipal Orchestra (which will be celebrating its diamond jubilee during the Council's visit), its Pavilion and Winter Gardens and many other amenities.

Christchurch, with its ancient Priory, Wimborne Minster, and Poole, with its busy harbour, each has a charm of its own, and the view from Constitution Hill (on the way to Poole) is reputed to be the finest on the South Coast. Be that as it may, it was hereabouts that Marconi carried out his first experiments and Baden-Powell started his Scout movement on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour.

Is Bournemouth a good place for a conference? Well, as the late Professor Joad would say, 'it all depends on what you mean by a conference? At any rate, it is a *favourite* rendezvous for an increasing number of conferences each year.

The ringer will find plenty of bells in first-class order and within a short radius; St. Peter's Church can boast of possessing the only ringing set within the borough boundary, but a few yards over the border at Westbourne there is another tuneful Taylor eight at St. John's, Surrey Road. Christchurch Priory possesses a fine twelve, and there are tens at Wimborne Minster and at Poole (St. James').

A little further out there are first-class eights at Swanage and Kingston in the Isle of Purbeck, at Blandford and Wimborne St. Giles' and in the New Forest, now resplendent in bright spring colours; there are good octaves at Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Lyndhurst, Lymington and Milford.

The late George Williams once remarked that in the early nineteen hundreds you would have to comb the county of Hampshire to find a band capable of ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples. To-day, whilst most towers stick to the standard methods for service ringing, spliced Surprise Major ringing is frequently practised. We still have some of the men with us who have done so much to improve and spread the practice of 'scientific' in our district. George Preston, of Christchurch, thirty years district secretary, often walked into Bournemouth to teach the St. Peter's band, besides giving much instruction in the New Forest towers. Fred Townsend, formerly Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, must be remembered for his fine work at Poole and his pioneer work in double-handed handbell ringing. These two ringers, with A. F. Martin Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Guild, will be among the many local ringers to welcome the Central Council at Whitsuntide.

So, in the names of the two neighbouring Guilds of Winchester and Portsmouth and Salisbury, we extend good wishes for a pleasant and successful visit to all Central Council representatives and their friends when they come to beautiful Bournemouth. A. V. D.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 23rd, 1913

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The above band started for 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, but as the ringing was not satisfactory to the conductor, he decided to come round at the above length.

[The Editor commented: 'Mr. Sam Wood is following an admirable ideal in declining to have anything but the best in a [illegible] original length was successfully accomplished in the following year.]

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SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung as birthday compliments to E. T. Allaway and S. O'C. Holloway, May 2nd. A. Walker, May 3rd.

TEN BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Sun., Mar. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*STANLEY WILLIAMS (16)	*Treble*	JOHN J. CUMMINS	6
EDMUND J. FOWELL	2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	7
JOAN E. M. HILLS	3	†JOHN WILLIS	8
JOAN GRAY	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	9
VALERIE W. WILLARD	5	JACK ROPER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
* First peal. † First tower bell peal. First peal on ten bells for all except the ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th. First touch of Caters as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters in the Southern Hemisphere.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	T. MARK WHITE	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	JOHN HILL	8
AUDREY M. BAILEY	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	5	LEONARD A. REECE	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung by members of the 'Society of Roving Ringers,' and friends, in honour of the wedding of Miss Jill Brittain to Mr. Raymond Parsons on the previous day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALL	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
REGINALD A. REED	2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
*NORMAN HAYES	3	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung by Guild officers and committee members to mark the dedication of the George Williams memorial bookcase.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. ROWDING	*Treble*	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
*BERNARD H. DALTON	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Gwendoline D. Robinson and Mr. Aubrey D. Mills.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	*Treble*	*ROLAND W. MORANT	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALAN J. SMITH	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Surprise.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
CECIL RADDON	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., May 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	†EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	†EDGAR J. SMITH	7
GEORGE F. BURTON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method 'inside' † First peal in the method. Herbert H. Alexander's 100th peal.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., May 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	ROBERT A. COCHRANE	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	PETER J. COLES	6
*EDWARD G. BENNETT	3	GEORGE A. SPENCER	7
†MARY LAWRENCE	4	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.' First peal on the bells since rehanging.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
*M. ANGELA CARTER	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method away from the treble.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	ALAN FEVER	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	6
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
W. J. Button has now twice 'completed the circle' on these bells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt.

DOREEN SMYTHE	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
*RONALD J. SANDERSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	2	GEORGE F. SPERRING	6
†ROBERT W. HINDE	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, Canon G. Vaughan, who is leaving Farndon to take up another appointment.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
PATRICIA SMEE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
PETER F. BORER	3	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Trevor A. Cross.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,440 Cambridge, 1,376 Superlative, 1,152 Bristol and 1,120 London, with 116 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY F. PALMER	*Treble*	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	5
JACK G. BROTHWELL	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*ELIZABETH BATE	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HENRY HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal by C. Glenn and S. F. Palmer, this being their 190th peal together.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*DOROTHY T. HEAP	*Treble*	TOM WILDE	5
*JOAN CARTER	2	JAMES CARTER	6
BASIL JONES	3	*JOHN R. HEAP	7
*MRS. C. K. LEWIS	4	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	6
GEORGE A. SPENCER	3	CHARLES W. WARD	7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
*MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
*RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of Painswick at All Saints', Wokingham, in which the conductor of the above rang.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rossendale Branch.)
On Tues., May 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HAROLD PARKINSON	5
ALBERT MILLS	2	*JAMES WALSH	6
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	HERBERT MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LUDKIN. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower in 1950.

SIX BELL PEALS

HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID KIRBY	*Treble*	JOHN CUMMINS	4
JOAN HILLS	2	EDMUND FOWELL	5
VALERIE WILLARD	3	THOMAS GOODYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GOODYER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods for all except Miss Willard. First peal rung on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain. Tenor 11 cwt.

MAX P. PAGE	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
*ALAN FEVER	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
*JOHN WYBREW	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung to the glory of God and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Page (conductor's mother) and to Mr. F. Bowell (conductor's teacher).

TERRINGTON ST., JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

MIRIAM HIGDON	*Treble*	C. V. EBBERSON	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	EDWARD BARKER	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Ringer of 5th has now 'circled the tower.' A farewell to the Vicar and his wife on leaving for Cornwall.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Market Harborough Branch.)
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

KENNETH H. ROWLAND	*Treble*	*DEREK GRIFFIN	4
GEORGE HOLLICK	2	ARTHUR MILLWARD	5
DENIS ALLSOP	3	PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, chairman of this branch of the Guild.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., April 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID NELSON	*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
CYRIL COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal.

A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Sturgis Jones), president of the Wisbech District, and to Mrs. Sturgis Jones. During his incumbency of 22 years the church was extensively restored and the bells retuned and rehung.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER READ (15)	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	4
GRAHAM MORRIS (14)	2	†DOUGLAS NEWCOMBE	5
ROY. TAYLOR (16)	3	ALBERT NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Grandsire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HARRISON	*Treble*	†ALAN TAYLOR	4
*DAVID GEBBETT	2	†RODNEY HARRISON	5
*MARK HATCH	3	*ELISABETH GRIME	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Average age of band 15 years 9 months.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MARGARET CARTER	*Treble*	FREDA OLDERSHAW	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
CYRIL WANDER	3	ERNEST BRITTAIN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
†MONICA HOWARD	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS E. PEARSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND SUART	4
JOHN ASKEW	2	*JAMES DICKINSON	5
CLIFFORD H. FORD	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
On *Sat., May* 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	JAMES W. KNIGHT	4
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*RICHARD G. MORRIS	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	4
MURIEL REAY	2	†ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
PETER J. MORTON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in five methods, viz.: Three extents each of All Saints, Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, 10 different extents of Grandsire, and ten 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

JOHN R. JOYNER	*Treble*	DAVID W. BARR	4
ANN R. BARR	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
BRYAN E. CARSON	3	*JOHN B. DINENAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.

* First peal.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now become the first person to 'circle the tower.'

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in 25 methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, New Bob, Huntspill, Winchendon, Accrington, Blackburn, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Bampton, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Chase, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Julian, Reverse St. Sebastian, Candlesby S.C., Rugby S.C., Cheasley S.C., Poyle S.C., Longford S.C., Raveningham S.C. and Runemede S.C. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ROBERT LAY .. .. ..*Treble* | RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 4
2 | PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3 | ALAN COOKE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

R. Lay has now 'circled the tower.' This is the greatest number of Doubles methods rung to a peal, each method having its own plain course.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS .. ..*Treble* | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
RONALD E. BURT .. .. 2 | T. CHARLES BROWNE.. .. 5
FRANK PEARSON .. .. 3 | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Sturman, former churchwarden and captain of the Bunwell Company, 1932-1946, who was interred the same day.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Frl., May 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*EDWIN W. PASCOE .. ..*Treble* | FRANK F. BROOKS 4
CHARLES B. SKINNER .. 2 | BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
MARIAN SKINNER .. .. 3 | BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's (No. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50 and 52 C.C. Collection and No. 5 Lancashire Handbook). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

SHIRLEY GOLDING .. ..*Treble* | JOHN W. GRIFFTHS 4
*ROSELYN CREWE .. .. 2 | ANDREW J. H. SCOTT .. 5
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .. 3 | R. GORDON CORBY .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Birthday compliment to George F. Sperring and to D. F. Ferguson, president of the Manchester University Guild.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., May 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. ..*Treble* | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4
JOHN S. WYBREW .. .. 2 | RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
JOHN BLYTH .. .. .. 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ..*Treble* | SIDNEY H. JONES 4
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2 | *JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 3 | GEORGE E. OLIVER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* 300th peal. A birthday compliment to Peter and Denis Beresford, of Lichfield. First peal of Surprise on the bells.



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NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 6840 DOUBLES
Being 2,280 each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt in A flat (approx.).

ROSEMARY P. LONGHURST	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN ..	4
M. JOHN MARTIN	2	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ..	5
JOHN E. CHITTENDEN ..	3	WALTER C. CHANDLER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* 125th peal. The longest length of Doubles for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 2nd on the occasion of their silver wedding, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother. Ringer of treble aged 15.

SELLINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Oxford Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ..	3	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal in four methods. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	4
*CHRISTINE STRATFORD ..	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ..	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell (aged 13 years).

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Tues., March 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*JOHN J. CUMMINS	1—2	PHILLIP M. J. GRAY	5—6
*THOMAS W. GOODYER ..	3—4	JOAN GRAY	7—8
		*EDMUND J. FOWELL ..	9—10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First touch of Royal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	WILFRED F. MORETON ..	7—8
		BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	ROGER SAVORY	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Banks (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss C. A. West 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Prescott 1, A. Gambrill 2, W. Goldup 3, W. Payne 4, L. Martin 5, P. Newing, R.A.F. (cond.) 6, H. Peattie (first quarter) 7. Rung with 5th and 7th covering. A welcome to the Rev. D. Rashid, of Pakistan.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Sutcliffe (first quarter) 1, P. Hutton 2, T. Holehouse 3, B. Scoot 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Moira I. Hemer (first quarter) 1, Joyce S. Coward 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, Brenda Foley 4, S. A. Read 5, I. Lanning 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Wallis 1, Miss Sheila Duffin 2, C. J. Smith 3, H. W. Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, W. J. Athow 6, B. F. Sims (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. A. Bridge 8. First quarter of Stedman by 2, 6 and 8. Rung by the local band for Rogationtide.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On April 25th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Audrey M. Bailey 1, J. Walter 2, J. R. Cooper 3, G. E. Ruck 4, J. L. Morris 5, L. E. Everest 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. Rung, after the breakdown of a peal attempt, as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On May 9th, at St. Anne's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, Mabel Prockson 2, G. F. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, R. Ducker 7, L. E. Tubb 8. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Elliott 1, Miss M. Brown 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. J. Champion 4, W. G. Elkins 5, E. G. L. Coward 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. King 1, W. Eagling 2, W. Gibbins 3, Dr. P. Jonason 4, F. Pearson (first as cond.) 5, F. Phillippo 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans 1, R. Stephens 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, B. Werry (cond.) 4, A. Alsop 5, J. A. Alsop 6, A. Evans 7, J. Jeynes 8. A birthday compliment to J. Jeynes and Miss A. Stephens.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, Mrs. F. L. Harris 2, G. Green 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, F. L. Harris 5, B. Sydenham 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, B. Bover 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first quarter Treble Bob 'inside') 2, P. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Haynes 1, W. J. Chester 2, C. Hinton 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, R. Simmonds 2, F. Cooper 3, T. G. Stanndard 4, A. F. Ballam 5, D. Everett 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Rung after the memorial service to the late Lord Erskine.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Olney (first quarter) 1, A. Sibbick (first away from treble) 2, E. R. Warner 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND. — At Crosthwaite Parish Church, on May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Douglas 1, G. Tembey 2, J. R. Mossop (first of Major) 3, J. A. Haile 4, H. S. Grisdale 5, H. Wilson 6, F. E. Darby 7, J. W. Brownrigg (first in method as cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, V. Ambrose 3, S. Smith 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Southrepps, 120 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 280 Grandsire): Miss D. Charley 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, M. H. Williams 3, L. J. Malings 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. Dare 6. A birthday compliment to L. J. Malings.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hazelby 1, H. Buckingham 2, M. Spracklen 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, R. E. Dean 6, L. J. Young (first in method as cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. Willes (first in method) 1, E. G. Buck 2, Miss A. Willes 3, R. M. Dixon 4, W. J. Hitch 5, R. V. Webb 6, J. S. Dear 7, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 8.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, P. S. Barrett (first 'inside') 2, O. W. Barrett (first as cond.) 3, D. M. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowell. Mr. Cowell is captain of the tower.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. G. F. Symonds (first quarter) 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Miss B. Mayers 3, F. T. Hoad 4, C. S. Hoad 5, J. W. Euston 6, G. A. Parsons 7, F. B. Jeal 8, A. T. Shelton 9, W. H. Inwood 10.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Poulter 1, Elsie Savory (first as cond.) 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Picthall 6, T. Collins 7, B. Turk 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Grover (cond.) 1, Miss M. Kirkby 2, J. Newman 3, A. Arthur 4, E. Norton 5, G. Moorey 6. Longest length for 3, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Kirkby.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On May 10th, at St. Leonard's, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, A. E. Thirst 5, T. W. Shepherd 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, A. R. Ling (first as cond.) 8, F. J. Matthews 9, T. H. Francis 10.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Rice (first quarter) 1, A. R. Syder 2, Mrs. H. W. Moore 3, H. W. Moore 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, A. Saunders 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. Turley 4, F. Cottle 5, F. Price 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, R. Harris (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells since being rehung.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. L. Grover (cond.) 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, J. Etherington 3, F. Smith (longest length 'inside') 4, R. Morant 5, J. Glanville 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, Mrs. Watts 2, R. Charge 3, J. Tomsett 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chapman 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for the induction of Canon Leslie Wright as the new Vicar of Wimbledon.

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—		—	64352	Rut, Linc, Lon
—	2		45236	Eal, Sup, Bris, Lon
—	—	2	26354	Lon, Sup, Lon, Bris
—		—	43652	Eal, Cam, Rut
2	—		52436	Eal, Bris, York, Eal
	—		35426	Rut, Cam, Rut
—			45623	Rut, York, Rut
—	—	—	32654	Rut, Linc, Rut

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M	W	H	23456	
—		—	64352	Rut, Linc, Eas
—	2		(45236)	Eal, Sup, Bris, Cray
—	—	2	26354	Cam, Eal, Bris
—		—	43652	Wem, Cam, Eas
2	—		(52436)	Eas, Bris, York, Cray
	—	3	35426	Sup, Wem, N. Glouc, N. Glouc
—			45623	Rut, Linc, Rut
—	—	—	32654	Lon, York, Lon

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'NOTES FOR BEGINNERS'

Many instructional books, of varying quality, have been published on ringing, of which only a few have stood the test of time. 'Troyte,' one of the best, is now unhappily out of print, but 'Ropesight,' not many years its junior, is now in its eleventh edition, which testifies to its popularity. Of more recent books, 'The Ringers' Handbook' and 'Village Bells' appear to have come to stay.

There is, however, room for another book which neither goes into too much detail over matters which a pupil may nowadays expect to learn from his instructor, nor, on the other hand, presupposes a degree of basic knowledge which not everyone who teaches is in a position to impart, and with this in view Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson has produced a small booklet which he calls 'Notes for Beginners.' Written for his pupils at Ealing, the booklet not only sets out the usual rules for ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob, but also explains some of the 'whys' which are so often left to the imagination; for example, why a dodge occurs in Plain Bob when the treble leads. This essential point is often not properly understood by young ringers, not all of whom can make the necessary deductions for themselves.

The booklet, produced at the very modest price of sixpence, is worthy of a much wider distribution than was intended when it was compiled, and it is to be hoped that some means will be found of making this possible. Instructors would find it a most useful aid when introducing their pupils to the mysteries of change ringing.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, H. J. King 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, J. A. Hales 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, J. Hales 8. Arranged for Mr. H. J. King, an hon. member of the Society, and at one time a local ringer.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Novices and Coronation Ringing

A meeting of the Bowdon, Mottram and Stockport Branch was held at Mottram on April 25th when some 60 members and friends were present. The bells were in use from early in the afternoon and the later arrivals could hear their merry peals ringing out from the eminence on which the church stands as they approached the village.

The service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. W. Tyson, who gave a warm welcome to his church and parish and also gave an interesting address. Mrs. Tyson kindly officiated as organist. Tea followed in the schools, where the local ringers' wives had provided an excellent repast.

At the usual business meeting the Vicar presided and it was decided, if possible, to hold an additional meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, on July 25th.

A report on the Guild Committee meeting was presented and the subject of Coronation ringing was broached. It was recommended that the keynote for all Coronation ringing be 'co-operation' with the local authorities rather than the ringing of peals. It was mentioned that an effort should be made to enable all the ringers in the tower to take part in the ringing on this historic occasion, from the veriest novices to the experts, as it is, we trust, very likely that most of those who will ring on this occasion will not be with us when the next Coronation occurs.

The meeting expressed its cordial thanks to the Vicar for his assistance and to Mrs. Tyson for her help, to the wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers and their wives for the admirable way in which they had catered for the needs of those attending. Further ringing was then enjoyed until quite a late hour, when the call of departing buses could no longer be resisted.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Will secretaries sending Notices for the issue of June 5th please note that the latest date to secure insertion in that issue is first post Monday, June 1st. This is to enable our printers to participate in the National Holiday on Coronation Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

This week we record a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Ringing history has thus been made again in Australia. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters in the Southern Hemisphere and we extend on behalf of British ringers our warmest congratulations to the band.

The Yorkshire Association has now a membership of 1,606.

Miss Anne R. Barr is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of St. Augustine's, Rugeley, Staffs.

Mr. Kenneth W. Mackintosh has now joined the élite band who have rung Stedman Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. I. Eaton, a very faithful and enenthusiastic member of the band of All Saints' Church, Leamington, was elected to Leamington Borough Council at the May elections.

One of the best television broadcasts concerning practical ringing was that from Kingston Seymour, Somerset. Mr. J. T. Dyke's exposition was masterly. The team of six boys with handbells who changed places to show a plain course was well done. Congratulations to all concerned.

A team of handbell ringers from the 1st Drogheda Company of Girl Guides will broadcast in the Children's Hour programme on June 1st at 5.30 p.m. from Radio Eireann (530 and 240 metres). The youngest member of the team is eight years and the eldest eleven years. The captain of the company is Mrs. F. E. Dukes. District secretary (Eastern), Irish Association of Change Ringers. This young company have already performed at the Olympia Theatre, Dublin, Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, and Gate Cinema, Drogheda.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Imperial Institute was marked by the ringing of the bells by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 11th. A recording of the ringing was taken by the B.B.C. for the Pacific Service.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood was interviewed by Mr. Valentine Selsey, the B.B.C. reporter, before the recording was taken. The same evening Frank's voice was heard in 'Radio Newsreel.'

The bells will again be heard on May 27th to mark the public opening of the Institute's Coronation display when seven simultaneous exhibitions will be staged under the title of 'Queen and Commonwealth.'

The Snowdon Dinner will take place in Sheffield on October 24th.

Apart from being rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. A. Cross, the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Gillingham on May 9th was also a birthday compliment to Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mr. V. A. Jarrett (father of the conductor) and Mrs. Kenward (wife of the ringer of the 4th). Also a welcome home from Jamaica of Mr. and Mrs. L. Pickles, brother-in-law and sister of the conductor.

Rotherham Parish Church ringers raised over £20 for improvements to their ringing chamber by a concert held on May 6th arranged by Mr. N. Chaddock. Items included a short play, dancing (ballet and tap), elocution, instrumental music and tune ringing by Wickersley Modern School of Handbell Ringers. The curtain was rung up with a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. C. Wright, A. Firth, N. Chaddock and T. C. Ryder. Performers numbered over 50 and refreshments for them were provided by Mrs. T. C. Ryder and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS GO NORTH

A Great Welcome at Liverpool

WITH an ever-increasing membership in Lancashire and the North, the Ancient Society had no difficulty in deciding where the country meeting should be held this year, and even if they had, the matter would have been settled for them by the warm, even pressing, invitation received from Liverpool. So it was that the London contingent were up betimes on May 9th and were on the early morning train which speeded them to the great Merseyside town. The journey north was whiled away by yarns, and one enterprising member of the party soon got busy in establishing friendly relations with the refreshment staff on the train.

On arrival at Lime Street we were met by Mr. Percy Cave and were guided to the restored Church of Our Lady and Nicholas. This church, which was destroyed by enemy action, has now been rebuilt, and is an example of what can be done by enterprising churchfolk. In addition to spacious modern accommodation for worship, there are included beautifully appointed rooms for meetings, teas and other parish gatherings—all self-contained and under the one roof. The crowning glory, however, from the visitors' point of view, is the magnificent ring of 13 bells which have been recently installed, replacing the woolly uninspiring ring which was there before the destruction of the church.

We found members and friends from Derby, Oldham, Runcorn, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Chesterfield, York, Birkenhead, Wallasey and many other places waiting to greet us, in addition to prominent Liverpudlians like G. R. Newton and Tom Hammond. A short touch on the middle eight started the ringing, and then the full twelve were rung to touches of Stedman Cinques. The magnificent tone of this twelve impressed us all and they were a delight to ring.

The business meeting was held in one of the fine church rooms. The following new members were elected: E. F. Shearn and M. J. Horseman (Nailsea, Somerset), E. H. Langley (Wokingham), C. A. Benn (Reading), J. V. Donaldson (Vancouver, B.C.), R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), T. Rogers (Wallasey), A. Hibbert (Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbys), F. S. Almond (Woolton, Liverpool), T. W. Hammond (Aintree, Liverpool), T. E. Larkey and T. Lee (Liverpool). The Master (Mr. F. E. Collins) charged them all to uphold the dignity and prestige of the Ancient Society.

The Master said how much the Ancient Society appreciated this warm invitation to come to Liverpool, and thanked the members of the St. Nicholas' company for their efforts to ensure the success of the visit.

He was supported by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who said that he would like to associate the name of Mr. Cave with the vote of thanks. It was due to his efforts that they had been able to hold this meeting. Now that they possessed such a fine ring of 12 he hoped that Liverpool would become a centre for good twelve-bell ringing—and they might feel assured that the Ancient Society would take great interest in their achievements.

The whole party then took tea as the guests of the St. Nicholas' company in yet another of the fine rooms of the church. They were welcomed by the Ringers' Chaplain, who explained that the Rector would have welcomed them himself but for the fact that he was conducting a mission in Leeds. He was, however, very interested in the visit of the College Youths and sent his best wishes, and hoped they would have an enjoyable and successful gathering.

It is interesting to note that one member present, Mr. S. Scattergood, is a direct descendant of one of the Masters of the Ancient Society over 300 years ago!

Train time arrived all too soon, and it was a very happy and satisfied party which was seen off by the good friends who came to the station. Thank you, Liverpool. You did us proudly.

J. F. S.

CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Ringing for the Coronation is expected to be on an unprecedented scale, and in accord with the warm affection with which our gracious Queen is held.

The correspondence in connection with this great signal of national rejoicing is expected to be heavy. To enable the Editor to cope expeditiously with the heavy mail, we ask those sending in peals or quarter peals to observe the following conditions:—

(1) Each peal and quarter peal to be written on one side of a sheet of paper with the name and address of the sender on the sheet.

(2) Follow precisely the style peals and quarter peals are appearing in our journal. If you have any doubts write your peal with a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you.

(3) Reduce footnotes to a minimum. Just first peals or first in the method. Coronation peals are rung for one purpose only. There can be no secondary occasion like somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary.

(4) Any special incident in connection with the ringing, like, for example, a veteran who rang for Edward VII. Coronation or an amusing incident, should be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the peal or quarter peal.

(5) The production of our Coronation numbers will be expensive and it will be necessary to enlarge 'The Ringing World' to 20 pages. Any voluntary donation to meet this added cost will be appreciated.

(6) Sets of Coronation peal or quarter peal cards printed in patriotic colours can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, price 5s. a set of 12 post free. Remittance should accompany the copy.

(7) Make certain that every first pealer has a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Send your order for additional copies when dispatching your peal or quarter. These mementoes will be treasured in years to come.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Ringing Arrangements for Whitsun

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

Christchurch Priory (12), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. Peter's, Bournemouth (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24th

Christchurch Priory, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. Peter's, 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. John's, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Poole, St. James' (10), 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Wimborne Minster (10), 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Ringwood (8), 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25th

Wimborne Minster, 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. Peter's, 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Ringwood and Lymington (8) are available from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Ringers are advised to arrange a party to meet at these towers as many local ringers are working on Whit Monday this year.
Coach tour leaves St. Peter's Hall at 9.45 a.m. for Kingston (8) 11 a.m., Swanage (8) 12.30 p.m., Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 3.30 p.m., Wimborne Minster (tea 5.15) 6.30 p.m.

WHIT TUESDAY, MAY 26th

Christchurch Priory, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
St. Peter's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. John's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH

A NUMBER of members of the Devon Guild held a very successful week-end coach tour recently, when Loughborough was the main objective.

Leaving Buckfastleigh on the late evening of Friday, May 8th, various members of the party were picked up at Newton Abbot, Exeter, Broadclyst and Taunton. Gloucester was reached in the early hours of the following morning, where a halt was called for an hour in order to do justice to a good meal at a local cafe. Loughborough was reached at exactly 6 a.m. After a hurried look around, the party moved into their various billets for breakfast, and subsequently assembled outside Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry, where they were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. C. Harrison, who spent the whole day with the visitors.

The party spent a good time looking around the foundry, where they found much to interest them, items in the Tuning Department specially coming in for a good deal of attention. Among the bells seen here were the twelve bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and it was suggested that a six-score of Grandsire Doubles should be tapped on the middle six. This was successfully done by Messrs. Southwood, Bennett (conductor) and Harrison, each having a pair of wooden hammers to tap the bells.

The next item on the programme was ringing on the foundry bells, and the visitors surprisingly soon got used to them, the ringing on the whole being very creditable, especially the three courses of Plain Bob Major.

The visitors subsequently adjourned to the Empire Restaurant, where an excellent lunch was enjoyed, after which a move was made to All Saints' Church, where everyone looked forward to having a pull on the grand ring of ten. Prior to the commencement of the ringing Mr. J. E. Lilley voiced the appreciation of the visitors to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their great welcome and for acting as hosts. This was supported by Mr. E. W. Biffin and carried with acclamation.

The party next went to the Queen's Park, where they had an opportunity of inspecting the magnificent war memorial carillon, and a special recital was afterwards put on on their behalf.

After dinner at six o'clock, the charabanc was again brought into service and a visit was paid to Shepshed, where a very pleasant hour was spent on this excellent octave.

On Sunday after breakfast, the return journey was commenced, and as the result of a telephone inquiry the previous evening, the party had the privilege of ringing for Sunday morning service at Leicester Cathedral and St. Mary's, Leicester, and we were deeply grateful to Mr. Harold J. Poole for these facilities. Having subsequently said good-bye to Mr. Poole and his band, the run to Evesham was very much enjoyed, and on reaching here at lunch time Mr. John Thomas was found to be waiting for us. We were very grateful to him for making such excellent arrangements for lunch and for the opportunity of ringing on the fine new twelve at the Evesham Bell Tower.

Before dispersing at Exeter the opportunity was made to express the party's warmest thanks to Messrs. E. W. Biffin and A. L. Bennett for the very excellent arrangements made.

A. L. B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Retiring Treasurer's Services Recognised

THE annual general meeting of the Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on Saturday, May 2nd, attended by a large gathering representing all the four Districts. Ringing on the fine ten commenced shortly after 2 p.m and continued in a variety of methods until 4.15, when the Vicar conducted a very impressive ringers' service and extended a warm welcome to the Association. Unfortunately a prior engagement prevented him from joining the Association at the excellent tea which followed at the Corunna Cafe.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, and the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley. Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar of Selby, Mr. G. Horner, of York, and Mr. B. Sutton, of Scarborough.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and providing the service was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements and splendid tea was accorded on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley.

Mr. H. S. Morley, in reply, said he would pass on the first vote of thanks to the Vicar and Abbey authorities, including the organist, and so far as the local company were concerned, they had derived very great pleasure in making the arrangements, and to know that the visitors were satisfied was sufficient thanks in itself. Mr. Morley pointed out as a matter of interest that the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill formerly secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, had associations with the same room they were now using for the meeting.

The president next presented the Association's 77th annual report, which showed an increase in membership and a slight gain on the year's working. There was a decline of 28 peals rung during the year as compared with last year. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

PRESENTATION TO MR. S. F. PALMER

The next business, a very pleasant and popular function, was to present Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, formerly hon. treasurer of the Association, with a wallet and cheque in recognition of his long and devoted services in that office. In making the presentation, the president referred to the valued services Mr. Palmer had rendered to the Association for so many years, and when, a year ago, Mr. Palmer decided not to seek re-election to the office on account of advancing years, the committee were unanimous in deciding to launch an appeal to the members for funds with a view to presenting Mr. Palmer with a suitable memento. Up to the closing date this had realised some £26, and having consulted Mr Palmer and ascertained his views, he now had very great pleasure in presenting to him the wallet and a cheque for the balance on behalf of the members

He (the president) said that he understood that donations had continued to arrive after the closing date and told Mr. Palmer that he might expect a further cheque in due course, which, if not sufficient to buy a motor car, was still a token of the affection and esteem in which he was held

Mr. P. J. Johnson associated himself with the references made by the president, pointing out that Mr. Palmer took over the office at short notice, due to the rather sudden death of Mr. J. Cotterell. It followed that in the circumstances Mr. Palmer's task was rendered more difficult as he was without the guidance of his predecessor.

In rising to reply, Mr. Palmer was accorded a great ovation. He thanked the president and oher speakers for their most kind words, and each and all of the members for the honour they had done him. He assured them all that he appreciated to the full the affection that lay behind the gift and he regretted that he was completely lost for suitable words adequately to express his thanks. He was glad to have been able to serve them as treasurer and hoped they would as loyally support his successor, Mr. Gordon Benfield, in whom he had every confidence. He thought he had done the right thing in handing over office while still in harness, and would be only too pleased to render any assistance or advice to his successor. He was glad to say he was still in good health and hoped to come among them on every possible occasion.

The president next announced that the hon. general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, was due to retire by rota. The committee had considered the matter and were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Mr. Morris for the next triennial period. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. W. Barton seconded that Mr. Morris be re-elected. This was carried.

Mr. W. E. Critchley, the hon. peal secretary, was unanimously re-elected on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. J. Ambler seconded that the next meeting be held at Wetherby on September 19th. This was carried.

The president reminded the meeting that the Snowdon Dinner this year would take place at Sheffield on October 24th, and urged all to reserve the date, as having decided it should be held, it was the duty of the membership to ensure its success by loyally supporting it.

The following new members were elected:—Bryan Withill, of St. Michael's, Headingley; Miss G. Hay and L. Bleckton, of Pontefract; Miss Susan Dinsdale, of Collingham; W. E. Elsworth, of Royston; James Reed and David Cubitt, of Wakefield; and John Bower, of York. The president referred to the coming Coronation and hoped that wherever possible, members would play their part by ringing on Coronation Day.

The president next referred to a circular issued by the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee which set out an excellent case against the use of 'canned bells' and was glad to report that the likelihood of any further installations taking place in the Diocese of Ripon, except in exceptional circumstances, was now remote: a single bell being recommended where a ringing ring could not be installed. (A report of the recommendations appeared on page 313.)

Mr. H. Walker moved the following resolution:—

'This Association highly commends the decision of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee as a general rule to refuse to recommend to the Diocesan Chancellor the acceptance of proposals for the installation of recorded bells.'

This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried. This concluded the business.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—W. A. Carter 4s., R. G. Fairweather 5s.

Peals.—Oswaldtwistle 2s. 6d., Pinchbeck 4s., North Stoneham 2s. 6d., Fletching 4s., Sellinge 3s.

Quarter peals.—Poulton-le-Fylde 2s. 6d., Helmdon 2s. 6d., Upper Clapton 1s. 6d., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Shere 2s., West Clandon 1s. 6d., Marlow 3s., Ruislip 2s., Reigate 2s. 6d., Keswick 2s. 6d., Biggleswade 2s. 6d., Horringer 2s., Ebbw Vale 2s. 6d., Brookfield, London, N.6. 2s. 6d.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on May 2nd. The meeting was presided over by Mr. William Pratt (president), who welcomed the members to Dublin.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt; Master and librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; general secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes; additional member on Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Miss J. Stewart.

The annual report and statement of accounts were received and adopted.

The report stated that the membership of the Association was now: Life 14, honorary 6, resident 327, non-resident life members 93, making a total of 450. Ten peals were rung during the year, in which 21 ringers took part, five scoring their first peal. The most outstanding peal was Pontefract Delight Major (first performance). The deaths were recorded with regret of A. J. Corrigan (Bristol), W. Keeble (Colchester), E. Conor O'Brien (Oxford), Major L. J. Roper (Cheltenham) and Dr. J. C. E. Simpson (Chester).

The first report on 'The Irish Bell News' was also presented. It is interesting to note that the Association showed its faith in the journal by purchasing a duplicator to enable the paper to be produced by the labours of the Editorial Committee. All stencils are cut by Miss J. Stewart, while the actual production and stitching is done by Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

The Editorial Committee were re-elected and thanked for their good work: Editor, Mr. Fred E. Dukes; committee, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Miss J. Stewart and Mr. G. Bingham.

Two old members of the Association, Mr. Daniel McNeice and Mr. Michael Hickey, both from Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, were elected life members. They have respectively 65 and 60 years' ringing behind them.

After the meeting the competition for the Murphy Cup was held on the light eight of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The finalists from the three districts, viz., St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, St. George's, Dublin, and St. Donard's, Belfast, rang in an order not known to the judges. After a keen contest St. George's were declared the winners with 164 faults. St. Mary's came second with 171 faults.

MARRIAGE OF MISS BRITTAIN

On Friday, May 8th, the Church of All Saints, Banstead, saw a gathering of nearly a hundred guests and friends, who had come to witness the marriage of Miss Gillian R. Brittain, of Banstead, to Mr. Raymond I. F. Parsons, of Carshalton, both of whom are popular members of the Society of Roving Ringers as well as, of course, other and older Societies.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress and train of Honiton lace over two layers of net and a taffeta underskirt. Her headdress was a Juliet cap and double veil. Her sister Shirley, in pink, was the only bridesmaid.

Mr. David Parsons, brother of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man with his usual quiet efficiency. Several ringers were in the congregation and another, Mr. Ken Mackintosh, was the organist.

The young couple left the church to the sound of Stedman Triples coming from the bells on which Jill had learned to ring.

Among the many beautiful gifts were a striking clock, suitably inscribed, from the Banstead ringers: Pyrex cookery ware from the Benhilton ringers; and a lovely bedroom chair from the Society of Roving Ringers. In addition there were gifts from individual ringers.

After the reception—held at Beddington Grange—the happy pair left for Northolt, whence they flew to the Channel Islands.

On the following day the event was celebrated with a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington, but Stedman Triples at Banstead failed after more than two hours' ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVY FIVES RUNG TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Savage's query as to whether a heavier five than those at Ogbourne St. George have been rung to a full peal, the answer is most definitely yes. I append several instances, the weights in brackets being those given in Dove's Guide, whilst the other weights are those given in the reports published in 'The Ringing World':—

Yetminster, Dorset, Aug. 2nd, 1930: 5,040 Grandsire, conducted by W. C. Shute, tenor 19½ cwt. (19 cwt.)

Ludham, Norfolk, Dec. 5th, 1934: 5,040 Stedman, conducted by N. Golden, tenor 22 cwt. (20 cwt.).

Thorncombe, Dorset, Nov. 28th, 1936: 5,040 in three methods, conducted by E. T. P. Field, tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. (21 cwt. 24 lb.).

Blunham, Beds, Feb. 9th, 1937: 5,040 (2 methods), conducted by C. H. Harding, tenor 22 cwt. (18½ cwt.).

Kingsdon, Somerset, March 20th, 1937: 5,040 (6 methods), conducted by E. T. P. Field, tenor 24 cwt. (23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.).

Eastry, Kent, Feb. 28th, 1953: 5,040 (3 methods), conducted by myself, tenor 20 cwt. (18 cwt.).—Yours, etc.,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Saltwood, Kent.

THE SILENT PEAL OF LONDON ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cashmore and his band are to be congratulated on another remarkable performance in ringing a silent peal of London on handbells, and they may well be correct in claiming it as the first silent peal of Surprise on handbells. It is not clear from the footnote whether they have taken into consideration a non-conducted peal of Superlative rung, I think, for the Essex Association about 50 years ago by William, Ernest and George Pye and William Keeble. The term 'silent' was not in use in those days, so whether the peal was strictly silent probably no one knows. It was, however, an achievement worthy of recall.

Whilst writing on this subject may I suggest that the expression 'non-conducted' should be disused? A silent peal must be non-conducted in any sense of the term, but not necessarily vice versa. If peals in which mistakes are corrected but no other directions given are noted to the effect that no calls were made, any ambiguity would be removed.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

FIRST SILENT PEAL OF LONDON 'IN HAND'

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate Mr. Harold Cashmore and his band on ringing a silent and non-conducted peal of London on handbells. I am sorry to say it is not the first of Surprise rung in this manner.

'At Romford, Essex, The Essex Association. On Monday, November 3rd, 1902, in two hours and 35 minutes, in the Belfry of St. Edward's Church, on Handbells, Retained in Hand, A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5,088 Changes. G. R. Pye 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, Ernest Pye 5-6, W. Keeble 7-8. Conducted by G. Lindoff.

'The above was strictly a non-conducted peal and was rung without the bobs being called or the slightest intimation of them being given whatever. It is the first peal in the method ever rung silent, and the first Surprise peal ever rung silent on handbells. It is a one-part composition and was rung at the third attempt. Umpires W. Watson and H. Catterwell.'—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Waldon, Essex.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the discussions on methods with irregular lead ends and possible further reference to this matter at Bournemouth at Whitsun, the following may not perhaps be entirely irrelevant or without interest to the protagonists:—

23456	O	I	B
35642	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—
46532	—	—	
63425	—	—	
32546	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
63542	—	—	
34256	—	—	—

The figures given here are those of one part of 720 Original Minor (Treble Observation). The bobs are 4ths place from the front, and the calling is as follows:—

O = Treble moving from 2nds to 3rds

I = Treble moving from 3rds to 2nds.

B = Treble leading full.

The 720 is very regular, and is indeed a variation of an extent of Original composed by J. A. Trollope many years ago.

Nobody, perhaps, is anxious to ring much Original Minor (or Major for that matter), but I understand that the method is quite in order and that I may, if I wish, include a 720 in a peal recognised by the Central Council.

Now this being so, a little investigation brings to light an interesting fact. The 'Clavis' gives a method by (I think) John Reeves, which has a sequence of leads 23456, 35642, etc., a cycle of leads considered irregular to-day. But the extent of this irregular method, as given in 'Clavis' is, change for change, row for row, exactly the same as the 720 Original Minor given above.

If, therefore, I am making no great fundamental mistake, the following two statements are points of fact:—

1. There is no objection to extents of Original Minor and I may thus ring the above 720 with impunity;

2. If I ring the 720 from the 'Clavis' the extent will not be recognised by the Central Council.

And the following interesting query remains: If I ring both of them non-conducted, which, if either, is recognised for peal purposes?

Let me conclude, sir, by assuring you that I have no desire to embarrass those who are working so hard to set our ringing affairs in good order. I am prompted solely by the desire to emphasise once again that there are problems almost impossible to solve by peremptory dicta, and that in the world of change ringing the wisest course is often the least dogmatic.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

ANOTHER PREGNANT TENOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from the Rev. Leonard J. Birch, under the heading 'A Pregnant Tenor,' in the issue of April 24th, there has been another Pregnant Tenor as the inscription on the old second bell of Banham, Norfolk, testifies. The inscription is as follows:—

'Thomas Newman made me
We trebels cam by small consent
Our birth I hope will give content
Twins from old tenor our lost old dad
Some we make merry and some are sad.'

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

PRIORITY FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Dear Sir,—It is indeed a coincidence that Mr. C. A. Wratten and myself should have published the same method in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' (May 1st) under the two names of 'Edinburgh' and 'St. Augustine's.'

I feel, however, that I must claim priority for the name of 'St. Augustine's.' Mr. Wratten states that it was rung for the first time at Cheriton on April 15th this year. We included it in a peal on April 17th, but we have been ringing it at Rugeley for several years, and we only published it after including it in a peal. As a matter of fact, I have been making inquiries of various people over the last three months to see if anyone knew of a name for it. I think my first inquiry was to Mr. Alan R. Pink in January.

With regard to Mr. Wratten's remarks on Rushall Doubles. To obtain the fourth extent it is necessary to **start** with a bob, calling a bob in the 4th, 8th and 12th leads also. This, of course, applies to several methods such as April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, where the bob does not alter the lead end, but alters the course of the bells before and **after** the treble has led.

Finally, although I agree with Mr. Wratten that it is almost, if not quite, as difficult to alter bobs as plain courses in a multi-method quarter or peal, I do feel that so many of these methods which are combinations of two others have been published, that it is high time the whole position was officially clarified.

Personally I would like to see the Methods Committee of the Central Council draw up a list of what might be termed 'pure methods,' i.e., each with its own distinctive plain course and calls (whether bobs only, or bobs and singles), and then find some other title under which to classify these 'combined methods.'

It would be interesting to have the views of other multi-method Doubles ringers on this point.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—An analysis of donations acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' during 12 recent weeks chosen at random reveals the following:—

Peals (561 published). Total donations £15 3s. 6d. = 6½d. per peal.

Quarter peals (539 published). Total donations £29 14s. 9d. = 1s. 1d. per quarter peal.

Peals average 12 to a page so the voluntary income is about 6s. 6d. per page for peals.

Quarter peals average 57 to a page giving a voluntary income of £3 1s. 9d. per page.

If personal donations could be analysed between peals and quarter peals the figures might move slightly more favourably towards peals. Nevertheless, whilst quarter peal ringers appear to be giving generous financial support to 'The Ringing World,' many peal ringers are evidently not doing so.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK

Rotherham.

FOUR QUARTERS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—In reply to K. Prime, Ashcott, Bridgwater, we, at St. Albans Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, April 4th, 1926, established a record by ringing four quarter peals in four different methods. Starting at 5 a.m. we rang a quarter of Stedman Triples for 6 a.m. Communion, a quarter of Bob Maior for 11 a.m., a quarter of Grandsire Triples for Evensong and a quarter of Double Norwich after Evensong.

This record, I believe, still stands.—Yours faithfully,

H. GOODENOUGH.

St. Albans.

A FORTNIGHT'S RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

ON FRIDAY, February 27th, 1953, a party of four ringers from Sydney (Messrs. T. W. Goodyear, E. J. Fowell, J. J. Cummins and Miss J. E. Hills) set out on a fortnight's inter-State ringing tour. Our destination for the first week was Melbourne (with a brief visit to Ballarat), and for the second week we were to fly down to Hobart, which was new territory for all the party.

We left Sydney, in the middle of a spectacular thunderstorm, by the 7.30 p.m. train and arrived at Melbourne at about mid-day on Saturday. We were met at Spencer Street Station by Miss Valerie Willard, of St. Paul's Cathedral band; Valerie was to become the fifth member of our party during our stay in Hobart. The band would here like to express its thanks to her for her kindness and hospitality to us during our stay in Melbourne.

No ringing programme had been arranged for Saturday, so we took the opportunity of taking it easy—to recover from our overnight journey and to build up our strength for Sunday's big effort. We were scheduled to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters on Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral. To the best of our knowledge no previous peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung on tower bells in the Southern Hemispherere, and naturally we were all very keen to accomplish such a notable 'first.' We have no opportunities for ten-bell ringing in Sydney and two members of our party had rung no Caters since their last visit to Melbourne, over two years ago.

GRANDSIRE CATERS ACCOMPLISHED

A start was made shortly after two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and during the first hour the bells settled down to a good beat; at times they attained a rhythm which was surprising when one considers the fact that we had never rung together before as a band, and the four visitors were unaccustomed to ringing Caters. There were no serious trips and Tom's powers as a conductor were never severely tested. The last hour was by no means as good as the first two and the ringing became less even as the prolonged effort and concentration began to make itself felt. However, after a bad moment about half an hour from the end, the bells finally ran round in just over three and a half hours. A broad smile spread over ten faces as the final 'This is all' rang out. We had rung the first peal of Grandsire Caters in Australia!

Congratulations were showered on 16-year-old Stanley Williams for the able way in which he rang his first peal. In spite of a fine crop of blisters, we rang for service—first fortified by a cup of tea. Prior to this we had been interviewed by a reporter from the A.B.C., and on the nine o'clock news that evening listened to a report of 'the longest and most complicated peal ever to be rung in Australia.'

No ringing had been arranged for Monday and we took advantage of a comparatively quiet day to pay a visit to St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral. In one of the twin towers of this fine church hangs a ring of eight bells cast by Murphy's, of Dublin. We were fortunate enough to be escorted round by a most helpful priest, who took us up to see the bells and then out on to the parapet for a fine view over Melbourne. We were surprised to find that five of the bells were still up in spite of the fact that they had not been rung for a year. We were sorry to see such a fine ring in a state of disuse.

BOB ROYAL 'IN HAND'

We spent Tuesday sight-seeing and were fortunate enough to be taken up to the Dandenong Ranges by a friend of Chook's, who placed both himself and his car at our disposal for the day. Also on Tuesday the second peal of the tour was scored—this time Bob Royal 'in hand.' Once more it was a notable achievement, being the first occasion on which the three lads had ever rung Royal 'in hand,' and being accomplished with only a preliminary course to get the feel of ten-bell ringing on handbells. The occasion was celebrated by an apple-pie bed for the absent member of the band—be assured that she evened up the score before the tour was over.

During Wednesday we thought of an occasion on which we could get St. Patrick's bells swinging. Monday, March 9th, was Labour Day in Victoria and special Mass is said at the Cathedral at 8.30. A letter was accordingly written to the Administrator asking if we might ring after this service, and a favourable reply was received.

On Wednesday we visited Joan Gray to admire the new house which she and Philip will soon be inhabiting at Montmorency, and were surprised to learn that these stalwarts have done much of the work themselves. Plumbing and carpentering do not seem to have prevented Phil and Joan from doing much fine work at St. Paul's, Melbourne, and we are much indebted to them for the arrangements which they made on our behalf during the first week of the tour. Wednesday concluded with practice at St. Paul's, preceded by handbell ringing.

During the course of the evening all four members of the band rang their first course of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells, while Tom and John scored their first Double Norwich.

THREE DAYS AT BALLARAT

On Thursday we left by train for Ballarat, some 70 miles west. Graeme Heyes, of St. Peter's Society, kindly met us at the railway station and escorted us to our hotel. There is a very young band at this tower— the majority of them still in their 'teens— and they have plenty of enthusiasm. We were very pleased to see four girls among them, all of whom are making good progress. We had two handbell evenings while in Ballarat, at the home of Graeme Heyes and Warne Wilson respectively. During our stay here we acquired a 'private chauffeur' in the person of Alex Herman, who drives a taxi, and who somehow always managed to be on the spot when we had a journey to make. Many thanks, Alex!

On Friday we rang a quarter peal of Bob Minor at St. Peter's as a birthday compliment to John Cummins. Jack certainly got away with a much quieter day than most ringers who celebrate their birthdays while on tour. This was the first quarter of Bob Minor for the two Graemes—Heyes and Waldron.

On Saturday St. Paul's Society arrived en bloc in a coach from Melbourne, and with our combined strength we had a most enjoyable ring on the bells of the City Hall. This is a fine octave by Mears (tenor 23 cwt.) and the 'go' of them is a real tribute to the care of Mr. Percy Gullock. Our stay in Ballarat coincided with the first Begonia Festival, and during the afternoon we had a 'grand stand view' from the top of the tower when one of the old Cobb and Co.'s coaches arrived—a link with the past which was a highlight of this Festival. As for the begonias themselves, we saw plenty of these delicate-hued beauties in the parks throughout Ballarat.

Sunday was our last day in Ballarat and we rounded off our visit by ringing at the Town Hall from ten until eleven o'clock in the morning. Barbara Beeson and Gwen Skinner, from Melbourne, had stayed overnight and with their assistance was accomplished a couple of touches of Bob Triples ('who said blackfellow's method'?). Back to Melbourne by bus after lunch, in company with Graeme Heyes and Ken Minchinson, of St. Paul's, Bendigo, who were spending the Monday holiday in Melbourne.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

On Monday we sacrificed breakfast in order to get up to St. Patrick's in sufficient time to do some maintenance on the bells—it turned out to be very necessary. This is, I think, the only anti-clockwise ring in Australia and the ropes have enormous sallies. The hanging of the bells would make a good steeplekeeper weep; pieces have been cut out of the frame to allow for the flight of the clapper in a couple of instances—and in one case actually to make room for the sound-bow of the bell as she swings. In spite of the application of grease and some minor adjustments by Tom, Chook and Graeme, it was impossible in the short time available to make the seventh really ringable. Some rounds on the eight were attempted but she proved such a handful that the two tenors were lowered and the front six rung to some pleasing rounds and call-changes.

HOBART'S BEAUTIFUL BELLS

This was our last ring in Melbourne and in the afternoon, now accompanied by Valerie, we flew over to Hobart. None of the four Sydney people had been airborne before and it would be appreciated if no questions were asked about airsickness. However, only one member of the band really disgraced herself, and even she was sufficiently recovered to appreciate ringing at St. David's Cathedral in the evening. To say that we were delighted with this modern ring of eight is putting it mildly. They were installed by Taylor and Co. in 1936 and their tone and 'go' is above reproach. We met the young members of St. David's band, who are under the captaincy of John Biggs, and also Mr. Wilson and Mr. Smith, from Holy Trinity. Although the treble was without a stay, she was raised and rung to Grandsire Triples and we tried some Kent and St. Clement's on the back six. What fun to attempt a peal on such a gem of a ring! Even those who had benefited least from the peal of Caters were enthusiastic when John offered us the bells on Saturday afternoon for a quarter or a full peal, whichever we wished to try. The evening finished, as was usual on the tour, with handbells—Mr. Smith ringing 5-6 very ably to Stedman Doubles.

On Tuesday evening we visited Holy Trinity, in whose tower hangs the oldest ring of bells still in existence in Australia—a light octave with a tenor of 9 cwt., by Mears and Stainbank. We had heard gruesome tales about the 'go' of these bells, but they turned out to be completely uniustified. We were able to give three of the local men their first opportunity of ringing Grandsire Triples, but once again rang mainly Minor on the back six.

The remainder of the week was not as strenuous as the preceding one had been and we devoted three days entirely to sight-seeing in this delightful island. We all fell in love with Tasmania at first sight and are resolved to make a return visit when time and circumstances permit.

PEAL SCORED AT HOBART

We had decided that the chance to attempt the first peal on St. David's Cathedral bells was too good to miss. In order to ring Triples we should have required the assistance of three local ringers, and as Triples ringers in Hobart are few and far between it was decided to stick to Minor. At first our ambitious conductor visualised a peal in seven methods, and we put in some pretty intensive practice on Val's handbells with this end in mind. However, it was obvious that we should be hard put to it to master five comparatively new methods and ring them with the degree of confidence required for a peal. In view of the fact that it might be many a long day before

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Restoration Plans for St. Alphege's, Greenwich

THE Spring meeting of Lewisham District, held at Farningham, was a happy occasion for the 55 ringers and friends from 14 towers who attended. Ringing, service, tea and business meeting were all enjoyed thoroughly, pleasure being modified only by the necessity to bid au revoir to one of their staunchest members.

Mr. E. Jones (Lewisham) supervised the ringing. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Maxwell Young, who warmly welcomed the ringers to Farningham in the prelude to his interesting address. The lesson was read by Mr. J. D. S. Bramer, Vicar's warden, and the singing of hymns and psalm was led by Mr. F. Keene at the organ.

Tea and business meeting were held at the Lion Hotel, the Vicar presiding at both functions. In introducing the business session, he sketched in the historical associations of the village and hoped that the visitors' interest would not be wholly restricted to its belfry.

Two ringers were elected practising members of the Association.

Mr. A. S. Richards presented a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Canterbury on Easter Monday. This report was adopted, with thanks to Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters for its preparation.

Shoreham and Downe were nominated as place for the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 25th. Shoreham was chosen by a substantial majority.

Mr. J. Dafters gave members an account of interviews he had had with the Vicar and officials of St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, where a comprehensive scheme of restoration was contemplated. Much required to be done to this historic church that was beyond the scope of War Damage repairs, so just what would finally be done about the bells would depend to some extent on funds available, but the authorities were keenly interested and eager to restore ringing there. Members thanked Mr. Dafters for his work in this connection.

GOOD WISHES TO MR. CORBY

Mr. Dafters also informed the meeting that the Lewisham District was to lose, at least for a time, the services of Mr. P. A. Corby. Mr. Corby's activities, he felt, had directly benefited every member and every tower in the district. He was pre-eminently a peal ringer and gifted composer, but even more he shone as a regular and conscientious Sunday service ringer. For a long time he had been of great assistance as a member of St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers, and latterly had been very successful in organising and training a band at a neighbouring tower. He (Mr. Dafters) moved that an expression of their appreciation be entered in the minute book. This was seconded by Mr. A. S. Richards, who endorsed all that had been said, and added that it was to be hoped that Mr. Corby's advancement in his professional career would in due course bring him back to the Lewisham District (cheers).

Mr. Corby suitably replied and thanked members for their good wishes. He had enjoyed his experiences as a member of the Association, which he had joined at the April meeting at Farningham 18 years ago. If this was indeed to be his last meeting as a resident member, perhaps it was fitting that it was where and when it was.

Cordial thanks to the Vicar, churchwarden, organist and the local ringers were acknowledged by the chairman and the meeting closed.

Further ringing followed, including the use of handbells over 150 years old!

A FORTNIGHT'S RINGING IN AUSTRALIA—Cont.

we could attempt another peal in Hobart, it was decided to limit the methods to two extents each of Kent and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Our treble man was to be David Kirby, of St. David's band. Fortune must have looked on us very favourably during our tour, for in this instance also we were successful—scoring a good peal in 2 hours and 58 minutes. Much credit is due to our treble ringer, who, before attempting the peal, had rung no Minor of any sort at all. Our day concluded with more handbell ringing at the home of Mr. Smith, to whose kindness we owe a great deal during our delightful stay in Hobart.

The next day, Sunday, March 15th, was, unfortunately, the last day of our holiday. Our aircraft left Cambridge Airport too early for us to join in any morning service ringing. At eleven o'clock we were 'looking our last' on the green and beautiful country of Tasmania and calculating just how soon we could afford to come back again. We left Joan behind to spend a further month's 'working holiday' in Hobart, during which time she may be able to help our new ringing friends there.

And so ended a wonderful ringing holiday, in the course of which we were able to renew acquaintance with many old friends and also forge new links with a ringing centre which is seldom visited by touring bands. Our thanks are due to all who helped to make our holiday the happy experience that it was.

Methods rung during the tour included the following:—Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters; Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus; Kent and Oxford Minor and Major; St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Reverse Bob and Double Bob Minor; Court Bob Triples and Double Norwich Major.

J. E. H.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Cycle Tour for Coronation Ringing

The Northern District held its first summer meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 at Weston with a 120 of All Saints' Doubles on this mixed ring of five (tenor 10 cwt. 3 lb.). The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Howells), with Mr. J. H. Tucker at the organ. Mr. B. Clements, of Weston, read the lesson.

The Vicar welcomed the Association to Weston, but apologised for having only five bells. He hoped the afternoon's ringing would make the village realise that another bell would make a vast difference to all concerned with the bells. An ample tea was provided by the Weston ringers and their wives and friends for a company of 39.

The Vicar was elected to the chair for the business meeting. Coronation ringing was discussed and it was hoped that there would be a cycle tour around some of the villages on Wednesday, June 3rd. Six new members were elected—the Vicar and Mrs. M. E. Marks, of Knebworth, as associate members, and Messrs. B. and T. Clements, J. Sandford, of Weston, and K. C. Timbury, of Hitchin, ringing members. The next meeting will be at Knebworth on Saturday, May 23rd, and the special method will be Hereward Bob Major. After tea further ringing continued until 9 o'clock at Graveley.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Borley 1, A. E. Barker 2, A. Armstrong 3, W. Benton 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. J. Borley (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal in three methods by all the band.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. J. Fleetwood 1, J. Armstrong (cond.) 2, D. M. Salisbury 3, D. W. Beard 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Wright 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fourteen Bells Suggested for Cathedral

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Stratford-on-Avon on April 18th. There was a good attendance of members and friends, with visitors from Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire and Staffordshire. The ten bells of Holy Trinity Church were made good use of during the afternoon until tea at 4.15 in Trinity Hall.

The Vicar of Stratford (Canon Noel Prentice) welcomed the company and took tea with them. The president of the Guild, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, also arrived in time for tea and to preside over the business meeting.

In her report the hon. general secretary (Mrs. Beamish) reviewed the year 1952 when the decision was made to dispense with printed reports and issue a Guild handbook. The then Mayor of Coventry, Councillor Harry Weston, presented the Guild with a beautifully bound peal book in which had been inscribed all the Guild peals since 1950, being the painstaking work of Mr. C. H. Webb, of the Allesley (Coventry) band. The Guild Committee had been active during the year in making representations to the Coventry Cathedral Reconstruction Committee with a view to getting the 14 bells of the Cathedral hung for ringing.

Fully paid up members numbered 219, made up of 14 honorary life members, 11 honorary members and 194 resident members: 38 resident and 8 non-resident members were elected during the year.

Twenty tower bell and five handbell peals were rung, one of the handbell peals being a first for the Guild, namely, Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major. Three rang their first peal and 27 their first in the method. There were 15 conductors.

HEAVY EXPENDITURE

The balance sheet showed a balance of £7 9s. 5d., low on account of heavy expenditure on the publication of the handbook and the purchase of a further supply of badges. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £22 2s., having been augmented by the sum of £4 following a collection at the annual meeting. No calls had been made on it during the year.

The Guild lost an enthusiastic worker by the death in January of Mr. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington.

The district secretaries reported good attendances at meetings with an influx of new members from the Southern District.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, re-elected: vice-presidents, re-elected with the addition of Canon Noel Prentice (Vicar of Stratford) and the Right Rev. Newnham-Davis (Assistant Bishop of Coventry): Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens, re-elected: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, re-elected: hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin.

Following a proposal, which was carried, to divide the diocese into two areas, northern and southern, the election of the northern district secretary resulted in Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward being appointed, with Mr. R. J. Edden being re-elected for the southern district.

New members elected were: Miss G. Styles and Miss M. Stokes (Nuneaton), G. Brown (Stratford), D. Harrison (Hatton) and H. Niblett and J. Keyte, non-resident.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers, and members hastened to church to take part in evensong. The Canon spoke of the important part played by ringers in the service of the Church, the bells having a wider appeal than the clergyman. 'Stick to your tasks Sunday by Sunday without thought of reward,' was the keynote of the Vicar's remarks.

Ringing was resumed following the service until 8 p.m.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE MARTIN

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, and more particularly the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, has lost one of its oldest members in the passing of Mr. George Martin at Maidenhead St. Mark's Hospital on May 5th in his 76th year, six months after undergoing an operation. During the last few months he had endured much pain with great patience and fortitude.

George was born in Maidenhead in 1877. He learned to ring at All Saints', Boyne Hill, where for more than 60 years he was a most loyal ringer. He set a very high example by his regular and punctual attendance for Sunday service ringing and weekly practices. He was a bricklayer by trade, an excellent tradesman, and served in the Royal Engineers during the first World War.

Everyone who knew George, and there were not many ringers in his area who did not know him, loved and respected him. He was always ready with help and advice to learners. He was well known as a most reliable ringer, a perfect striker and a brilliant conductor. It was mainly due to his ability as an instructor that the Boyne Hill band reached such a high standard in the period 1905–1935.

George was well known for his fearlessness in speaking out for what was right and fair; he spoke his mind without fear or favour and he was held in very high esteem by all who were privileged to know and ring with him.

George Martin rang and conducted his first peal, Grandsire, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, in 1895. He rang 621 peals for 27 different Associations, 449 for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for 60 years; he conducted 254 and took part in four non-conducted peals. He went on many tours arranged by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, who in his diary affectionately refers to him as George III. In 1934 he went to Australia and New Zealand on the 'Great Adventure.' On that tour he rang in eight peals, conducting four of them.

It was most fitting that the last time he rang was in the opening touch of Stedman at the dedication of Hughenden bells for he had such happy associations with that tower where he rang 87 of his peals.

We wish to record, as encouragement to beginners, that Mr. George Martin scored his first peal at the 50th attempt.

THE FUNERAL

On Sunday evening, after Evensong, his body was received into the church to which he had given so many years of devoted service, to rest the night.

The funeral service, which was attended by the family mourners and a large number of ringers, was held in All Saints' on May 11th, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Perkins; it was fully choral. The 150th Psalm and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' was sung.

Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Stedman by visitors and members of the local band.

The Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (chairman of the Branch) officiated at the interment at Maidenhead Cemetery, which is within hearing of his beloved bells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by A. D. Barker 1-2, F. Goodfellow 3-4, W. Welling 5-6, H. Wingrove 7-8.

Among the many ringers present were Messrs. R. Biggs (Branch Ringing Master), A. D. Barker (treasurer of the Oxford Guild and Branch secretary), F. Goodfellow (Middlesex Association), J. Hawkins (Holborn), W. Lee (Wendover), A. Cross and W. Welling (Old Windsor), N. W. Wolstencroft (Stoke Poges), T. J. Fowler (Cookham), J. H. R. Freeborn (Amersham), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield), L. Stilwell (Horsham), R. Atkins, F. O. Nichols and D. Poole (Marlow), F. Hayes and P. Evans (High Wycombe), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), T. Cox (Hughenden), F. Russel, Mrs. Rolls, Mr. Norsworthy (Bray), Mr. Sinkins (Slough), Mr. R. Reid (Windsor) and many members of the local band.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from Fellow members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the Marlow Ringers: Brother Ringers at All Saints', Boyne Hill; Beaconsfield Ringers and Hughenden Ringers.

In the evening at attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman unfortunately came to grief after 1¼ hours' beautiful ringing.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Martin's peals are as follows:—

Minor.—Two methods 2 (conducted 1), three methods 3 (2), four methods 3 (3), seven methods 7, Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 18 (7), Grandsire on handbells 2 (2), Stedman 52 (20), and one non-conducted Oxford Bob Triples 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 24 (12), Plain Bob on handbells 4, Double Norwich 111 (60), Kent Treble Bob 20 (11), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1; Superlative Surprise 82 (42), two non-conducted Cambridge Surprise 117 (42), New Cambridge Surprise 6 (4), London Surprise 55 (36), Bristol Surprise 17 (7), Yorkshire Surprise 24 (5), 1 non-conducted, Lincolnshire Surprise 4 (1), Rutland Surprise 2 (1), Norfolk Surprise 5 (1), Beaconsfield Surprise 2, Ashtead Surprise 1, Hughenden Surprise 1, Cranborne Surprise 1, Cassiobury Surprise 1, Painswick Surprise 1, Pudsey Surprise 1, Newcastle Surprise 1, Spliced Surprise 3, St. Clement's 1, Brighton Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 8.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich 2, Cambridge 7, Kent Treble Bob 5.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 6.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 5.

E. E. G.

MR. ARTHUR STURMAN

By the passing of Mr. Arthur Sturman, at the age of 81, the Bunwell company of ringers has lost its oldest member.

Mr. Sturman had been a ringer at Bunwell for about 60 years and a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for over 50 years. From 1932-1946 he was Ringing Master at Bunwell and though living almost three miles from the church was most regular in attendance.

Besides being a ringer, he was for a period churchwarden and served for many years on the Church Council and as sidesman, and we at Bunwell feel we have lost an old and valued friend.

Ringers and choristers attended the funeral service and in the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells by members of the Bunwell company.

C. F. W. P.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, G. E. Retter (cond.) 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, W. Reeks 7, A. Tapley 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of A. E. Allen, former captain of the local band.

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BIRTH

CROFT.—On Wednesday, May 13th, 1953, at Southampton, to Kenneth and Madeline Croft, a second son. 2633

MARRIAGE

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SILVER WEDDING

COOK—CLARKE.—On May 28th, 1928, at All Saints' Parish Church, Asfordby, Leicestershire, by the Rev. W. R. Finch, J. Harry to Doris V., 18, New Street, Asfordby. 2638

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EDINBURGH.—From May till September there will be joint practices at St. Mary's on the second Thursday and at St. Cuthbert's on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and these will be the only practices for these towers during these weeks. In the other weeks each tower will have its own practice. 2632

A DAY'S TOUR IN NORFOLK.—Saturday, June 13th. A few seats vacant. Ringing in six towers. For full details write to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2640

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. — Special evening ring open to all Peterborough Guild members and friends. Saturday, May 30th, 6.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please make this a successful venture. 2637

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 27th. Maximum cost, including dinner and tea, 25s. Deposit of 10s. 6d. will secure seat. Beginners and friends welcomed.—Write A. F. Udall, The Archway, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 2616

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ashbourne (8), May 23rd at 3 p.m. 2603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Sat., May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2590

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hereward Bob Major.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2589

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6), Whit Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2560

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cobham (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. 2615

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY.—Bournemouth, May 23rd. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 2.30 p.m.-5 p.m.; St. John's (Surrey Road) 2.30 p.m.- 5 p.m. 2636

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 2558

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's Church, Goldington Bedford. Restored and augmented ring of six. Dedication, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m., by Archdeacon of Bedford. All ringers welcome. 2631

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral; preacher the Venerable E. N. Gowing, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). — Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The bells of All Saints', Writtle, will not be available for ringing on Whit Monday following the annual meeting.—Robert C. Heazel. 2642

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Exeter, Whit Monday. Service, St. Thomas's, 12 noon. Luncheon, Buller Hall, 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Thomas's 10–11.45 a.m. and after meeting; Cathedral 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Heavitree 10.30-11.30 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; St. Mark's 3.30-5 p.m. For particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Hersham (8), Whit Monday. Practice meeting 6.30-9 p.m. Everybody welcome. 2630

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—Re-opening of the five bells, Saturday, May 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. J. L. Head, Vicar of St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea. Tea provided.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2634

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey (8) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road. 2628

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Dyrham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Doynton (5) during evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2626

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.; Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. Names for tea, by May 27th, to Miss A. M. Bailey, 1, Pleasant Road, Bishop's Stortford. 2601

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, May 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2623

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, May 30th, Batley Parish Church. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 2624

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, May 30th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2645

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon, May 30th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. J. Chester, Helmdon, near Brackley.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2606

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edith-Weston (new 6), May 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 26th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton. 2597

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, May 30th, Barford St. Martin (6), 2.30-4.45. Tea, King's Elm, Compton Chamberlayne, 5.10. Bells: Compton (6) and Fovant (5) afterwards. Please send names for tea, by 26th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2604

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th (**note advanced date**), Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), 2.30-3.45. Mansfield (8) from 5 p.m., preceded by business meeting at 4.30 in ringing room. Frequent buses Sutton to Mansfield. Own arrangements for tea. 2618

STANTON LACY, LUDLOW.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Hereford of the rehung bells (6) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Buses from Market Hall, Ludlow. For teas notify, by May 26th, Rev. A. G. Durston, The Vicarage. 2627

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASFORDBY. — Rededication of tower and bells after restoration, Sunday, May 31st, 6.30 p.m. Also open for ringers Saturday, June 6th. Tea for all who send names by 4th to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street. 2639

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH. — Corporate Communion, May 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by May 28th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2612

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, Saturday, June 6th. Details later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2641

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea arrangements are very difficult and tea will be provided **only** for those who send their names and 2s. 6d. each, not later than June 2nd, to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2613

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Kindly notify for tea by June 1st. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2635

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. Names, by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2629

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Royston, near Barnsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Entrance fee 10s. per band. All entries must reach me not later than June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. D. M. Hall, 25, Midland Road, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2643

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Northampton Branch.—Walgrave, June 20th. Note change of date.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 2622

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Meeting on list scheduled for July 11th should read July 4th. Venue has been changed. Will be announced in good time.—F. V. G. 2644

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 3rd, at St. John-the-Baptist: 1,323 Stedman Cinques: D. Cooper 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, S. Dearden 4, W. Rawlings 5, E. Razzell 6, R. Abbott 7, R. Davies 8, W. F. Oatway 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, F. E. Mitchell 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques by 3, 5 and 7.

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JUNE 2nd, 1953

THERE are certain dates that are fixed in the calendar of human memory. One of these will be June 2nd, 1953, when in Westminster Abbey Queen Elizabeth II. will be crowned. If God pleases, it will be the last Coronation to take place this century in this Empire. It is a solemn and yet joyful occasion. On her 21st birthday Queen Elizabeth, speaking from South Africa, dedicated her life to her people. Few thought when they heard those courageous sentences broadcast over the radio network that within so short a span Her Royal Highness would be called upon to assume the responsibilities of kingship and leadership of peoples in the five continents of the world.

Most of us have read the Coronation ceremony and are conscious of its deep spiritual significance. In no sense can it be regarded as mere pageantry. It embodies all that is highest in our religious life; a solemn act acknowledging above everything else firstly the supremacy of God and then the setting apart from all her people of the Queen that with God's help she will give that leadership and be divinely endowed with the wisdom necessary in the great duties entrusted to her. No wonder that in many churches of the land Coronation Day is preceded by an all-night vigil.

But it is also an occasion, and rightly so, of rejoicing. After the crowning the people should make merry. The sentiments of the nation cannot be better expressed than by the church bells of our land. It is indeed the day of days and we feel certain that the ringers of this Empire will, as Canon C. Carew Cox, the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, told the ringers assembled at Calne for the Guild's Festival, have their best possible bands on duty and give of their best. He also expressed a wish that before ringing commenced a short prayer should be said for the Queen.

Television and radio have brought the Coronation ceremony from the heart of Westminster to the homes of the people. It is likely that the first bells to be heard on Coronation Day at Westminster will be two that were cast when the first Elizabeth was Queen. For five minutes, commencing at 9.15 a.m., the Dean has requested that these bells, cast in 1583 and 1598, should be rung. They are not musical bells; but in their antiquity and their royal association they tell their own message — spanning some four centuries between the two Elizabeths who have governed this land.

As the Queen arrives at the Abbey the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, one of the most familiar rings heard on gramophone records, will sound out. The signal the nation and the world are expecting will be when the bells of Westminster Abbey are fired as the Queen is crowned. The ringers in the Abbey, who are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, will be W. H. Pasmore, H. Belcher, J. F. Smallwood, J. E. Phillips, C. J. Watts, A. B. Peck, J. H. Crampion, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) and J. A. Waugh (reserve). The bells will be rung as the Queen leaves the Abbey, and after preliminary rounds a peal of Stedman Triples (Pitstow's variation) will be attempted.

It is likely that those listening-in will also hear the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have arranged to ring at various times during the day especially when the procession is passing after the crowning of Her Majesty and when it returns to Buckingham Palace after touring the West End. Hopes were entertained by the Cumberlands of attempting a peal on Coronation Day, but as this would overlap either the crowning ceremony or the special service at St. Martin's, the attempt has been postponed until the following Saturday. During the day there will also be ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral under the direction of Mr. Herbert Langdon.

We in the provinces wish our London ringers of the Ancient Society of College and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths every success. They will be ringing to the world, while we in our towns and villages will be ringing to our individual localities. We feel certain that wherever we ring it will be our best and a fitting act of loyalty to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Comprising 576 each of York, Pudsey, Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, Wigston and Yorkshire, and 1,152 of Belgrave, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

*TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
†JOHN R. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 150th peal. † 50th peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	*GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
HARRY D. LISTER	2	HERBERT G. JILLINGS	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	DOUGLAS COLLINS	8
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
*DONALD ANDREWS	5	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD	2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	6
MARY MATTHEWS	3	CLEMENT W. JOSE	7
*HERBERT W. PERKINS	4	DOUGLAS BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.
Rung to mark the visit of the Princess Royal to West Cornwall, and also the 24th anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	FREDERICK NURDEN	5
*JESSIE NEWBURY	2	PETER BAKER	6
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
LESLIE ASTON	4	WILFRED FOLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, captain of the local band.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

GLENNIS BODYCOTE	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	JOHN J. MORRIS	6
ERNEST JELLEY	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Miss Glennis Bodycote.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Specially arranged for Terence A. Thornber, on leave from H.M. Forces in Germany.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR NEWTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH YOUNG	5
WALTER LEE	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	6
PERCY NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
ERNEST E. GOSLING	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Martin.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
*AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	*FREDERICK J. SPICER	6
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	7
WALTER AYRE	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Olive M. Martin (Berkhamsted) and Bertram C. Johnson (St. Peter's, St. Albans), which took place previous to the peal.
A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 7th and Mrs. Hughes.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. E. Bankes James' Eighteen-part. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

SIDNEY H. BARRON	*Treble*	JOHN PEARSON	5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	6
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	3	ALBERT W. BOND	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	*CLIFFORD AARON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins on completing 40 years of peal ringing.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
FRED EVANS	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
The composition, C.C.C. No. 31, contains singles in 3rd and 6th parts only.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	RICHARD G. BELL	6
*D. KAY ADKINS	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN	*Treble*	WALTER H. SMITH	5
HENRY T. WILSON	2	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	6
JOHN H. SITCH	3	PERCY GREEN	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	JAMES METCALFE	5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK T. POSTLETHWAITE	6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
Rung as an expression of goodwill between the Furness and Lancaster Branches.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
PETER N. BOND	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
A birthday compliment to William Rogers, of Rotherfield.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	MARK J. BARKER	5
EDWARD F. GOBEY	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	PHILIP WHITAKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
The method has now been rung for the first time to a true peal.
Rung to commemorate the Ascension.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*ERIC A. DENCH	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt.

*A. TREVOR SUTTON	*Treble*	†DUDLEY SURMAN	5
†ROY TAYLOR	2	*ROBERT DOWDESWELL	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	CHARLES ROUSE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	‡PETER WARREN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Frank Pendry, on his 66th birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	MRS. H. W. MOORE	4
MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
JUNE S. STARLING	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM RAMSBOTHAM	*Treble*	KENNETH HARTLEY	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
BRIAN SMITH	3	GORDON WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH HARTLEY.
* First peal.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	CHARLES J. CAMM	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
Specially rung as a compliment to William Ranford on his 84th birthday.
All the band, except T. W. Lewis, have rung more than 500 peals, and he has rung over 400.

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POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BARNES	4
DONALD C. ANDREWS	2	ROY DUESBURY	5
FELIX H. ERITH	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

H. PERCY SPARKS	*Treble*	JAMES F. HATCHLEY	3
LLOYD MCCREADIE	2	WALTER J. TILEY	4
HENRY J. SANGER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. PERCY SPARKS.

In memoriam John Norris, who was born in this parish, and died in 1952 at the age of 86, having been a ringer for well over 60 years.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two extents of Stedman, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 24 of Grandsire (10 variations of calling), and one 240, Morris's arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*ANN COX	*Treble*	††REX J. CORKE	3
†ROLAND W. MORANT	2	††E. JOHN WELLS	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 325th peal (conducted 176).

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 12 extents of April Day, 16 of Bob Doubles and 14 of Grandsire. Rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON	*Treble*	*STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE	4
*JOHN R. AUSTIN	2	HARRY BLACKBURN	5
*ERIC ROUGHLEY	3	†FRANK SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BLACKBURN.

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

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

CROUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

DONALD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	3
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal on the bells.

HEMSWORTH, NEAR PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford; (2) Wragby and St. Albans; (3) Charlwood and Neasden; (4) College Exercise and Norbury; (5) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk; (6) London Scholars and Kingston; (7) Capel, Oxford and Sandal. Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	DANIEL SMITH	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMANN RUSBY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in 17 methods by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: 1, Beverley and Surfleet; 2, York and Durham; 3, Ipswich and Cambridge; 4, Bourne and Netherseale; 5, Allandale and Westminster; 6, Hull; 7, Norwich. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
BERTIE BEE	2	PETER MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First Surprise in 12 methods by all the band except the tenor.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK DAY	*Treble*	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
*FREDERICK HUNT	3	*RICHARD CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*MARGOT R. THOMSON	*Treble*	†JOHN R. O. SPICER	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	‡JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal for Ely Diocesan Association, and has also 'circled' this tower.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Gifford, captain of ringers, Cottenham, Cambs.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

GEORGE T. BUNNING	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	4
SIDNEY MARSHALL	2	BERT GOGLE	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 1,680 Winchendon, 840 St. Nicholas, 840 Reverse Canterbury, 840 St. Simon, and 840 Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

A. Walpole .. .. ..*Treble* | G. Walpole 3
*J. Forder .. .. .. 2 | *D. Long 4
E. Long .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Long.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son and heir to Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., May 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At 10, Stockmore Street,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

R. James Cook .. .. 1—2 | *Robin G. Turner .. .. 5—6
Peter Border .. .. .. 3—4 | Peter C. Wright .. .. 7—8

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

* First peal in the method. The first handbell peal in the method by all the band.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 21 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court: 346 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray .. .. .. 1—2 | Jack Bray .. .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3—4 | Philip Barnes .. .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 21 in D.

Margaret E. L. Beamish 1—2 | Alfred Ballard .. .. 7— 8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 3—4 | Harold J. Poole .. .. 9—10
Peter J. Staniforth .. 5—6 | Terence A. Thornber .. 11—12

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's.

Harold G. Cashmore .. 1—2 | Ernest C. S. Turner .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | Fredk. W. Brinklow .. 7—8

Non-conducted and silent.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At 68, Newfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in A.

H. Ernest Sibley .. .. 1—2 | Albert Walker .. .. 5—6
Margaret E. L. Beamish 3—4 | Frank E. Pervin .. .. 7—8
Hubert E. Ashley .. 9—10

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.



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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mepham 2, Mary W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Stone 1, D. A. Carpenter 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 4, R. Winter 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. G. Stote 8. First quarter in the method by the Sunday service band.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 6th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hills 1, J. Cummins 2, G. Heyes 3, E. J. Fowell 4, G. Waldron 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to John Cummins.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: J. Kirkup 1, H. Gorton 2, J. Bolton 3, A. Moss 4, R. Eastham (cond.) 5, Ihla Molyneaux 6, R. Hartley 7, J. Hartley 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. Harold Gorton on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being extents of Kent and Oxford): Miss D. Good 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. S. Wybrew 4, A. Fever 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Linda Rose, niece of the conductor.

BRISTOL.—On May 14th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, F. J. Sampson 2, J. F. Pedler 3, V. J. Williams 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, F. Skidmore 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, G. Nichols 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Chant 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, H. Pitman (first 'inside') 3, D. W. C. Chant 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, F. Vacher 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,320 Oxford Minor: R. Swift 1, W. Broadhead 2, I. Crossland 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Machen.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Nobes 1, J. Nobes 2, G. J. Hearns 3, G. Gray 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6. A farewell to Mr. B. Wakefield, a ringer at the church for a number of years, who is leaving the district.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Mussell 1, Jean M. Harris (cond.) 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, P. J. Came 4, W. Glover 5, R. Groves 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, F. L. Harris 8, P. J. Eves 9, R. N. Marlow 10.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight 1, Miss J. Rose 2, D. J. Marshall 3, C. Kortright 4, M. J. Horseman 5, E. F. Shearn 6, L. Derrick (cond.) 7, H. Hardridge 8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and 900 Grandsire, including Morris' 240): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, J. Auger (first quarter) 6.

DEAL, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Rich 1, Miss J. Milner 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, Miss G. A. Rich 4, R. D. Reece 5, M. Milner 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Mr. Milner, and to the year-old engagement of his daughter Miss J. Milner.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Warner 1, F. W. Richardson 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, T. A. Easterby 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. H. Daynes 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

DORKING, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. T. Clark (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Dowling (first quarter) 2, Miss P. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, Miss E. Clear 4, B. Read 5, Miss M. Brown 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): L. W. Conduct 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, J. W. Conduct 3, J. Graves 4, G. Pemberton 5, W. T. Shelton 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 77th birthday, also his 63rd year as chimer and ringer at this church.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Witney 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8. First quarter on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylors, and rung for the evening (Ascension) service.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, C. W. King 2, T. Leask 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6 (rung on back 6 bells). Longest length of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the tower for some years.

GOUDHURST, Kent.—On May 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. E. Chittenden 1, Miss B. M. Vidler 2, M. J. Martin 3, C. A. Wratten 4, J. L. Morris 5, L. J. Honess 6, F. W. Tomlin 7, R. L. Sills (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, G. Mayes 2, J. Harland 3, G. Dear 4, Miss D. J. Hare 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. S. Pegg, late of Ditcheat, who was interred the same day.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 16th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, P. F. Dodd 2, O. G. Smart 3, G. K. Dodd 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, R. Evans 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Marshall 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, D. Smith 3, F. C. Mogford 4, G. Prescott 5, W. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Ascension Day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,280 Spliced Major (896 Plain Bob, 384 Kent Treble Bob, 17 changes of method): A. H. Worboys 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in method for all the band except the conductor.

HUNTINGDON.—On May 7th, at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. Warrington 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (first quarter as cond.) 6. Also at St. Mary's, on May 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss M. R. Thomson 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert 8.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mary Funnell 1, Ruth C. Russell 2, Evelyn M. Fletcher 3, E. W. Blake 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, A. M. Flynn 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Molly Flynn.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. F. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. A. Hughes 3, C. R. Smith 4, D. W. Beard 5, J. Groves 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

LONG SUTTON, HANTS.—On May 3rd, at the Lord Wandsworth College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. MacD. Warner 1–2, S. Wharten 3–4, C. P. W. Taylor (cond.) 5–6. First by all and first ever at the College.

LYDD, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Terry 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, Miss A. Boulden 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for Confirmation service.

MADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss June Patterson (first quarter) 1, T. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond) 3, L. Colcombe 4, J. Probert 5, M. Munn (first quarter) 6.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sanger 1, Lt. McCreadie 2, J. Hatchley 3, H. Sanger 4, P. Sparks (cond.) 5.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stone 1, D. G. Dobbie (cond.) 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, J. Judd 5, A. E. Blundy 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. Rung for eve of Ascension Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On May 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean Freer 1, Barbara Harris 2, J. Tomsett 3, G. Parsons 4, S. Howard 5, E. Blake 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging. A compliment to Miss M. Jean Freer, of Merton Park, and Maurice E. Calvert, of Northampton, upon their engagement.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 17th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Bates 1–2, D. W. Stone 3–4, G. Coussins (first of Doubles and first as cond.) 5–6. First in hand for all. Rung as birthday compliment to A. Cross, of the local band.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Prosser 1, T. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (first as cond.) 3, L. Colcombe 4, S. Bowyer 5, M. Walters 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

PLESHEY, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): I. J. M. Saunders 1, R. I. Gardiner 2, P. J. Came 3, P. J. Eves (cond.) 4, J. E. G. Roast 5.

READING, BERKS.—On May 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss N. E. Swann 1, R. F. Diserens 2, E. W. Colley (first in method) 3, A. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, P. W. Weeks (first of Surprise) 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Allgood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Pratt 3, W. J. Houghton 4, R. T. Newman 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6

SHAW, BERKS.—On May 19th, 1,440 Doubles (consisting of two 120's Stedman, four 120's Bob and six 120's Grandsire): R. Christopher 1, F. Tuffley 2, G. Townsend 3, Mrs. A. D. Cooper 4, R. Crook (cond.) 5, T. Goddard 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford, chairman of Newbury branch for 22 years.

SMITHFIELD, E.—At St. Bartholomew-the-Great, on May 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 360 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. H. Bates 1, M. W. Harbott 2, Mrs. J. Dodds (first of Doubles) 3, D. W. Stone 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. Clements 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, E. J. Wakeling 6.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On May 17th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. L. Barley 1, G. E. Foster 2, J. F. Milner (cond.) 3, F. W. Pickard 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. R. Fowkes 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, J. L. Smith 8.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, A. Barton (first quarter) 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung before dedication of new electric organ blower. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Barton 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Barnett, a former ringer and church worker.

STEPNEY, E.—On May 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Janet Bailey 4, T. G. Fox 5, L. J. Fox 6, S. H. Dearden 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, J. Chilcott 10.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Piper, jun., 1, S. H. Bailey 2, W. G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, A. A. Price (first as cond.) 5, G. Piper, sen., 6, S. G. Smith 7, C. Hankinson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and also for the return after a long serious illness of the Rector.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On May 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Burnett 1, Marion Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, G. Taysom 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, C. Jose 6, F. Bradley 7, A. Carveth 8, E. V. Williams 9, C. K. Brewer 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 6, 8 and 10.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole 1, G. Walford 2, Miss A. Yarde (first of Triples) 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. J. Gammon 5, G. Salter 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the Confirmation service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Roome 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, J. A. Townsend 3, G. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Ambs 5. Rung for a service of Confirmation.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Frensham Attracts Many Ringers

The meeting at Frensham (one of Surrey's beauty spots) of the Farnham district on May 16th attracted a company of 50, of whom over half were under 25 years of age.

Ringing in the afternoon was organised by Mr. John Wells, and in the evening by the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

Following a sumptuous tea, Mr. Denyer presided at the business meeting, when Miss M. Green (Farnham) and Mr. Dugall MacPherson (Aldershot) were elected members.

Mr. R. Whelpton thanked the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Allen) for officiating at the service, Miss R. A. Heath for volunteering as organist, the captain and local ringers, and Miss D. Aslett, Mrs. Stephens, Miss A. Buller and Miss Heath for serving an excellent tea.

Mr. E. J. Heath responded.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The spring meeting on May 9th was held at Mavesyn Ridware, a pleasant village situated just off the Lichfield–Abbots Bromley road. The ancient church of St. Nicholas, with its chapel wall embellished with a large collection of shields, must be a happy hunting ground for anyone interested in heraldry.

Considering that Mavesyn Ridware is not easy of access, the attendance of 54 was very satisfactory, and those present put the pleasing ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) to good use during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

A resident of a nearby cottage took an exceedingly dim view of the proceedings, claiming that a peal was rung on the bells every Saturday, such statement, of course, being a gross exaggeration.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. F. Need), who said, in the course of his address, that, as ringers rang their bells Sunday by Sunday, they had no idea how many people hearing the bells were reminded that spiritual matters still counted in these days of materialism. The organist, Mr. Masser, kindly played for the service. Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom at Hill Ridware. The annual meeting of the Society will be held at Lichfield on June 20th.

Mr. John A. Townsend, who is stationmaster at Armitage, close to Rugeley, Staffs, has been visiting old friends in Northampton. He rang many peals in the county and was a familiar figure at meetings. His name appears this week in our quarter peal columns under Weston Favell. The occasion was the first in 26 years that he and the tenor ringer had rung together.

PILTON, SOMERSET

The Pilton ringers, with ringing friends from several neighbouring towers and a few non-ringing friends, went for their annual ringing outing on May 16th.

Leaving Pilton at 8.15 a.m. in pouring rain, the first stop was Stalbridge, where ringing took place on the very nice six bells (tenor 17 cwt.). The journey continued, still in heavy rain, to Sturminster Newton to ring on another six (tenor 16 cwt.). Then the rain ceased and better weather was experienced to Wareham. Here the first item was lunch and then ringing on the first eight of the day (tenor 21 cwt.). Then on to Corfe Mullen and a pleasant light six (tenor 12 cwt.). On through Wimborne to Ringwood, and a very enjoyable tea, followed by ringing on Ringwood's eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.). After that on to the last tower of the day, which was Cranborne, another eight (tenor 17 cwt.).

Despite the weather, it was a very successful and enjoyable day, and this was largely due to the excellent arrangements made by the Deanery Ringing Master, Mr. Percy Hull, and the captain of the Pilton band, Mr. E. Lambert. Without a doubt the most beautiful church at which the party rang was Wareham.

All the bells were good, and probably opinions would differ as to which were best; one can but say that one ringer scored his only success of 'standing' at the right moment, at Corfe Mullen.

A grandfathers' peal was planned for May 16th at Great Baddow, Essex. Owing to a last minute withdrawal, Mr. Percy Green deputised on the 7th, leaving only seven ringers. The peal was in honour of Mr. George Green's 81st birthday, and he was in the band ringing the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major.

ODDFELLOWS' CONFERENCE AT FOLKESTONE

Brother Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, has received the following letter from Brother Marsh, A.M.C. secretary: 'I am sorry I have not written you before re bell ringing at the Folkestone A.M.C., but I handed a copy of the magazine, containing your note, to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, local secretary, and thought he would write you direct.

'I saw him on Tuesday, and he was under a misapprehension. However, he is quite willing to meet you and any other Odd Fellow ringers to ring for the service in the afternoon for your service, and if there are not sufficient of your members to make a band the locals will help you. Perhaps you will contact him.

'If, after ringing, you wish to attend the service, I will see that you have seats. It would be very nice if we could have the bells for the Odd Fellows' service. There is also a fine ring at Elham, near Canterbury, and Bro. Verney will help you if you wish.'—Bro. E. N. Marsh.

Special service at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth at 3 p.m. Ringers assemble at 2.20. Any visiting ringers will be welcome.

Has the London area lost another octave for all time? The Church of St. John, Wilton Road, close to Victoria S.R. Station, was badly bombed during the war, the tower alone remaining intact. This has now been demolished and the site has been cleared. The bells have disappeared! Can anyone enlighten us regarding their present whereabouts!

John Taylor & Co.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Will secretaries sending Notices for the issue of June 5th please note that the latest date to secure insertion in that issue is first post Monday, June 1st. This is to enable our printers to participate in the National Holiday on Coronation Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'The Ringing World' has gained notoriety. It appeared in last week's 'Punch' with a refreshing article headed 'Belfry Probe.' Of course, there was a disguise. 'The Split Eardrum' is the gracious title bestowed upon us by Alan Hackney. The issue of November 28th, 1952, provides the entertainment, and that well known phrase of Sir Arthur Heywood, 'Near upon half a century of apathy has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness,' a text for the writer.

Is a ring of bells a chattel under Part II. of the War Damage Act? Can any reader give us an official ruling?

May we give a special word of thanks to the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Towards 'The Ringing World' funds they have donated 21s. as a result of tea proceeds at their annual meeting at Blewbury on May 16th. The Church Council were the caterers.

The ringing room at Stisted has no windows, therefore artificial light is required for all ringing. During the third extent of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on May 8th someone switched off the lights. Fortunately they were switched on again almost at once, to the relief of the band.

Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, Long Sutton, has now 15 pupils studying change ringing. It started with a housemaster purchasing a set of handbells and a copy of the Central Council's book on handbell ringing being sent to a pupil, Cecil Taylor, son of the late Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Boyne Hill. The first quarter in hand has now been rung.

Ill luck has so far dogged Mr. R. G. Hooper, of Bristol, in his attempts to call a peal of Stedman Triples, the latest misfortune being at Bitton, Glos., on May 16th. After two hours of good ringing the peal was brought to an untimely halt by someone pulling a chiming hammer and stopping the treble bell in its path—much to the surprise of Miss Jacqueline S. Evans, who was ringing it.

By the time the door had been unlocked and the ringers had descended to interview the offenders (one ringer ascended to view the damage) the two boys responsible were running out of the churchyard, and although hotly pursued by two of the more athletic members of the band got clean away. Fortunately little damage was done, and the Vicar has promised to take steps to prevent the occurrence of a similar incident.

'The Ringing World' has been accepted for a trial period for a month in the Reading Room of the public library at Gravesend, through the initiative of Mr. F. A. Cluett.

Correction.—The peal at Houghton, Huntingdonshire, reported on page 310 of the issue of May 15th should read 'Conducted by Frank Warrington.'

The bells of St. Mary's, Monmouth (an eight by Abraham Rudhall, 1706), have been rehung on roller bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and are being rededicated by the Bishop of Monmouth on June 1st. Nearly all the cost (£670) has been collected. A peal will be attempted on July 1st, the anniversary of rehanging in a new frame by George Day in 1883. The first peal on the bells was conducted by Mr. Edwin Barnett on July 1st, 1886.

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SALISBURY GUILD FESTIVAL

Calne Visited for Coming-of-Age of Local Branch

The annual Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne, Wiltshire, on May 9th. The attendance numbered 180 members and their friends. The Mayor of Calne (Councillor C. R. Syms) welcomed the Guild on behalf of the borough, touching upon the history and industry of the town, which was known throughout the world.

The Master of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox) presided at the meeting and, in opening, thanked the Mayor for sparing time to join the members at their meeting.

Apologies were received from the Earl of Shaftesbury (president), Mr. G. Harding, Mr. A. Palmer, and the ringers of Upavon, who were 'ringing in" their new Vicar.

In his address, Canon Cox stated that progress was being made, and what was more important, was the feeling of comradeship between the towers and branches throughout the Diocese. Every tower with bells, he said, would be ringing for the Coronation, and he hoped the best possible bands would be on duty, and that all would give of their best. He expressed a wish that before ringing commenced a short prayer should be said for the Queen.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. C. West) presented his report and balance sheet. Ringing members numbered 1,050, hon. members 21, associates 20, life members 12. During the year 33 peals had been rung. He congratulated Mr. C. H. Lathey on his 21 years' service as hon. secretary of the West Dorset branch, and wished him good fortune in his retirement. He reported the balance in hand at the bank as £114 17s. 9d. and £28 in the deposit account, with £12 11s. worth of badges. This was regarded as satisfactory and adopted unanimously.

It was decided to publish a report for Coronation year, in addition to the biennial report due for the past two years.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Louis Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, who was elected a vice-president. Grants of £3 3s. each to St. Martin's, Salisbury, and Wimborne Minster; £5 5s. to Heddington towards the hanging of a treble to make another ring of six for the Calne branch.

The Festal service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon, assisted by the Rev. Richard Wood (curate), Canon Cox and Canon White (chairman of the Calne branch). The address was given by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire (the Ven. C. A. Plaxton), who is a ringer. The service was accompanied by Mr. Ralph S. Wylie at the organ.

The Town Hall, which was used for the meeting, made also an ideal setting for the tea, the Mayor and Mayoress being the guests of honour. The catering was excellent, and the flowers were provided by Mr. A. R. Saye, a member of the Calne band.

During the meeting the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the late secretary, handed to Mr. West the first minute book of the Guild, dated 1883.

It was also reported the meeting coincided with the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Calne branch.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the Festival, and members dispersed to their various ways from Wootton Bassett in the North to Lyme Regis and Bournemouth in the South.

INCIDENT AT EVERCREECH

J. D. arrives, and parks his car, and surprisingly, although he is fifteen minutes early, remains to chat.

A quarter of an hour later, he ascends tower, and starts to discuss script with H. J. S.

A rush of feet up the steps, 'Please, Mr. Sanger, there's a car on fire outside!' EXEUNT all, except J. D., who remains searching the script for spelling and grammatical errors.

After an interval, there is another rush of feet on the stairs.

OMNES: 'The fire's out.'

J. D.: 'Where was it?'

OMNES: 'Under the bonnet.'

J. D.: 'What did you do?'

OMNES: 'Pulled a lead away and threw a couple of buckets of water on it.'

J. D.: 'Is it out now?'

OMNES: 'Yes.'

J. D.: 'Whose car was it?'

OMNES: 'YOURS!'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District at Pudsey

A meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild took place at Pudsey, near Leeds, on May 9th, when members attended from Woodlesford, Armley, Collingham, Pudsey, Leeds and Sheffield.

The church can be seen from miles away as one travels up and down dale. The approach to the belfry is made up a magnificent staircase.

Early on this glorious afternoon the bells were set off into changes and touches of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative, Grandsire, Kent and Cambridge were brought round before tea.

One new member was elected at the business meeting. The next meeting was arranged for Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, August 1st.

The ladies expressed their thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and to the local company for their hospitality.

CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Ringing for the Coronation is expected to be on an unprecedented scale, and in accord with the warm affection with which our gracious Queen is held.

The correspondence in connection with this great signal of national rejoicing is expected to be heavy. To enable the Editor to cope expeditiously with the heavy mail, we ask those sending in peals or quarter peals to observe the following conditions:—

(1) Each peal and quarter peal to be written on one side of a sheet of paper with the name and address of the sender on the sheet.

(2) Follow precisely the style peals and quarter peals are appearing in our journal. If you have any doubts write your peal with a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you.

(3) Reduce footnotes to a minimum. Just first peals or first in the method. Coronation peals are rung for one purpose only. There can be no secondary occasion like somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary.

(4) Any special incident in connection with the ringing, like, for example, a veteran who rang for Edward VII. Coronation or an amusing incident, should be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the peal or quarter peal.

(5) The production of our Coronation numbers will be expensive and it will be necessary to enlarge 'The Ringing World' to 20 pages. Any voluntary donation to meet this added cost will be appreciated.

(6) Sets of Coronation peal or quarter peal cards printed in patriotic colours can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, price 5s. a set of 12 post free. Remittance should accompany the copy.

(7) Make certain that every first pealer has a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Send your order for additional copies when dispatching your peal or quarter. These mementoes will be treasured in years to come.

THE LATE MR. G. WILLIAMS' GIFT TO HIS GUILD

THE 'George Williams' Memorial Library and Bookcase were dedicated at St. Mary's, Southampton, on May 9th. This date was chosen because it was the Saturday nearest the anniversary of his birthday, on May 7th.

The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's, and was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. F. Hales, assisted by Rev. K. Felstead, who gave an inspiring address on the life and example of George Williams, the late Master of the Guild.

The second part of the service was held in the ringing chamber, where for the present the bookcase is housed by kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. The clergy, together with the Guild Executive, ascended the tower, where the memorial was dedicated by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. A return was made to the church for the blessing. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., an old friend of George Williams, accompanied the singing.

Tea was taken in the Chantry Hall, and was prepared and served by the lady ringers from St. Mary's, St. Michael's and North Stoncham.

About 70 were present from a wide area of the Guild, and included Mr. V. Scardifield, the nearest surviving relative of George Williams, and Mr. Frank Bennett, a very old ringing friend.

After tea the Master—Mr. G. Pullinger—said that all present would be sorry to hear that their popular secretary—Mr. F. W. Rogers—was unable to be present. An apology was also received from Mr. Newman. He thanked all who had in any way helped with the memorial scheme. He particularly mentioned Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. Linter, Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. Bailey from the Isle of Wight, who had supervised the building of the bookcase.

Tributes were paid to the memory of George Williams by Mr. Linter, Mr. York-Bramble, Mr. Frank Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Faithfull, Mr. Kippin and Mr. Reed. Mr. Scardifield also spoke and expressed the hope that the Guild would ring the first peal on the George Williams handbells, which he had presented to the Guild.

The considerable library of ringing books collected by the late George Williams was willed by him to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the memorial is the bookcase to house the books, with provision for further books that may come into possession of the Guild. It is made of oak with the words: 'George Williams Memorial Library, The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers' carved on the top panel. At each end are carved bells. The work was carried out by Messrs. Moorman, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and those present expressed their appreciation of the high standard of the work, and the hope that members would make use of the library to foster the art of change ringing which George Williams did so much to extend. The bookcase has been designed so that it may be moved as and when required.

During the afternoon and evening various methods up to London Royal were rung at St. Mary's.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING — CORONATION RINGING — SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS CAUSE CONCERN — 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

THE counter attractions of football and cricket did not prevent a good six score members and friends attending the Leicester Diocesan annual meeting at Leicester on May 2nd. The bells of St. Margaret (12), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Mary de Castro (8) were made good use of until service time.

The well attended service, held at St. George's, is becoming a regular feature of the Guild annual meeting. The robed choir was augmented by many ringers, and an inspiring address was given by the Provost of Leicester.

Following tea, the chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. J. Poole. He was supported by the Provost, Archdeacon Matthews, Canon Cray, Rev. J. R. Collins, Rev. R. J. Fielder and the general officers of the Guild, together with district chairmen and secretaries.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Poole said the annual meeting gave him an opportunity, on behalf of all the members, to express appreciation of the efficient and enthusiastic work done by the general and district officers. These officers themselves depended on the support they got from the members, and he (Mr. Poole) was glad to say this support was forthcoming.

CORONATION RESPONSIBILITIES

This year, that of the Coronation, gave all ringers the opportunity to show the public how enthusiastic they were, and the public were looking forward to hearing the bells. All ringers should do everything possible both in their own towers and in towers needing assistance in order that the public were not disappointed. He asked all district secretaries to organise their districts so that all possible bells were rung, and also to let the clergy and public see and hear the Guild was living up to its reputation.

Commenting on the coming retirement of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, Mr. Poole recalled the very great interest the Bishop had taken in the Guild. The Bishop had attended every annual meeting unless prevented by other duties, as, in fact, he was that day, taking a Confirmation service. The loss to the Guild would be very great, and it was to be hoped that the new Bishop would be as good a friend to the Guild.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild was on a sound footing, and the prospects for the future were bright. If all pulled together they could go on from strength to strength in the certain knowledge that we could not fail.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There being no matters arising, the next item was the auditors' report. Mr. Herrick Bowley reported the auditors were satisfied and that the balance sheet represented another good year.

45 GUINEAS VOTED FOR REPAIRS

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, then explained and commented on the various items in the balance sheet. He pointed out that, although a large number of new members were enrolled each year, the membership as a whole remained much the game, and ringing subscriptions did not increase! Grants from the Bell Repair Fund during the year amounted to 45 guineas, three towers having been assisted this year.

The adoption of the report, together with thanks to Mr. Rowley, was proposed by Mr. Tony Jesson and seconded by Mr. S. Harrison. It was formally adopted.

Mr. Shirley Burton, hon. peal secretary, reporting on the past year, said 206 peals had been rung, compared with 251 in 1951. There had been 34 different conductors, 24 had rung their first peal, three were conductors for the first time, 265 had rung their 'first peal in the method,' and 30 had conducted their 'first in the method.'

Personal milestones were as follows:—The President, Mr. H. J. Poole, was to be congratulated on ringing his 1,000th peal. Mr. A. Ballard had rung his 600th, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 300, Mr. E. R. Whitehead 250, Mr. Alan Cattell 200, Messrs. W. J. Root and H. Marcon 150, and Messrs. J. Bennett, J. Underwood and F. Watson 100.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

The following are outstanding performances: A peal in 16 Surprise Minor methods at Breedon —the first peal on the new bells. A peal of Beverley Surprise Minor was a first for the Guild. On eight bells was a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, the first for the Guild; a 7,008 of Bob Major was the longest in that method for the Guild. Metropolitan Surprise Royal was the first peal rung in this method. A Hinckley District band scored their first peal of Stedman Caters. On 12 bells were the first peals to be rung of Buckingham and Buckinghamshire Surprise Maximus. There had also been peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 7, 8 and 10 methods.

The Hon. General Secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, reported that, generally speaking, 1952 had been a year of continued progress. Three quarterly general meetings had been held at Melton Mowbray, Bottesford and Burbage. Attendance had been good, but the attendance at Bottesford could have been better.

All six districts had maintained their usual activities. Their monthly meetings—the number of which is a feature of the Guild—had been generally well attended. A number of joint meetings between adjoining Guilds and between Districts had been held to the mutual advantage of all. District outings, dinners and social occasions had been continued with success and some additions.

The Festival dinner, held in Leicester, was most successful. It was hoped to hold the Festival in Melton Mowbray next year. If, during the following year, it proved possible to hold the Festival in the Syston district, this function would then have been held in each of the districts.

During the year, frequent discussions resulted in the new Guild badge being made available. Supplies were in the hands of all district secretaries. The outlay for these badges was heavy and a ready sale was looked for.

HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Three old and valued members were made hon. life members during the year. They were Mr. W. Clarke, of St. John the Divine, Leicester; Mr. W. Wills, of Aylestone, and Mr. A. Mansfield, of Syston.

The Diocesan Evangelistic Council had invited the Guild to appoint a lay representative for service with that Council, and Mr. P. L. Taylor had been appointed.

The Guild Bell Repair Fund had, to date, made grants to 19 tower bell funds in the Diocese. These grants, together with amounts raised by local efforts and by collections at Guild services, amounted to over £200. This assistance had been greatly appreciated by those helped.

Fifty certificates of membership had been issued during the year, bringing the number issued to just over 600. Eight new towers had been added to the list of 112 towers in the Diocese in which the Guild had members.

New members enrolled in 1952 numbered 86 and, in addition, 30 new non-resident members were admitted. Resident members numbered 863 and, of these, an appreciable number had not yet paid their last year's subscriptions.

During the year, it was decided to make a peal booking fee of 6d. per person per peal. The new rule came into operation on January 1st, 1953.

ELECTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS

As all officers had been nominated for re-election and there being no other nominations, Archdeacon Matthews, in temporary occupation of the chair, formally declared all re-elected. The officers concerned were: President, Mr. H. J. Poole; vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. S. Burton; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood.

Mr. H. J. Poole, in expressing his appreciation of the Guild's confidence in him, hoped all would assist him in furthering the objects of the Guild. He was sure this would be forthcoming.

The election of 46 new resident members (including one rejoin) and three non-resident was ratified. The 46 new resident members came from 22 towers.

The place and date of the next quarterly general meeting was fixed at Market Harborough on July 18th.

Mr. E. C. Turner, commenting on recent decisions of the General Committee, told the meeting of the grant of 20 guineas toward the cost of the work on Asfordby bells and, referring to the retirement of the Archdeacon of Loughborough, expressed the hope that the new Archdeacon would also become a patron of the Guild.

PEALS IN 'THE RINGING WORLD'

During 'Other Business,' the question of the suggested charges to be made for publishing peals and quarter peals in 'The Ringing World' was discussed. Some asked if the effect would or might be that all peals might not be published in 'The Ringing World,' as some bands might not send in the report of their peal, consequently both Guild and Central Council reports would not be accurate records, as both Guilds and Council records were compiled from the pages of 'The Ringing World.' After much discussion it was finally decided that the Leicester Diocesan Guild delegates be advised to vote against the proposal to charge an insertion fee for peal reports in 'The Ringing World.' This was carried without any objections.

Among many visitors present and welcomed were Mr. Freebrey, of Derby, Mrs. and Miss Beamish, of the Coventry Guild, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, of the Kent County Association, and others from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Luton, Coventry and other places in Warwickshire.

The question of the fixed date for the annual general meeting was discussed at length. The present date, the first Saturday in May, clashed with the Cup Final and with the Australian cricket in Leicester, and it was generally felt that the date should be moved to a more convenient week. The majority present voted for a change of date, but to enable the change to be made next year Mr. K. Roe proposed that the rule relating to the date of the annual general meeting be suspended until a new date be fixed. This was agreed to, and the question will be brought up at the next February quarterly meeting.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Lord Bishop on his retirement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—The Rev. C. M. Armitage is rather unfair in blaming London ringers for any misunderstanding which may have arisen over St. Bride's. Had the information which appeared in the national press contained any reference to the bells, the position would have been clearer, but even one of the churchwardens of St. Bride's must have been in ignorance of his intentions when, some weeks before the announcement appeared, he referred only to the mechanical device in conversation with a ringer who, of course, expressed disapproval of the project.

Whilst it is gratifying to know that the bells are to be restored, the fundamental objections to the other scheme remain and I hope Mr. Armitage will have studied the comments of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee, which appeared in your last issue. The principle is the same.

As a matter of historical fact, St. Bride's bells were rung at times during the 1930's. I was present on one such occasion. It was, I think, when the Central Council met in London in 1936.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT

Crayford, Kent.

LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid both Mr. Nobles, of Dallington, and Mr. Barnett, of Crayford, are too late to claim their respective peals as the first ring by an entire local band holding other church offices.

The following is taken from a peal board which hangs in Whitwick Church belfry: A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, was rung in this tower for the Midland Counties Association on Sat., 11th June, 1904, in 2 hours 52 mins., by W. Fern treble, J. Moore 2, F. Middleton 3, J. Rawson 4, T. Belcher 5, B. West 6, J. A. Moult 7, F. Boam tenor. Composition: Wilson's Variation of Holt's Tenpart. Conductor: Mr. J. A. Moult. (Footnote) This is the first peal ever rung by a band who are all ringers and choristers of the same church.

Also hanging in Whitwick Church belfry is another very unusual account of a peal rung at this church:—

A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 Changes, was rung on Monday, 3rd August, 1903, in 2 hours 50 mins., for the M.C.A., by J. Moore treble, W. Fern 2, F. Middleton 3, T. Belcher 4, J. Rawson 5, L. Partridge 6, J. A. Moult 7, F. Boam tenor. Composition: Holt's Tenpart. Conducted by Mr. John A. Moult. (Footnote) All the ringers in this peal live in Silver Street, Whitwick, and seven of them are choristers of this church.

I would be very interested to hear other readers' accounts of unusual peals at other churches.—Yours faithfully,

Whitwick, Leics. J. A. UNDERWOOD.

LEICESTER GUILD—Cont.

Mr. S. Burton asked that all peal fees, compositions, etc. be sent as usual to his home address. He would be absent for some time, and had arranged for booking fees to be acknowledged by Miss Winifred Burton.

Mr. Burton also asked all concerned to send their peal reports in promptly, both to 'The Ringing World' and to him. Much delay and inconvenience was caused by late reports.

Regarding the Guild Report, there had been a delay this year due to a cause outside the committee's control, but it was intended to take steps to put the next year's report in hand in time for it to be published at the anuual meeting.

Business being concluded, the company reassembled in a more suitable place for the usual social evening. W. A. W.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Dear Sir,—From the footnotes attached to peals and quarter peals it appears there are a great many worthy causes, and we are proud to honour an occasion in our way. However, it is clear that we like an excuse to ring bells, and I would like to make a suggestion to the Exercise at large.

Looking through your columns the other week, I noticed that on April 23rd, at a cathedral church in a district which, I imagine, is a hotbed of good ringing, a peal was rung. Now the flag of St. George was, or should have been, flying overhead, and I was amazed to find that the only footnote was to the effect that it was a milestone in the ringing career of one of the participants. Perhaps those ringers are Scots, Irish or Welsh. I don't know.

Church and State being linked so much and the fact that a national impulse it as desirable to-day as ever, could we not give a lead, and, wherever possible, ring a peal or quarter on that day?

I am sure no Rector could refuse this. Mine has agreed that our quarter becomes an annual event.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

YOUNG RINGERS AND TENORS

Dear Sir,—Within a week of reading that a girl of 15 or 16 years has rung the tenth bell at Evesham to a peal of Triples, I now read that a girl of 13 years rings a 24 cwt. tenor bell to touches. Not so many years ago, I read that another 13-year-old girl had raised a tenor of 33 cwt., single-handed.

With all respect, I would question the ability of members of the fair sex generally to pull bells of these weights *properly in their place*, and more particularly would I question the wisdom of allowing children to attempt to ring round the back-end.

Apart from the harm it could do to the youngsters physically, it gives them a wrong impression of their own capabilities.—Yours sincerely,

R. O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

BEDWORTH DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The following Doubles variation (note—variation, not method) was rung at Clewer, Berks, on May 11th. If not previously rung and named, the band wish to name it Dedworth.

Dedworth Doubles: Plain Lead, Plain Bob; Bob, Grandsire Bob; Single, Grandsire Single. Extent (one) Bob, Single, Bob, Plain twice repeated.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, near Staines.

ANGELUS BELL

Dear Sir,—I must thank you for kindly printing my request for the whereabouts of some of Joseph Eayre's turret clocks. I am still hoping that a specimen will be found; but, in the meantime, I think ringers will be interested in my having discovered a lovely Angelus bell at Flitwick Manor, Bedfordshire. It has in bold, stately Gothic capitals the following: AVE MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS.

It is, as far as I can discover, the only bell which has this inscription in Bedfordshire. Some have a like inscription starting with the word SANCTA, and some have the two words AVE MARIA. I wonder if anyone knows of a bell with an inscription exactly like the Flitwick bell, and what its date is likely to be.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

ST. ANNE'S, BROOKFIELD, N.6

Dear Sir,—An attempt for a peal at St. Anne's, Brookfield, N.6, this month failing and there being no time for a fresh start, a quarter peal was rung for Special Evensong. (See Quarter Peal column.)

St. Anne's adjoins the Parliament Hill Fields extension of Hampstead Heath at the foot of Highgate West Hill, and was built by Miss Anne Barnett in memory of her brother, Mr. Richard Barnett, who was a partner in the brewery of Meux and Co.

A start on the plans, etc., was made in April, 1852, the foundation stone was laid by Miss Barnett herself in July, and the church was completed in March, 1853. The whole work took only eleven months, while the actual building took but eight months only!—an achievement which compares very favourably with the rate of building in this modern age of speed.

The bells, a mellow ring of eight, were given by Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who owned the estate of Holly Lodge, adjacent to the Barnetts' property. This estate is now built upon, but in the latter half of the last century and the earlier part of this, St. Anne's was a favourite peal-ringing tower of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

One peal in particular is worthy of note. The secretary of the Cumberlands received the composition on Wednesday, April 26th, 1876, the band was chosen the same evening, and the peal rung the following day. Here are the particulars from the peal board, which still hangs in the tower:—

'On Thursday, April 27th, 1876, at St. Anne's, the Cumberland Youths rang Mr. W. Harrison's peal of 8,896 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the greatest length ever obtained with the tenors together, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. G. Newsome, 1; H. Daines, 2; J. Cox, 3; J. Howe, 4; D. Slackwood, 5; E. Gibbs, 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Barrett, 8; Conducted by G. Newsome. Tenor 15 cwt.'

Now that the estate is built upon, opportunities for peal ringing are restricted and as it was, the Vicar received a telegram from one of the residents (brief and to the point as telegrams should be): 'Too much tintinnabulation.' This was after about an hour and a half's ringing—I don't know what the lady's reaction would have been had we attempted to repeat the above peal!—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

London, N.W.3.

PEALS AT MAIDWELL

Dear Sir,—The previous peal of Minor rung at Maidwell (if it is the one I took part in with Mr. Ernest Morris as conductor) was rung in 1935, not 1937 as stated in the footnote to the peal there, published on page 294 of 'The Ringing World' for May 8th, 1953.

May I also remind the conductor of this peal, and others whom it may concern, that the weight of Maidwell tenor is 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb., *not* 8 cwt. 1 qr. as published — this weight having many years ago been supplied to both Mr. Morris and myself by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who restored the bells in 1933, and stated by them as official.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

OLDEST CARILLON—WHERE?

Dear Sir, — As you mention that Great Waltham has the second oldest carillon in the country, I would like to ask if you could say which is the oldest and if it still plays.—Truly yours,

R. HARPER.

Stockport.

CONFUSION OVER DOUBLES NOMENCLATURE

DOUBLES POSITION NEEDS CLARIFYING

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. A. Peck's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 15th illustrates the hopeless confusion which exists with the nomenclature of Doubles methods at the present time. By a coincidence, in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' (May 1st), in which my letter appeared, Mr. Wratten published Edinburgh, which he described as Plain Lead Reverse St. Bartholomew, with a Plain Lead of St. Dunstan's for a bob. This is, of course, exactly the same as my St. Augustine's Doubles, and yet apparently Mr. Peck does not object to that! In any case, even on such eminent authority as Snowden, can one term a method Grandsire in which not a single plain lead of Grandsire occurs? I have rung the 42 extents to which Mr. Peck refers many times, but have always called the 32 with extremes 'St. Dunstan's,' as I was taught in Gloucestershire, until the recent Central Council decision banned St. Dunstan's on the ground of insufficient plain leads.

In any case, as things stand to-day, it is not only the pattern of changes in a 120, but also the way in which it is called, which determines the name of a method. For instance, if a conductor calls (a) 'Go Reverse St. Bartholomew—P.P.B.P.; (b) 'Go April Day' (bob start)—B.B.P.B.; (c) 'Go Grandsire'—S.S., 'Go Plain Bob' (1 lead), 'Go Grandsire'—S: in each case twice repeated, exactly the same 120 changes are rung, yet (a) would be named Reverse St. Bartholomew, (b) April Day and (c) Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Taking all this into account, I claim that St. Augustine's is just as much a separate method (under present day nomenclature) as any other consisting of three consecutive Grandsire Singles as plain leads, linked with a bob of one sort or another. I know of at least six which can be used.

Personally, I would like to see the whole position clarified, and a distinction made between what might be called (for want of a better term) 'pure methods'—each having a distinctive plain course, and those other 'methods' which have a plain course belonging to one method and a call belonging to another. This would be a job for the Methods Committee.

Doubles ringers would then at least know where they stand with regard to names of methods, and number of methods in peals.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

RUSHALL DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wratten, in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, says of Rushall Doubles that it has three callings only, and that the bob at the fourth lead, twice repeated (2nd observation) is false.

This is not so if the method is correctly started for this calling. The work of the bob is not completed until the treble's blow in 2nd's place, therefore the work of the last bob must be balanced at the starting row if this calling is to be used. Start 21453 and your last bob brings the bells round.

The same remarks apply to Seighford, Elford and Austrey Doubles ('R.W.' April 3rd), the start in these cases being 21345.

'Edinburgh' Doubles would appear to be the same as Costessy, and I have 'Lapley' as St. Thomas, but as St. Thomas was also rung in the peal at King's Bromley, there must be a different version of this method.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. SMITH.

Alford, Lincs.

DUPLICATION OF NAMES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. Nobles' letter to you under the heading 'Names for Doubles Methods,' and published by you on May 15th, 1953, I was hoping that Mr. Nobles would have gone further than he did, and would have told the Exercise that some of the methods rung at Roade, and which he names in his letter, were rung previously in a peal at Old Marston, Oxfordshire, on July 19th, 1948, under different names. The methods concerned are as follows:—

'Roade' name.	*'Old Marston' name.*
Walsingham.	Wadham Bob.
Norwich.	Nuffield Bob.
Mileham.	Magdalen Bob.
Shropham.	Somerville Bob.
Costessy.	Campion Bob.
Besthorpe.	Hudibras.

Hudibras is, of course, a very old method, but the others were named after Oxford colleges or halls.

The matter is of interest (a) because of the confusion which will otherwise be caused to conductors of these methods, and (b) because the Old Marston peal was the first to be rung containing 42 Doubles methods, and the Roade peal was the second to be rung with the same qualities.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

Thirty-five ringers attended the spring meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Saxlingham Nethergate on May 2nd. The service was conducted by the branch chairman (Rev. F. E. Vokes) and an inspiring sermon was preached by the President (Rev. A. St. J. Heard).

The branch chairman presided at the business meeting, supported by the President, Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president), Mr. Ernest Whiting (branch ringing master), Mr. A G. Harrison (branch secretary) and Messrs. W. A. Lock, H. Moss and F. C. W. Phillippo (committee). Three new members were elected, Mr. David Vokes, John Girt and Neville Fenn. It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 25th, at Winfarthing, if possible. The unfortunate clash with the East Norfolk Branch was discussed, and the branch secretary pointed out that this date was decided upon at the annual meeting of the branch at Diss on February 7th, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' with the report of that meeting. The usual votes of thanks were recorded.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Tenor's Clapper Snaps at Meeting

At the May meeting, held at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, the following towers were represented: Cawthorne, Batley, Crofton, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Ossett, Sandal, Shelley, Thorner and the local company. The bells were rung during the afternoon until tea, which was served in the nearby schools.

The Vicar (Canon H. R. H. Coney), who presided at the business meeting, heartily welcomed the visitors. The routine business was soon disposed of, and the usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until about 7.30 p.m., when the clapper of the tower bell broke in two, which, of course, brought ringing to a sudden end. The members sincerely hope that the authorities will not have any trouble in getting this put in order again.

The shield contest at Royston on June 13th will be in place of the next meeting.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Competition

The annual competition of the St. David's Guild was held at the Church of Llandingat, Llandovery, on May 2nd with lovely warm sunshine. At 2.30 p.m. the various and scattered bands of the Diocese arrived at the church, namely, Tenby, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Llanbadarn Fawr and Llanelly, and a very great credit is due to the Llanbadarn Fawr ringers for entering two bands for the competition, one of which was all lady ringers, and so the competition was on and, like all other competitions, which never run smoothly without some little misfortune happening, so it occurred at Llandovery.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Rees, very generously had new stays placed on the bells for the event, to ensure that the bells were in perfect ringing order for the ringers but, unfortunately, the stay of the tenor bell was too long and had to be removed which meant that the tenor had to be rung without a stay. Then, half way through the competition, another stay was broken by one of the bands, so now came the test of the ringers' capabilities. Besides concentrating on the Test Piece there was also a test of bell control, ringing two of the bells without stays, which greatly handicapped most of the bands but, nevertheless, they gained experience.

The result of the competition was: 1 Llanelly, 2 Tenby, 3 Carmarthen, 4 and 5 Llanbadarn Fawr and 6 Llandilo. Congratulations to all the young ringers of the Guild for so gallantly attempting to ring the bells under such conditions, which surely would have been a very hard task for the experienced ringers.

A very pleasant feature of the gathering was the presence of the Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr (the Rev. O. J. Rees) and the Vicar of Lamphey (the Rev. W. R. Nicholas), which shows the increasing interest of the clergy towards bellringing and the bellringers. Some day we hope to have enough clergy in the Diocese to ring a peal, which would be a very great credit to the Guild.

During the intervals of waiting their turn to compete, the handbells were put to good use by the members and sounded very nice outside on the grass verge of the gravevard. A very nice tea was provided in the Church Hall by the women members of the church and this was followed by the presentation of the Bishop Prosser Shield. The Vicar (Canon J. Rees) presided and after Mr. M. Slaney, the adjudicator, had given his report, the shield was presented to the winning band by Miss Lewis, of Llandovery, who expressed her delight in having the honour of presenting the shield and a certificate to the winning band and also a certificate to the runners-up. The usual exchange of thanks and congratulations took place and the secretary wound up the meeting by extending a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Llandovery, to Mr. M. Slaney for adjudicating under very difficult conditions and to the ladies who provided the tea. C. H. H.

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL OUTING

A Day in Northampton

Members of several companies joined in a visit to Northampton on May 16th. A motor coach, also the General Secretary's car, left Mancroft at 6.45 a.m. by a roundabout route, picking up various others. Stops en route included a call at Bedford, where the General Secretary discussed a minor repair to his car with a charming engineer, who, just before saying good-bye, said, 'Are you Gilbert Thurlow? You sold me a book at Norwich some time ago'—he turned out to be Mr. Bonnet, one of the local towers of strength.

Arrived at Northampton, we sampled first the fine ten at St. Giles' where Stedman Caters, Oxford Major, etc., were rung. A magnificent lunch at the Angel followed, where Mr. W. J. Dove, who gave the greatest possible help with local arrangements, was with us. Then to Holy Sepulchre Church, a remarkably interesting copy (late Norman) of the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. As in Jerusalem, the chief feature is a circular structure, and the font stands in the centre, recalling the traditional site of our Lord's burial and conquest of death marked by the Holy Tomb, most appropriately recalling the words 'Buried with Christ by Baptism into His Death.' Here Superlative, etc., were rung on a fine lightish eight, and Mr. Ashby, churchwarden, who tolled for Queen Victoria, rang with us.

Then to St. Peter's, an equally interesting church, grand Norman work in the shape of a basilica, the earliest form of Christian church. Another charming eight here, and a satisfying pull. Next by coach to St. Edmund's with a good eight in a large central tower in a modern church.

Back to the Angel for an enormous tea. Then to All Saints', on whose facade King Charles the Martyr stands challengingly. A splendid eight here, tenor 21¼ cwt. A few went off afterwards with Mr. Earl to Kingsthorpe, to ring on a delightful six (tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.), where we met Mr. Harry Clarke, aged 86, for many years a keen ringer here. So back to Norwich, our hearts full of gratitude to Mr. Nolan Golden for his fine organisation, also to the above-named and other Northampton friends for their help and their presence.

A. G. G. T.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Berks Has 250 Members

The annual meeting of the North Berks branch was held at Blewbury on May 16th. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Blewbury (the Rev. R. J. Siderfin), assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Master of the Guild.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, there were present the Master of the Guild, the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), the hon. librarian (Miss M. R. Cross) and the Revs. C. F. Cross, J. V. Pixell and R. J. Siderfin. A company of more than 80 included visitors from Cornwall and Northants.

The Rev. C. F. Cross presided, and an apology for absence was received from the vice-chairman, the Rev. G. E. Bussell. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Lock, made his report, and spoke of progress in nearly all the local towers, and presented the balance sheet, showing a profit of £31 16s. 6d. He reported about 250 members in the branch, which was one of the largest in the Guild. After the election of officers, 19 new members were nominated. It was provisionally fixed to hold the autumn meeting at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell on September 26th.

Aston Tirrold, East Hagbourne, Harwell, Chilton and Drayton towers were open for ringing in the evening.

M. A. C.

BELLS OF WINDSOR CASTLE

FROM the Henry VIII. gateway it is a short walk to the Curfew Tower, which is one of the most interesting buildings in the Castle because it is so completely unaltered. In it are the ring of eight bells, a very interesting 17th century clock, the dungeons, and a great deal of interesting woodwork of the time of Henry III. Unlike many of our towers, the ringing chamber approach is not difficult, in fact the absence of a number of steps is remarkable and, on entering, you soon realise that the apartment is vastly different from the usual type of ringing room.

The climb to the bells is rather tricky, and we notice an old cannon pointing towards Eton which must be rather a unique relic in a tower nowadays. Brief details of the bells are:

Treble. T. Lester. 1741.
2. W. Whitmore. 1650.
3. W. Whitmore. 1650.
4. John Wallis. 1612.
5. T. Lester. 1745.
6. John Wallis. 1615.
7. John Wallis. 1612.
Tenor. John Wallis. 1614.

The tenor measures 54 inches and the estimated weight is 26 cwt., with a note sounding D. The average age works out at 298 years, which is remarkable when we consider that the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are most likely recasts of older bells.

John Wallis was the first Salisbury founder, and from 1578 to 1624 many fine bells with rich ornamentations were cast for towers over a very wide area. He is credited with casting the first ring of eight in England for a Wiltshire tower in 1602. His short devout inscriptions can still be found on many bells.

The two bells by W. Whitmore, dated 1650, raise all sorts of queries as to the situation of the foundry and the locality of the founder. He seems to have resided at Watford for some time, but how he managed to secure the job of recasting two bells at Windsor is a mystery, and it certainly points to the fact that he travelled the country and did jobs on the spot. He proved to be a good workman, and on the 2nd here he inscribed INCIPE DVLCE CEQVAR. In support of his journeyings his name is found on the bells at Bredon, Worcestershire, in 1624, while in 1653 he is found in association with John Hodson at Boreham, Essex. The other two recasts were made by Thomas Lester, who managed the Whitechapel foundry between 1738 and 1752.

The circle of ropes is anti-clockwise. The ringers are 'appointed,' and they have a list of about 24 ringing days, which include the Royal birthdays, the four patron saints, and other principal days in the calendar. Whenever any of the days should fall on a Sunday the ringing is at 7 a.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.

To conclude this brief account of bells often heard by many generations of royalty throughout the ages, mention is made of the Russian bell in the Round Tower, known as the 'Sebastopol' bell, which was brought home from the Russian port after it was captured in 1856. It was presented to Queen Victoria and is used in connection with royal funerals.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

FARNHAM, SURREY

Farnham, Surrey, ringers, for their outing on May 9th, had a full day ringing at Highclere, Marlborough, Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes.

While ringing at St. John's, Devizes, the nut holding the clapper of the third bell came off and the tongue fell out of the bell. Fortunately it swung clear and no damage was done. After 15 minutes of searching for washers and nuts, the clapper was replaced, and the ringing continued.

Like all Farnham outings, it was highly successful.

EARDISLAND'S RINGING DAY

Over 100 ringers and friends attended the 'Ringing Day' held at Eardisland on May 9th, when the new ring of eight was available. Ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, was of varying quality. One visitor remarked that some at least was hardly worthy of the fine ring of bells! However, an excellent touch of Stedman Triples was recorded on a tape-recorder. This innovation caused great interest, as various bands tried their skill and then heard the result!

Twenty-seven towers were represented from as far afield as Loughborough, Leicester, Newport (Mon.), Reading, Liverpool, Ebbw Vale, Warwick, Stratford, and Norton (Glos.). Also present were Mr. Paul Taylor, the founder of the bells, and Mr. John Oldham.

Tea (described by a young lady ringer as 'smashing') was provided in the nearby school, and afterwards Mr. Leslie Evans, on behalf of the Eardisland ringers, presented to Mr. L. E. Grffiths, donor of the treble bell, a framed photograph of the ringers, together with Mr. Grffiths and the Vicar, in the belfry at the dedication service last December. Mr. Griffiths, who was completely taken by surprise, thanked the ringers for the kind thought which prompted the gift.

The bells were then kept going until 9 p.m., and thus ended a memorable day. They will again be available on June 13th at 3 p.m. on the occasion of a church fête to be held in the nearby grounds of Glan Arrow, when all ringers will be welcome.

LODDON DELIGHT

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42315678
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Bob
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F.c.e. 24365, which occurs only in the lead following 8070000.

5,184 by NOLAN GOLDEN

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—				32654
		—		63254
		—		26354
	—	—		26543
	—			64235
—				24536
		—		52436
			—	35426
	—	—		35264
		—		23564

Twice repeated.
Contains all combinations of 4–5–6 in 5–6 at course ends.
Rung at Loddon, March 14th, 1953.

The method is Wath Delight with places in 5–6 instead of 3–4 when the treble is in 1–2.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWIN T. HOOPER

With the bells he loved sounding their final tribute overhead, Mr. Edwin Thomas Hooper, of Slough, Bucks, was borne into church beneath the tower, and past the beautiful stone tablet commemorating the Peace Peal he conducted in 1919. He passed away, aged 72 years, on May 10th, and was interred at Slough Parish Church on May 14th.

Mr. Hooper came to Slough from Chipping-Norton, Oxon, where he learnt to handle a bell, early this century, and rang his first peal, covering a peal of Stedman Triples, in January, 1903. He soon became a good change ringer and, under the tutorship of the late Reuben Flaxman and Joseph J. Parker (composer of the '12-part'), a very able conductor in the standard methods, being particularly good at calling Stedman, which was his favourite method, and in which he delighted calling musical odd-bob touches for service. He was an excellent striker, and showed his obvious delight when a touch was rung well.

In his younger days he travelled around for his ringing, but his work in the Co-operative bakehouse (he was foreman baker) played havoc with his chest, and for many years he found the belfry steps too much for him, although his interest in bells and ringers was maintained to the last. Only a few days before his death he was inquiring about his old friend, George Martin, of Maidenhead, who was laid to rest three days previously. He rang about 20 or 30 peals, of which 11 were in his own tower.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. S. T. Farr 1—2, D. M. Stone 3—4, W. Welling 5—6 and W. E. Judd 7—8. Following the interment a well-struck, half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples came to grief towards the end. Among the large numbers of ringers present were Messrs. E. Gosling (Maidenhead), W. W. Wolstencroft and T. G. Hawkins (Stoke Poges), E. S. T. Farr (Windsor), W. Welling and D. Stone (Old Windsor), W. Birmingham, H. Worsfold, F. V. Sinkins, J. Birt, A. Rivers, B. Lister, E. Hudson and W. Judd (Slough).

Mr. Hooper is survived by his widow and two sons, neither of whom became ringers. Among the wreaths were one from his former employers and one from Slough bellringers.

MR. C. H. PERRY

We regret to record the death, at the age of 67 years, of Mr. C. H. Perry, who lived with his daughter, Mrs. Eastwood, at Belle View, Brede.

Before coming to Sussex, writes Mr. Billenness, he was captain of the ringers at St. Illtyd, Bridgend, South Wales, and a very excellent captain and conductor, too. It was a pleasure to watch him handling a rope with the least possible exertion, and yet, while displaying ease, he had perfect control and was master when ringing any bell.

He was a perfect pattern for beginners to copy, and no doubt many ringers passed through his hands efficient in style.

He enjoyed his ringing and his helpful ways caused ringing to become a pleasure to those with whom he associated.

In ringing peals of 5,000 or more changes, he had a great record. What his total was the writer does not know, but probably several hundred.

Wales sadly missed him when he came to Sussex. His health was failing in the last few years, but he rang at Hawkhurst, Brede, Salehurst, Bexhill, Northiam, Beckley and other towers.

THE REV. W. KINGSLEY-KEFFORD

The Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford died on May 13th, aged 84 years. In September he had resigned the chairmanship of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, which office he had held for 22 years.

Members of Shaw tower, where he had been Rector for 43 years, rang the bells half-muffled before the funeral service, and afterwards many members of the branch partook in the ringing. The Rev. H. Woodfield has been elected in his place.

MR. HARRY WOOD

Probably the last foundation member of the Sussex County Association and one of the famous Warnham band of the eighties, Mr. Harry Wood, passed to his rest on May 13th at the age of 92. He rang 14 peals, his first being Oxford Bob Triples at Crawley, in December, 1882; he also took part in the second peal for the Association, a week after it was formed, in January, 1885. He gave up ringing many years ago, and was very deaf, but loved to talk of the ringing of long ago.

L. S.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

This year the Annual Pilgrimage on June 27th to the ruined Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Peter and St. Paul of Glastonbury, organised by the West of England Pilgrimage Association, is notable for three things.

It will be the 25th annual Pilgrimage made to Glastonbury by the Association, and it will also be the first time since the dissolution of the monasteries that the Holy Mysteries have been offered in all the pageantry of a Solemn Eucharist, carried out with traditional ceremonial common to Catholic faith and practice. It will be the first time that change ringing has preceded a celebration in the precincts of the Abbey.

The St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers of Bristol have been asked to undertake the ringing for the day, and the handbell ringers hope to ring a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major before the Solemn Eucharist in the morning on the site of the South Tower. In the afternoon the ringing will take place on the octave of St. John's, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples is to attempted, followed by firing the bells 25 times. The ringing will then be open to visitors by invitation of the captain and ringers of St. John's. The ringing will precede the Great Procession, which, starting at St. John's, proceeds to the Abbey for Evensong by way of the main streets of the town, and which attracts several thousand devout churchpeople. The preacher at Evensong will be the Lord Abbot of Nashdom. After the service all return to St. John's for the singing of the Solemn Te Deum, which concludes the Pilgrimage.

F. J. S.

With one exception all the band who stood in the peal of Minor at Earls Croome, Worcs., had rung more than 500 peals. Among them was 84 years old Mr. William Ranford, whose birthday was being celebrated.

A peal is being attempted next month at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by six College Youths and six members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.

TEN DAYS IN NORTH CORNWALL

Oxford Guild's Secretary Has a 'Rest Cure'

I was fortunate to be able to visit my friends, the Sangwin brothers at Bude, recently, ostensibly for a rest, and what a grand rest I had with 23 towers visited. The enthusiasm of the local ringers and kindness shown me will ever be a very happy memory.

Call changes, rising and falling (at which I became fairly proficient) and good practices for the West Country boys in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and even a course of Treble Bob was accomplished, much to everyone's satisfaction.

During the ten days the ringing was strengthened on occasions by Gordon Cross (now stationed at Tavistock) and the Myers family of Plymouth, and we rang on some very fine bells.

Excellent rising, call changes and lowering at Week St. Mary was the highlight of the ringing, and I think we should have won a first prize at a competition had not the writer misunderstood the calling of a change (two bad blows); anyhow he offered, in his exasperation, his body to be kicked around the village.

Scientific ringers, when in the West Country, do try and help the change ringing enthusiasts, who are very isolated, and often travel miles on the off-chance of meeting enough for Grandsire Triples. Remember their heart and soul is in ringing, but they are handicapped by lack of numbers; but, above all, do not decry rising and falling and call changes.

I am indeed grateful for all the locals did to give me such a happy time, and hope again to meet 'Banty,' 'Kizzey,' Stan, Bill, Henry and Jimmy (whose surnames I do not know), and Bert Blissat, John Hicks, John Bowden, Bill Vinnacombe and F. Pearce.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday before returning home we were joined by another up country ringer, who managed nine new towers in the space of two days.

Thank you, brothers Sangwin and your Cornish ringers, and I do hope Fred Sangwin will soon be restored to good health. What a tower of strength he is in that district!

W. HIBBERT.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 30th, 1913

DEVONPORT, DEVONSHIRE

The Devonshire Guild

On Sat., May 17, 1913, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes

At the Chapel Royal, H.M. Dockyard

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,184 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt.

Warren S. Hornbrook	Treble
Harry Barton	2
William Richards	3
William J. Rundle	4
William H. Fussell	5
Ernest W. Marsh	6
Walter Ford	7
Walter H. Marsh	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by H. Barton

[One of the rare peals on this little-known ring of bells, at which some of the earliest change ringing in the county was performed some fifty years ago.]

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

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BIRTH

HYNARD.—On May 19th, at Bures, Suffolk, to Mary and Edwin, a daughter (Rosemary). 2668

MARRIAGE

JOHNSON—MARTIN. — At St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, May 16th, 1953, Mr. Bertram C. Johnson and Miss Olive M. Martin. Future address: 172, Peartree Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 2666

GOLDEN WEDDING

HAWKINS—KNIGHT. — On June 4th, 1903, at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow, Bucks, by the Rev. J. F. Stephen Pritchitt, Joseph Stephen to Amy Gertrude.—1, Holborn Estate, Garratt Lane, Tooting, S.W.17. 2664

ENGAGEMENTS

CALVERT—FREER. — The engagement is announced between Maurice Evelyn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Calvert, of Northampton, and Mary Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. C. Freer, of Merton Park, London.

ELSWORTH—PRICE.—The engagement is announced between John Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Elsworth, of Chilwall, and Hilda Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Price, of Woolton, Liverpool. 2678

WHITE—HOWELL.—The engagement is announced between Basil William White, only son of Mr. and W. J. White, 14 South View, Henfield, Sussex, and Florence Mary Howell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Howell, Compton View, Denmans Lane, Lindfield, Sussex. 2652

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Mrs. E. Melville have removed to Merlwood, 120, Wilton Road, Southampton (Tel. 72174). 2660

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELHAM, KENT. — Ringers attending the Coronation celebrations at Elham, Canterbury, on June 5th and 6th, are cordially invited to take part in the ringing at 7.30 on both evenings.—F. Verney, Elham, Canterbury, Kent.

There are two seats vacant on the (Sussex) Derbyshire tour, July 5th-12th. If anyone is interested write Wyman, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey. 2677

CORONATION Peal and Quarter Peal Cards. —Special design in patriotic colours. Set of 12 (minimum) 5s. Order and remittance must be sent with report. Duplicate copy required with quarter peals.

MEETINGS

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—Re-opening of the five bells, Saturday, May 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. J. L. Head, Vicar of St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea. Tea provided.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2634

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.; Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. 2601

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

PETERBORUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—The meeting at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on May 30th has no connection with the above. — E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 2654

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th **(note advanced date)**, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), 2.30-3.45. Mansfield (8) from 5 p.m., preceded by business meeting at 4.30 in ringing room. Frequent buses Sutton to Mansfield. Own arrangements for tea. 2618

ST. NICOLAS, ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX. —The rededication of the bells will take place on Monday, June 1st, at 7 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. All are welcome. Practice night, Friday, 7.15. 2662

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Ringing after tea if desired. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. 2681

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Stockland, June 6th, 6.30 p.m. Next quarterly, Woolavington, July 4th.—R. Short. 2671

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Milton Ernest, June 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Thurleigh, after business meeting. Special method—Chester Surprise.—Bryan Pattison. 2670

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — There will be a meeting at Lower Peover (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 2nd to 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2672

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Saturday, June 6th, Sutton-under-Brailes afternoon, Cherington in the evening.—R. J. Edden. 2651

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Saturday, June 6th, Peak District and Chesterfield District. Edensor (6), Chatsworth Park, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and Baslow (6) 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. E. Taylor and B. A. Cooper. 2680

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Holy Nativity (8), June 6th, 3 p.m. Tea in Scout Hut at back of church 4.45 p.m. Important business meeting follows. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 2676

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2665

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, June 6th, Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please. — R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2659

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea arrangements are very difficult and tea will be provided **only** for those who send their names and 2s. 6d. each, not later than June 2nd, to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.

LADIES GUILD.—West Midlands District. —Annual meeting to be held at Yardley, Birmingham, on June 6th. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by June 1st, please.—Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coventry. 2669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8). Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Sorry, unable to arrange tea, so please bring own food.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2658

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Swynnerton, Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Watkins, Early Lane, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Kindly notify for tea by June 1st —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Hazelbech (8), Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to me before June 3rd, please. — E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2682

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Next meeting at South Anston on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley. 2679

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by June 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2672

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. Names, by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2629

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Royston, near Barnsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Entrance fee 10s. per band. All entries must reach me not later than June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. D. M. Hall, 25, Midland Road, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2643

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange). Will those requiring seat on coach or tea please advise me by Thursday, June 11th?—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers, enclosing cash please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, not later than Wednesday, June 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Newnham, June 13th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, June 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 2675

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Crawford Cup contest and meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Brumptons bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1 and 3.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford.—H. Denman. 2673

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyning, June 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify before June 9th for tea, J. Beech, 6. Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. All welcome. 2656

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea by Thursday, June 11th, to Mrs. McGuiness, 72, Rokeby Drive, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 2663

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Collingham, near Leeds, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify Miss M. Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road, Collingham, near Leeds, by Wednesday, June 10th. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2657

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch outing is arranged for Saturday, June 20th, in Gloucester. We shall visit the following towers: Hatherop, Coln-St.-Aldwyn, Fairford (tea), Maiseyhampton, Cirencester. For reservation of bus and tea contact me quickly, please.—Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 2674

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BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

ONE of the happiest meetings in the long history of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was that at Bournemouth. The hot sunshine that bronzed many a face and even caused discomfort to the Editor of a journal familiar to ringers, put everything in its brightest hue. The cordial way the visitors were received by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and the adjoining Salisbury Diocesan Guild made everyone feel at home. It was a happy thought to hold the Southern Ringers' Rally and the George Williams Commemoration Dinner on the Saturday. In a sense it was a Central Council dinner, and the organiser, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, and those associated with him, must have felt really proud of the success of the evening. The programme of entertainment was of high standard; Dan Matkin's band demonstrated in spliced ringing, the vocalists were charming and the speeches rippled along in a light easy fashion, with wit and story intermingled. The Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth enjoyed this their first engagement after assuming office. On the entertainment side mention should also be made of the hospitality of Mr. J. Martin Stewart at his nurseries at Ferndown and the entrancing tour into Dorset on the Monday. The scenery and bells left the happiest of impressions.

Of the Council itself, in a sense it started a new era. For 21 years Mr. G. W. Fletcher has sat by the side of the president guiding proceedings with a dexterity and understanding of the foibles of Central Council members. When Mr. E. H. Lewis took his seat with the new secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, there was a loss of an old familiar face. Also absent was the librarian. Recently, largely through health reasons, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton resigned his appointment, and his successor, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, was only acting; it was not until his election that he could assume office. Early in the proceedings there was a tangible recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's good services when the president gave them a gift from the Council of a silver salver and two silver tankards. The presentation had that intimate friendly atmosphere, not the formal dignified oration that has its counterpart in civic life. How the meeting enjoyed the quip of Mr. Lewis about the glass bottom to Mrs. Fletcher's tankard so that she could see if George was behaving himself!

The recognition paid to Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, in electing him to honorary membership was indeed timely, if not overdue. The way Mr. C. Roberts sponsored his election was well said. Now that Mr. Pitman has retired from business life he should be of particular use to the Exercise, and the Council would be incomplete without him. Mrs. Barnett also received honorary membership and an ovation that should encourage her in her duties as assistant secretary.

'The Ringing World,' according to the income and expenditure account, showed a profit last year of £136. This, however, was only produced after £250 had been received in donations—largely the contributions of those who ring peals and quarter peals. There was a strong feeling that the principle of the voluntary contribution should be continued rather than a levy imposed on peals and quarter peals. Mr. J. Frank Smallwood had an easy task in shepherding through his report. The financial difficulties of 'The Ringing World' in the last two years has revealed in a remarkable manner the affection with which the journal is held in the Exercise. This is particularly encouraging to the Editor and the Editorial Committee. Mr. Smallwood was right when he emphasised that increased circulation was the only real remedy, but we would add that the postal subscriber is the real salvation. From a copy sold through a newsagent the journal benefits by only one farthing; there is threepence from the postal subscriber. If the present 1,600 postal subscribers were substantially increased then financial progress would be made.

There were three other financial points that should be commented upon. The publications account only produced a profit after not allowing anything for the advertisements in 'The Ringing World.' It has always been the policy of the librarian and his advisers to fix the selling price of the Central Council publications at the lowest possible figure. It is not a profit-making concern, but has as its aim the provision of technical publications for the advancement of ringing within the compass of every pocket. Such a policy is sound, but can be a source of anxiety to the librarian. The new librarian has been asked to consider the selling price of publications.

Regarding the general funds of the Council, they are completely inadequate to meet the normal work of such a body. Affiliation fees produced £37 10s.; next year they are to be doubled, but even so the margin will be inadequate. While the Council at the end of the year had £1,673 12s. 7d. cash at bank and in hand, it should be able to meet its normal expenses from its yearly income. Incidentally, its donation of £50 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund has yet to appear in the accounts.

One of the unhappiest of speeches that Mr. Albert Walker has had to make in public related to the expenditure of £29 16s. on the Carter Broadsheet. As far back as 1947 the Council decided to have this broadsheet reprinted. It was sent to the printers and then the trouble started. Mr. Charles Roberts started to check the proofs at the request of a member of the committee. Checking the proofs of a broadsheet of this character is not like reading a book for author's corrections. When one has to deal with thousands of peals and misprints were found in the original, the task assumed a proportion without a sign of finality. The months ticked by; the printers argued that they could not keep the type standing indefinitely and it was finally 'dissed,' leaving the Council to pay nearly £30. From the discussion that emerged Mr. Roberts was able to assure the conductors present that there were no false peals; the misprints would probably be detected by them. There has been an advance in Cinques and Caters compositions since the days of John Carter and there was a feeling which found expression in resolution that a small book should be prepared. The lesson has been learnt; there will be no going to the printers before the copy has been checked and is perfect.

An advance was made regarding the Rolls of Honour. These are to be placed in a glass case in St. Paul's Cathedral. All that remains is the provision of a case, costing approximately £30. As to meeting the cost, Mr. Harry Miles gave the Council two ways—a generous donor presenting it or a levy of 10s. on each affiliated society. If the first fails then the second should be employed. A suggestion that the rolls should be taken to each Council meeting did not find favour. It was felt that the responsibility was too great on the individual concerned. Since the Eastbourne conference Mr. Miles has been engaged on the roll, its compilation and 'seeing it to press.' He deserved and received the Council's thanks.

The Methods Committee sailed through with flying colours. They presented a nine page report on Method Extension which was accepted by the Council. The crux of the position in the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's words was: 'We found no reason for altering the decision of the Council made some 50 years ago.' They have, however, given the Exercise eleven recommended rules which will be published in due course.

A subject of wider interest was broadcasting of bells. The inadequacy of the time allotted on the air for service ringing is a subject of frequent complaint. What is the remedy? Should the headquarters of the B.B.C. be approached or the regions of the B.B.C.? The general opinion was that the most effective work would be through Guilds and Associations to their respective regions. The success in the Western region and the television broadcast from Kingston Seymour received very favourable comment.

The next Central Council meeting will be at Newcastle-on Tyne. Not since 1913 has this city been visited, and there was a feeling that it was long overdue. We cannot conclude these brief impressions of the Bournemouth Council meeting without an expression of thanks to the Bournemouth Corporation, who hospitably entertained the members and their wives to tea, and to Mr. George Pullinger, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who was a real host in himself, ever mindful for the happiness of all the visitors. Thank you, Bournemouth.

TEN BELL PEALS

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ALBERT V. COATES	6
*HAROLD SPENCER	2	HARRY SHORT	7
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	3	*HAROLD PARKER	8
*DOUGLAS ELWICK	4	BERT SUTTON	9
GEORGE W. WHITE	5	SIDNEY R. ELWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal on ten bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	8
JOHN S. MASON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*NEVILLE FENN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. S. Deuchar, widow of a former Rector of Saxlingham.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN B. GUY	*Treble*	*ROBIN G. TURNER	5
*R. JAMES COOK	2	PETER BORDER	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
†DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW	4	‡GEOFFREY HARPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwts.

*HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*ROBERT SWIFT	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	*WILFRED W. RING	6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	*MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of 3 Spliced. First of 3 Spliced for the Association.
Rung as 4th birthday compliment to Robert Arthur Swift, son of the ringer of the 5th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*ANTHONY AGER	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN VERNON	*Treble*	J. BAILESS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	6
N. L. WALKER	3	‡PETER J. THOMAS	7
†DENIS ALLSOP	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	†MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 11).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 300th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 2 *hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	CEDRIC CURSON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
*WILLIAM LOVE	3	BERT GOGLE	7
†DAVID HEIGHTON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*JOHN HAWTIN	*Treble*	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Little Bob.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Hogarth, as Hon. Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM O. NOBLE	5
†HERBERT W. PRATT	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
†MARGOT R. THOMPSON	3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	7
‡JOHN R. G. SPICER	4	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 450th peal. † First Major peal 'inside.' ‡ First Major peal.
Birthday compliments to the conductor's sisters, May and Ruth.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

IAN P. MCEWAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
FREDERICK BROWNLOW	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ALAN PENDLEBURY	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Crook, and a farewell to the Vicar and his wife.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*MAISIE VANTONE	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
†JOHN R. COOPER	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Kent.
Rung to celebrate the 22nd consecutive election of Alderman Gordon Thomas Paine, M.B.E., J.P., and churchwarden, to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Lydd.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	‡THOMAS COOKE	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	§DENIS A. BAYLES	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	§ERIC N. HARRISON	7
†THOMAS M. COX	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal in the method. § 25th peal together. The 100th peal of Surprise for the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*CYNTHIA BIBBY (aged 12)	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
†WILLIAM G. BIBBY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*HAROLD MATHIAS	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Elizabeth M. Bibby and Mr. George Edward Daniels, of Dilham, Norfolk. Also completes 40 years as regular Sunday service ringers at Frodsham for J. E. Bibby and F. Bibby. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	6
EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
GEORGE F. BURTON	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

John B. Sansom	*Treble*	Frank E. Hawthorne	5
Janet S. Bailey	2	Michael V. Chilcott	6
Frank Blondell	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
John R. Mayne	4	G. William Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung as 83rd birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. It was also the 59th anniversary of his first peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Albert E. Scott	*Treble*	Percy D. Baldock	5
Ronald Russell	2	James H. Musson	6
William A. Holmes	3	Harold Huxley	7
George W. Creasey	4	C. Arthur Manning	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by C. Arthur Manning.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Percy D. Baldock.
The peal was specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Percy Newton	5
Roland Biggs	2	*Anthony E. Cox	6
*Sydney A. Warwick	3	F. Donald Boreham	7
Walter Lee	4	Cecil C. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Cecil C. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 36. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G sharp.

David E. West	*Treble*	Edward E. Davey	5
Urban W. Wildney	2	Rosemary Seabrooke	6
Mrs. R. Rouse	3	George Waterman	7
Edward B. Smith	4	Ronald G. Bugg	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

Joseph L. Stanier	*Treble*	*Sidney H. Tranter	5
Howard Howell	2	Leonard Hewitt	6
*Henry Douglas	3	Maurice G. Turner	7
Alfred S. Bayley	4	*Thomas S. Wilkes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.
Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the augmentation and restoration of the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

Peter C. Wright	*Treble*	Edwin G. Moore	5
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	2	Peter Border	6
Walter F. Judge	3	Harry Parkes	7
Philip Walker	4	Dennis H. L. Langdon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Harold F. White	*Treble*	William A. Farmer	5
*Bernard Madeley	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Frederick Price	7
†Raymond Hazledine	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	Albert E. Thompson	5
Sidney H. Jones	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
*W. Rodney Harrison	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Walter G. Soar	4	Walter P. Whitehead	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson, wife of the 5th ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Nicholas, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 18 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Donald G. Wheeler	*Treble*	Bernard C. Collins	4
Arthur J. White	2	Harry C. Jones	5
Walter Lee	3	Rex Bacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Lee.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Two 2,160's, different callings, and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

Elizabeth Brown	*Treble*	†Rev. John G. M. Scott	4
*John L. S. Glanvill	2	E. Maurice Atkins	5
Frederick Wreford	3	Brian Pidgeon	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Richard I. Gardiner	4
Peter J. Came	2	Ernest E. S. Johnson	5
John West	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal. First peal in five methods on the bells.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in 21 methods: 1, Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale and Annable's London. 2, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick and Hexham. 3, London, Wells and Cunecastre. 4, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 5, Cambridge and Ipswich. 6, Norfolk and Primrose. 7, York and Durham. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Frederick W. French	*Treble*	James W. Haw	4
*Elizabeth M. Taylor	2	*William H. Oldman	5
Cecil Wade	3	Albert E. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal in 21 methods.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

*CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY	*Treble*	MICHAEL N. BLAND	3
†HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	MARIE K. ROBERTS	4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different twelve-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE A. INGLEBY	*Treble*	F. GEORGE VICKERS	3
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	DENIS A. FRITH	4
THOMAS W. CHARITY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells for nearly 40 years.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*REGINALD F. EALES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	WILLIAM YATES	5
EDWIN R. LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK PATEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pateman, who were married 32 years previously at this church.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	E. JOHN TARGETT	5
JAMES TOPP	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	CYRIL WANDER	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	ERNEST BRITTAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 26, WILLIAM STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

JAMES TAYLOR	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
JOHN HUBER	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 37. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7—8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen E. Fletcher, also as a welcome home to Jim Daniels, on the completion of his National Service



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A Change in Mastership — Target of 1,000 Members Set

ON Whit Monday the 74th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. Ringing commenced at 10 o'clock followed by a service in the Cathedral conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, M.A.). The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips) read the lesson, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing).

During the service the names of members who had passed on to higher service during 1952 were read, namely:— L. W. Binder, A. W. Brighton, H. L. Dawkins, C. Harrington, G. A. Hayward, W. Keeble, G. Parsons, R. Sharpington, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and the Rev. H. Siviter.

The Archdeacon, during a heartening address, referred to the fact that bells had been an essential part of English Church life since the seventh century. By ringing the bells for service, ringers were entering into the corporate life of the church just as much as the other organisations connected with it.

The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 9s. 4d.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the life vice-presidents, District Masters and other officers of the Association. He extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and hoped that they would have an enjoyable day.

Apologies for absence were received from:— The Provost of Chelmsford, the Archdeacon of Southend, Mr. H. W. Mansfield (vice-president), Miss H. G. Snowden, Messrs. F. Lufkin, A. H. Everett, J. Elliott and J. H. Sitch.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (secretary of the South-Western Division) with the co-operation of other District secretaries, showed that interest in the Association and its work had increased considerably. Full ringing membership had increased from 865 to 868 and honorary members from 163 to 184. There are now some 108 towers in union. These figures were most encouraging but it must be remembered that the strength of any Association was in its ringing members and efforts must always be made in that direction—to increase the ringing strength to 1,000 members. This target was not too high for their Association.

Ringing for divine service had been the principal aim throughout the year but it was to be regretted that some towers with ringable bells were silent Sunday by Sunday through apathy or lack of interest.

INCREASE IN PEALS

During the year 108 peals were rung in 58 towers as against 74 in 1951, an increase of 26. This was extremely gratifying. If Surprise method peals can be taken as an indication of strength, then this year has been most successful. Peals of special interest were:—Spliced Surprise in six and eight methods at Harlow Common; Stedman Doubles at Hutton, consisting of 42 extents using alternatively slow, quick and the normal start; Grandsire Cinques at Chelmsford; Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Chelmsford.

Mr. R. Suckling headed the list of conductors with 20 peals, Mr. H. Turner next with 12, and Mr. J. H. Crampion with 9. It was interesting to note that 37 members conducted peals during 1952.

For the recorders, 29 rang their first peal, an increase of 7: 170 rang their 'first' in the method, an increase of 58: there being four first peals as conductors: 250 different members participated in the peals, representing approximately 30 per cent. of the ringing membership.

The Association extends their congratulations to the following members on passing their respective milestones:—R. Suckling on his 200th peal and 100th as conductor; H. Turner on his 150th peal and 100th as conductor; U. W. Wildney on his 100th peal for the Association; J. H. Crampion on his 200th peal; and J. Jennings on his 100th peal.

Quarter peals amounted to 144, rung in 56 different towers. Romford have supplanted Hornchurch at the top of the list with 14 quarters. Hornchurch, however, remain in second place with 13 quarters.

Various members spoke on the report generally. The attention of the Association was drawn to the fact that there were several very valuable books in the library and that some manuscripts were well worth reading. A vote of thanks to Mr. Gant was proposed for all the time and trouble he took in preparing the report. Mr. Gant, in replying, requested the help of every member in preparing the report.

FINANCES SOUND

The hon. treasurer, in presenting the accounts, drew attention to the gross income from the districts, totalling £117 3s. The sum of £51 7s. 11d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund from collections at the various District meetings. Peal fees added a further £17 12s. 6d. The balance on the General Account at the end of the year stood at £230 7s., while that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £188 7s. 3d. The sum of £20 10s. had been paid out of the Bell Restoration Fund in grants to towers.

Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield), in moving the adoption of the statement of accounts, drew the attention of the Association to the need of paying peal booking fees promptly. Delay in remitting amounts due caused extra work and book-keeping and made striking the balances at the end of the year more difficult than was necessary.

Early in the summer the Rev. C. Scott Little, the Deputy Master, announced that he was accepting another living out of the county and tendered his resignation. He had filled this role with courtesy, distinction and efficiency.

The new form of service has come into general use during the year and has been universally well received by clergy and ringers.

Restoration work and augmentation of rings has been particularly noticeable in the county during 1952, Bures have been augmented to eight, Nazeing to six and Sandon to six. Restoration work has been carried out at West Ham, South Weald and Finchingfield.

The report was then submitted to the meeting and was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Spencer-Phillips at last year's annual meeting, informed the Association that it would be the last year in which he would accept nomination as Master of the Association, and that he intended retiring at the next annual meeting and therefore declined nomination. Mr. R. C. Heazel was unanimously elected Master. Mr. G. L. Joyce (in the chair) congratulated the newly-elected Master on behalf of the meeting.

Mr. Heazel, in reply, thanked the members for their confidence and trust in him, and said that he would endeavour to carry on the high standard set by his predecessors, especially the retiring Master.

It was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel that Dr. Spencer Phillips be elected a life vice-president of the Association. The motion was carried with acclamation.

Dr. Spencer Phillips, in reply, thanked the Association for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk and seconded by Mr. J. Crampion that Mr. H. Turner be elected Deputy Master of the Association. Mr. Turner was unanimously elected.

It was proposed by Mr. B. G. Burton and seconded by Mr. S. F. Clark that Mr. F. V. Gant be elected secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. Gant was unanimously elected to that office. In reply, the newly-elected secretary thanked the Association for the trust they had placed in him and had pleasure in accepting the office.

The following officers were also elected:— Auditors, Messrs. D. G. Mayell and J. Grove; trustees, Messrs. A. L. Simmonds, P. Eves and A. Hubble.

The following members were elected life members:—Messrs. H. Chinery, F. Goodwin, G. Rashbrook, G. Moss, W. H. Chalk, A. South and F. Ridgewell.

A LOYAL ADDRESS

The Master reported that a Loyal Address had been forwarded by him, on behalf of the Association to the Home Secretary for presentation to Her Majesty on the occasion of the Coronation. He had been advised by the Home Office that it will be laid before Her Majesty immediately after June 2nd.

The retiring Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Southend for giving the address; to the Provost for the use of the bells and conducting the service; and to the organist, Mr. Derrick G. Cantrell, for his assistance.

The members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall where an excellent lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

At the conclusion of the lunch the Master expressed the regret of the Association of Dr. Spencer Phillips' retirement from the office of Master. Mr. G. L. Joyce, in seconding the vote of thanks, asked the company to stand and sing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.' This was sung with such gusto and strength that the new secretary and treasurer awaits with not a little trepidation the bill for the repairs to the roof!!!

Mr. J. Chalk also expressed his appreciation of the retiring Master's services to the Church, the Association and the Exercise.

K. C. W.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 6th, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Referring to our article upon the Kent ringer and county cricketer, George Collins, a correspondent reminds us that the name of Cox, of Sussex, should be added as that of a ringer and first class cricketer. For some time he formed one of the Warnham band . . . as is well known, he has been for many years one of the mainstays of the Sussex team, and many performances, both with bat and ball, stand to his credit.

[George Cox, sen., father of the present-day player, took 1,843 wickets at an average cost of 22.86 runs each during a first-class career extending from 1895 to 1928. George Collins' most remarkable feat was to bowl four successive wides when taking all ten wickets for 65 runs against Notts in 1922!]

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ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Webb 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evening service and Empire Day.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Payne 1, D. Brazier 2, R. A. Ward (first 'inside') 3, C. D. Mann 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, A. Holder 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Harwood 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, T. Holehouse 3, B. Scoot 4, W. Collins 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1 and 2.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Williams 1, Miss H. Evans 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell 4, C. Thomas 5, G. Flower 6, A. R. Price 7, A. Williams 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Neville (first quarter) 1, A. Cattell 2, W. Parrott (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Blundell 4, E. Gosden 5, E. Goldsmith 6. Rung for Whit Sunday.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Lines (first quarter) 1, W. Sear 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stonton 5, D. J. Meager 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung for Whit Sunday.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: J. Harrold 1, A. Cozens 2, K. Perkins 3, I. Dickin (cond.) 4, G. Roome 5.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On May 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Powell 1, G. Oliver 2, J. R. Garbett 3, Miss D. E. Garbett 4, Miss J. B. White 5, W. J. Garbett 6, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 7, W. Hartshorne 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Birthday compliments to ringers of 3 and 4.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,272 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 552 Kent Treble Bob): E. Deacon (first quarter) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. J. Howard 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbing (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. L. Williams (Vicar), who died May 16th.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs (first quarter) 1, R. Shire (cond.) 2, K. Braddick (first quarter) 3, M. Long 4, W. Moore 5, R. Braddick 6

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James', on May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss D. A. Deverell (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss P. J. Leaning 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, W. D. Prockson 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8. Rung for Empire Day and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

QUARTER PEALS

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Duddridge 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, A. E. Welcher (first 'inside') 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Coleman (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the dedication of the new altar in memory of the late Rector (Preb. H. C. Young).

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Fortune, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Southrepps, 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): I. Dicken (cond.) 1, J. Harrold 2, A. Cozens 3, K. Perkins 4, G. Roome 5.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, N. Tompkins (cond.) 2, I. McEwan 3, G. Pearson 4, J. Thornley 5, V. Gaunt 6, O. Davies 7, H. Prescott 8.

GLASGOW.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, Miss R. M. K. Branson 2, H. F. Sargent 3, A. Scott 4, T. C. Winderam 5, L. Boumphrey 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,440 Durham and York Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, D. Gullick 3, J. Church 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Hunnisett (first quarter) 1, E. Hobden 2, E. Breed 3, F. Blackman 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. R. Mayne (cond.) 1, S. A. Warwick 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, J. D. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, A. G. Wigmore 8. First in the method for 3 and 5.

HATFIELD, BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. G. Roast 1, P. Eves 2, H. Egglestone 3, Mrs. F. L. Harris 4, P. J. Came 5, E. Johnson 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, J. West 8.

KENSINGTON, W.—At St. Mary Abbots, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, E. R. Mackrell 3, J. Bullock 4, A. B. Peck 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. J. Watts 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. G. Morris 1, A. C. Morris 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, D. Harrison (cond.) 5, A. Nix 6. First in three methods for all the band.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): L. Sears 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, C. Hagger 6. First quarter in two methods by all.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. S. Coles 1, D. Sheldon 2, A. H. Reed 3, W. H. Tarr 4, C. Williams 5, J. Pugsley 6, C. Stephens 7, H. Churchill 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, R. W. Tudball 10. Rung in memoriam Mr. G. Stacey, for over 60 years a ringer at this tower and also 50 years hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery. First on 10 bells for 7 and 10.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rowe 1, Miss G. Johnson 2, A. J. York 3, A. E. York 4, C. Loke 5, R. Summerly 6, H. Baxter 7, B. Austin (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1, 2 and 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss G. Johnson to Mr. B. Austin.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Higham 1, N. Tompkins (cond.) 2, W. Thompson 3, J. Thornley 4, O. A. Davies 5, H. Rothwell (first 'inside') 6, J. A. Somers (first 'inside') 7, D. M. Spencer (first quarter) 8. In honour of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Hardman, oldest member of the Mothers' Union.

THORNFALCON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 480 Stedman, 300 Grandsire): A. G. Sage 1, F. Matravers 2, R. W. Shire 3, B. J. Burston 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. Bott 1, P. Pawley 2, M. Roote 3, J. Pawley 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, G. Voss 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Meers).

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on May 24th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales (first of Treble Bob Minor) 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for all the band except the fourth.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bacon 1, H. C. Jones 2, D. Walton 3, F. Kirtland 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Andrews 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fiona Heath 1, W. Lee (cond.) 2, F. Kirtland 3, D. Wheeler 4, R. Eggleton 5, Verona Naylor 6.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, F. W. Hancock 3, S. G. Ivens 4, P. J. Isom (first quarter) 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. H. Hill).

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OUR CORONATION NUMBER

'The Ringing World' will issue a 20-page number on June 19th to deal with Coronation ringing and other activities. Please submit your copy early. A number of Coronation peals will, however, appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Universities Association are preparing a course of mental aids for the conductor who omitted to send the name of the conductor and the name and address of the sender when he submitted a peal for publication. We call attention to this in all friendliness and express the hope that those submitting peals and quarter peals during the Coronation will kindly check their peals.

Mr. J W. Cotton has now 'circled' the tower of Whitwick Parish Church.

Mr. George Voss, verger at St. Luke's, Thurnby, Leics., and a ringer for 50 years, rang his first quarter peal on Whit-Sunday.

We are pleased to see that 'evergreen' Mr. Frank Blondell is still in our peal columns. He rang at Heston for his 83rd birthday.

York Minster bells were broadcast in a world round-up of Coronation celebrations on Coronation Day.

'Gratefully Acknowledged' column this week includes a sixpence picked up on the floor of the Devonshire Hotel during the Central Council's visit.

Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow is hoping to meet his many ringing friends at the Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day at the end of next month. He has been out of action for three months with meningitis which has left him double vision and partial deafness. The doctors reassure him of complete recovery but it will take twelve months.

Thanks to Miss Ida B. Thompson, of Dunkerk, Nottingham, Miss J. S. Armstrong has been able to place in Morpeth Watch Tower a framed picture of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Beneath is a peal card recording the peal of Stedman Triples Mr. Robinson rang in this tower on February 14th, 1906. The portrait is headed: 'Hero of a thousand peals.'

Miss Jean Stewart, who was welcomed as a new member of the Central Council, has not yet reached her 21st birthday. She is a representative of the Irish Association. Has there ever been a member of the Council who has not reached 'the official age of discretion'?

It is not unusual for Kelvedon ringers to ring three quarter peals and a 220 after Evensong on festival days. The regular Sunday service band submit this week four quarters in four different methods.

The Editor was not the only ringing correspondent reporting the Central Council proceedings at Bournemouth. 'The Irish Bell News' sent their special correspondent in the person of Mrs. F. E. Dukes. Her presence would have been welcomed at the Press table!

As M.C. for the social evening after the Bournemouth meeting, Mr. Harold J. Poole excelled himself. The sight of Bill Cartwright, Harold Poole, Charles McGuiness and Fred Dukes all kneeling on the floor and doing the Leicester version of 'lapping' was a sight for sore eyes.

To mark the Coronation, Great Tom of Oxford, which weighs 9½ tons has been hung so that it revolves. Hitherto it has been 'clocked' each night. In future it has to be rung. Last Friday on Radio News Reel the boom of Great Tom was heard, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe recounted its history. With Mr. Sharpe was Mr. Douglas Hughes, who firm have rehung the bell.

On Monday, May 7th, 1888, the St. James' Society, Bristol, rang Holt's Six-part of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. H. Porch. Of the band, Messrs. F. Gooding, A. Pearce, G. Pearce and G. Pymm are still living and Messrs. A. Pearce and G. Pearce are still active ringers. We doubt if such a record of four still living who took part in the same peal 65 years ago has ever been surpassed.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CORONATION MEETING

BOURNEMOUTH'S WARMTH DELIGHTS MEMBERS — PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER — MR. A. J. PITMAN HONOURED — 'RINGING WORLD' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

BOURNEMOUTH presented its most glorious picture to the representatives of the Central Council who attended the third session of the 26th Council held on Whitsun Tuesday in the Town Hall.

A welcome from the Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury opened the proceedings. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Barnett) were accompanied by the Rural Dean of Bournemouth (Canon A. L. E. Williams) and Canon C. Carew Cox as they took their places on the platform.

The President announced that he had received a letter from the Bishop of Winchester regretting that he was unable to be present as he had received a summons to attend at Westminster Abbey for a Coronation rehearsal in which he had a part to perform.

The Rural Dean, who deputised for the Bishop, said Bournemouth was a very good centre for bell-ringers. There were some very good towers both in the Winchester and Salisbury Dioceses and he hoped they would sample some of those towers.

He understood their President came from Scotland and there were also two representatives present from Ireland. He came from Ireland and there was a fine ring of bells at Ballymena placed to the memory of his grandfather. He was at one time Rector of a parish in Yorkshire which had three old bells, one of which was cracked. While he was Rector he had the bells recast and three new bells added, making a nice ring of six. For those bells they had two teams, one being composed entirely of ladies, which became one of the crack teams of Yorkshire. He could not claim much personal connection with ringing except having broken a stay.

It was a great pleasure that morning to welcome 60 of them at the Communion held in his church. He felt it was the right way to begin. Campanology was not only a science: it was sacramental. Not only did they want to be proficient as ringers, but they wanted primarily to be Christians and loyal members of the Church.

Canon Carew Cox gave to the Council the apologies of the Bishop of Salisbury and the Bishop of Sherborne. Speaking on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, he said they were very grateful to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for their kind invitation to share in the welcome to the Council. As most of them knew, at Bournemouth they were very near to Dorset and some of them had discovered that Dorset had some very fine bells and some natural attractions which they were not afraid to put into competition with anything Hampshire could offer. He wished he could have taken part in some of the ringing that Whitsun, but it had been impossible. But he did enjoy facing a large representative gathering such as that and it brought to his mind those active days when he, on a bicycle, went here and there and everywhere for the sake of ringing.

The President thanked Canon Williams and Canon Cox for their welcome and the Church authorities for placing their bells at their disposal.

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

With the hearty accord of the meeting the Chairman suggested that the following telegram should be sent to H.M. the Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell-ringers in annual meeting assembled at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, beg to offer your Majesty their loyal salutations. It will be the proud privilege of ringers to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation with the tribute of the bells, and it is their fervent prayer that your Majesty's reign may constitute a long and glorious period in the history of our country.'

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'Please convey to all members of your Council the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of good wishes.' —Private Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The Secretary announced that there were 54 associations and guilds affiliated to the Council with 150 members. In addition there were 24 honorary members and seven life members, making a total of 181. There were vacancies for two ringing members and five honorary members.

THOSE PRESENT

The following members attended:—

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. J. Sharp, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. G. W. Cecil, A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Messrs. E. W. Biffen, J. E. Lilley and T. G. Myers.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin and Miss Hilda G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. G. L. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. F. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss Jean Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rodgers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts, E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. W. Cathrall.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Borcham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. F. Pavey, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pike.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. F. Bennett, R. G. Blackman, F. Dallaway, L. Stilwell.

Swansea Diocesan Association.—Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. H. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Messrs. W. E. Critchley, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Moores, S. F. Palmer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Messrs. W. Ayre, P. E. Baker, A. L. Bennett, T. R. Butler, H. G. Cashmore, P. A. Corby, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Debenham, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke (suffering from chest hæmorrhage), C. W. Evans, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman (unwell, and has a painful hip joint which might necessitate an operation) Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. D. Hughes, S. T. Holt, W. H. J. Hooton, H. Michael Howard, B. G. Key, G. L. Hewitt, J. W. Jones, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, B. P. Morris, R. C. Noon, G. R. Newton J. W. Raithby, J. Segar, A. Paddon Smith, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Messrs. J. J. Webb, E. Alex. Young (who has been ill for the past three or four weeks) and F. Colclough.

Upon the president's suggestion the hon. secretary was instructed to write letters to Mr. Dyke, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Young wishing them a speedy recovery.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed: Miss D. E. Colgate (Ladies' Guild), Miss J. Stewart (Irish Guild), Mr. W. Cathrall (North Wales Association).

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

The president said that last year they thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher verbally for what they had done for the Council over a period of 21 years and the members of the Council thought that while they could not possibly repay them for what they had done they might, at least, make some tangible token of their appreciation and esteem. He asked them to accept a small offering from them all.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The silver salver was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher by members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, 1953.'

There were also two silver tankards which they thought they might find useful. The larger one was inscribed 'G. W. F.' and the smaller one 'E. K. F.' The latter had a glass bottom through which Mrs. Fletcher would be able to see how George was behaving himself (laughter).

These, continued the president, were second-hand silver, which was now often better than new, and on which there was no purchase tax. They had a small margin left over and they were going to have a word with Mrs. Fletcher in case she might like a nice floral shrub or some other shrubs to plant in her garden (applause).

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said it was a delightful gift and one they would appreciate very much. The president knew he had associations with the liquor trade and he might have noted that consumption was down and the Chancellor was not getting his fair share (laughter). They would cherish these two gifts very much.

The last 21 years had passed as a dream. It was very enjoyable; he made a lot of friends and he hoped he made no enemies. If he did make any enemies he could now perhaps see their point of view, better as he was sitting below the platform (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher also thanked the members and assured the Council that before George joined the liquor trade he could get rid of one or two (laughter). Seriously, they were very grateful to the Council and although they had had some hard times they had enjoyed every minute. She hoped they would be able to come and enjoy the meetings under the auspices of the new secretary.

ELECTION OF NEW LIBRARIAN

The president announced that Mr. Frederick Sharpe had been nominated as hon. librarian in place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and they were very grateful to him for being willing to take over the job. It was not an easy job: he had to do it for two months during Mr. Hooton's illness and he could assure them it was not a light undertaking. They could not have a better man than Mr. Sharpe, who had much knowledge of the antiquarian side of their art and knew more about old books on ringing than any living man. There was no other nomination and he took it that it was their wish that Mr. Sharpe should become hon. librarian. He had been able to interest one of his ringers in the business side of the work and they felt very grateful to Miss Ayres for undertaking this work.

The Council agreed to the appointment.

Mr. Sharpe thanked the Council for electing him. Whether he continued in the office depended, he said, on certain circumstances. He lived in a small house and the library was rather extensive. Fortunately, opposite to him was a large rectory and the Rector had kindly placed a room at his disposal for housing the library. If at any time he should leave it might be possible that the new Rector would not let them have the room or might want to sell the rectory. He would like the Council to thank the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton for placing the room at his disposal.

The Council decided, on the proposition of the chairman, to send a letter to the Rector of Launton thanking him for his kind co-operation.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following honorary members retired and were eligible for re-election: Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. Osborn. There were five vacancies.

The Standing Committee recommended their re-election.

Mr. A. Hoare proposed the election of Mr. A. J. Pitman as an honorary member.

Mr. C. Roberts, seconding, said it was time the genius of Mr. Pitman, as a composer, was recognised by the Exercise. His work had been invaluable and possibly nobody had done more than he had in the realm of composition. Composition was often relegated to the background.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed, and Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded, the election of Mrs. E. A. Barnett as an honorary member.

These elections were agreed to with acclamation.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following past members of the Council who had died during the year were remembered:—J. Broadley (Leeds), H. W. D'Aeth (Salisbury Guild), A. J. Harris (Leicester Diocesan Guild), R. T. Holding, C. H. Parry, R. Soerring (Chester Diocesan Guild), C. Edwards (Hereford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. P. J. Johnson said Mr. Broadley was a member of the Yorkshire Association for 67 years and was an officer for many years. While he had not done any peal ringing for 15 years, his record of peals was greater than that of any other member of the Association.

Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. G. W. Pullinger paid tributes to the memory of Mr. Edwards.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were published in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, 1953, and had been circulated to members. On the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead they were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

This report, signed by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, stated:—

Except for copies of 'The Bell News' there has been little borrowing, and in this connection the thanks of the Council are due to Mr. A. N. Wood, who discovered in two borrowed copies a fault in arrangement and most generously had these rebound at his own expense.

An interesting purchase during the year has been a manuscript peal book compiled by a London ringer in the early part of the 19th century. This has been of some interest to the Peal Records Committee. New publications on the bells of Flint and of Stirlingshire, presented by the author, R. W. M. Clouston, are acknowledged with thanks.

The 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' became available for sale and has been in steady demand. Stocks of other publications have been replenished by reprinting and 'Village Bells' still proves a popular little book. Stocks are now high and further reprinting should not be necessary for some time.

It is with great regret I have been compelled to relinquish the librarianship at such short notice, though I should in any case have asked the Council to relieve me before long. As I have remarked in recent years, the library is always expanding and the work involved is now very considerable. For this reason, much that I should have liked to do in connection with the collection of books has had to be left undone.

The president has been able to give most valuable help in making arrangement for the accommodation of the books and I hope that the Council will approve of what has been done.

Books sold during the year numbered 1,271 and 69 free copies had been distributed. The book stock totalled 60,226 and was valued at £346 6s. 6d.

Mr. F. Sharpe moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in seconding, moved a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Hooton for his excellent work to the Council as librarian. The Council hoped that he would soon be restored to normal health.

The report was adopted and the hon secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hooton on the terms suggested and also thanking him for all he had done.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

The year 1952 has been one of intensive effort to balance the gap between income and expenditure. Every possible economy has been continued, but in spite of this, expenditure has been greater than income. Thanks, however, to the splendid help in the form of personal donations, peal and quarter peal self-imposed levies, rendered by well-wishers, we were able to finish the year with a balance on the right side.

The circulation is gradually increasing but not so much as we had hoped, and we would earnestly appeal to all those who are in a position to influence the enrolment of new readers to make every effort to help us in obtaining sufficient readers to enable us to produce the paper profitably. We need hardly point out that the larger the circulation the smaller the cost per copy to produce.

Your committee are reluctant to suggest an increase in the price of the paper as they feel the solution to our difficulties lies in obtaining a larger circulation—and any increase in price might prejudice that effort. They feel that sufficient advantage has not been taken by responsible members of the Exercise of the opportunity of expressing their views on the front page of the paper. The Editor will be pleased to receive suitable contributions for publication.

To all those who sent in literary articles, letters to the Editor, etc., your committee offer their warmest thanks. We would also express our deep sense of gratitude to Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, for his conscientious and able work: to Mr. J. E. Jeater, who has looked after the accounts with commendable efficiency; to Mr. Michael Stephens for preparing the index, and to those who have defrayed the cost of blocks for the few illustrations we have been able to provide. To those who have helped us with donations, we reserve our best thanks, and would say that without their practical help we should have found it impossible to keep the price of the paper at fourpence. Their generosity has saved the situation and the thanks, not only of your committee, but of the whole Exercise, are due to them.

Many inquiries of all kinds relating to bells and ringers reach the office of 'The Ringing World,' not only from the Exercise but from the National Press, magazines and other organisations. In dealing with these your Editor is playing a very useful part in popularising bells and ringing generally.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood moved the adoption of the report and appealed to members to do their utmost to increase the circulation. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said at the last Council meeting he asked a question which he was afraid was never answered. He would like to repeat it: What were the terms of reference of 'The Ringing World' Committee? Last year they had sent to them a report of the Methods Committee for publication. It had been circulated to all members of the Council and they wanted it published. Was it the duty of 'The Ringing World' Committee to say what should be published or was it their duty just to look after the business side? He asked what were their terms of reference.

The president: So far as we know there are no terms of reference.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher said if they went back to 1942 they would remember that they took over 'The Ringing World' at very short notice—in fact it was on the day of the funeral of Jack Goldsmith. They formed a committee to save the paper and undertook financial obligations. The first committee was appointed to conduct negotiations for the purchase of the paper. Two years ago there was a discussion as to whether they should increase the price of the paper, and at that time it was thought if they had people with technical experience on the committee it would be an advantage. Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. F. I. Hairs were appointed as technical people. They also thought they should have representatives throughout the country and Mr. H. Poole and Mr. J. T. Dyke were appointed.

'I do not think there are any terms of reference. If you give a committee a job, they do it. The literary side is looked after by the Editor and it is his work. The Editor has no standing on the Council; he is not a member although he comes here to report the proceedings. I can see no need for terms of reference.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: 'I am not really satisfied. If that sort of thing can happen I think some rules and regulations with the Editor as controlling the editorial side and the Editorial Committee the business side should be drawn up. I am not casting aspersions at the committee. I think they have done a very good job of work.'

Mr. H. J. Poole: 'I feel if the position is left it will right itself.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Felstead. The committee should form the policy and the Editor carry it out.

Mr. A. G. Blackman held the same view.

Mr. Fletcher said the old committee used to talk to the Editor and the Editor produced a series of articles as suggested. Of course, under the present regime there would be articles submitted which the Editor would refer to the committee.

THE ACCOUNTS

The hon. secretary presented the accounts and said that 'The Ringing World' accounts for 1951 were now with professional auditors.

'The Ringing World' income and expenditure account showed the income for 1952 as follow: Rolls Publishing Co. £1,746 5s. 1d., Postal Subscribers £1,898 4s., Notices and Advertisements £789 5s. 11d., Donations £250 17s. 10d., Miscellaneous £2 12s. 9d., Sale of 'College Youths' £1 2s. 6d., Advertisements General Fund nil (last year £22). Total £4,688 8s. 1d.

The expenditure was to Woodbridge Press printing and blocks £3,365 2s. 5d., dispatch of copies £129 19s. 9d., postage and wrappers £544 5s. 7d., Editor's fees and expenses £240 2s. 6d., clerical assistance £108, postage, stationery and sundry £21 1s. 2d., Accounts Department £138 0s. 11d., miscellaneous £5 13s. 3d. Excess of income over expenditure £136 2s. 6d.

'The Ringing World' balance sheet showed assets as follows: Goodwill and blocks £200, debtors £629 3s., cash balances £1,531 12s. 11d., amount due from General Fund £28 2s. 3d. On the liabilities side the items were: Creditors £375 14s. 11d., payments in advance £518 8s. 11d., Capital Account balance, December 31st, 1951, £1,358 11s. 10d. Profit for the year £136 2s. 6d., making a total of £1,494 14s. 4d. (against £1,358 11s. 10d. in 1951).

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the accounts subject to audit, and Mr. F. E. Perrens seconded.

Mr. H. Poole questioned the deletion of a loan from General Funds of £200 that appeared in the liabilities of 'The Ringing World' balance sheet. He asked where it had gone.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher replied that the General Fund had been increased by £200.

The accounts were approved.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

The hon. secretary presented the Publications Account which showed Sales £92 2s. 2d., Stock £346 6s. 6d., Stock Stationery £2 15s., making a total of £441 3s. 8d. The account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £14 3s. 4d. No payment had been made for advertisements in 'The Ringing World' (last year £20).

The General Funds of the Council showed on receipt side: Affiliation Fees 1952, £37 10s., Donation (life member) £1 1s., Donation to cost of Roll of Honour £6, Balances 'Ringing World' £136 2s. 6d., Publications £14 3s. 4d.

On the expenditure side the items were: Roll of Honour £26, Carter Broadsheet £29 16s., Biographies Committee £14 17s. 9d., Binding 'Ringing World' for library £1 3s. 6d., Stationery and Printing £31 4s. 1d., Telephone £3 8s. 8d., Postage £5 14s. 9d., Insurance (library) 8s. 9d., Cheque Book 8s. 4d., 'Village Bells' (copyright and blocks written off) £5. Excess of income over expenditure £87 5s. (last year excess of expenditure over income of £46 1s. 3d.).

On the General Balance Sheet there was a balance carried forward to 1953 of £1,967 13s. 3d. against £1,880 8s. 3d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrins, who moved and seconded their adoption.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher deplored that the £20 payment by the Publications Account to 'The Ringing World' for their advertisement that appeared weekly had been deleted. The item was originally put in at the request of 'The Ringing World' Committee. It enabled the Publications Account to show a small profit instead of a deficit of £6. They had discussed from time to time the margin of profit of the publications and he suggested they should be re-examined. While they did not want to make a profit they did not want to see a loss. He proposed that next year this item of £20 be inserted.

The Council agreed to this course.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had been looking through the stock in the librarian's hands. They had some old stock and he thought it would be better to write it off completely. This stock had been valued at the cost it was printed. He would like to see the stock re-valued.

The president said he prepared the figures by counting up the books. Most of the old stock was represented by a very small cost. The new stock was valued at the printing price and not the selling price. No doubt Mr. Sharpe will think on this question and write off some of the old stock.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner asked if it was usual to obtain quotations from different printers. He found, as secretary of the Middlesex Association, he could get his prices cut by almost 50 per cent by using Yorkshire firms.

The president said the question would be looked into.

Mr. W. C. Duffield said he was anxious to know about 'The Ringing World' circulation. Without donations they would have had a loss instead of a profit.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said the circulation was about 5,600.

The accounts were adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes, reporting on the Carter Ringing Machine, said many parts had been renewed and it is in excellent order and was now in the museum. It had been suggested that in order to keep the machine in running order it should be inspected twice a year—in the spring and autumn—followed by a demonstration in the afternoon. The dates would be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher.

Mr. H. W. Rogers suggested that the machine should be seen running more frequently.

Mr. C. Roberts said he remembered being taken to see the machine with Mr. Young. Owing to the obstruction of the then museum authorities it was impossible to see it properly. It had got into a defective condition. He thought the trustee had done a grand thing in getting the machine on view twice a year. It was very nice to know that there were people sufficiently public-minded to keep it in good condition.

Mr. A. Walker said Mr. Hughes' son had done invaluable work in putting the machine in working order. Mr. Brian Price, when he was down from Wales, also did a great deal.

Mr. H. W. Rogers suggested that selected engineers belonging to the local Territorial Association should be given instructions about the machine and they might offer their services in running the machine.

The president: 'We will leave that thought with Mr. Hughes.'

The report was then adopted.

CARTER'S BROADSHEET: £29 16s. WASTED

Mr. Albert Walker said the original proposition to have the Carter's Broadsheet reprinted was the proposal of Mr. Symonds, of Ipswich, and seconded by himself at London in 1948. The sheets were originally printed by Carter at his own expense. At the time they believed they did the right thing. He understood that since the type had been set up there was some question that some of the peals were not true. The proofs were in Mr. Roberts' hands. In the meantime nothing had been done about reprinting the copies and the printers pressed for the settlement of the cost of setting the type. This had been paid. He was afraid they were in a very unfortunate position.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said when the resolution was passed suggesting the reprinting of the Carter's Broadsheet of Caters and Cinques he was not a member of the Council. Mr. Symonds suggested to him that he might like to check the proofs. This he (Mr. Roberts) was willing to do but he pointed out that as he was not a member of the Council it would be better for someone to go through the circuits and see if any misprints had occurred. He thought the Cinques Broadsheet of 1912 had appeared as a supplement in 'The Bell News' in 1907.

As to the Caters, there were no false peals but there were misprints and his attention was first called to them by Mr. Bob Grimwood. In the Caters there were 12 palpable misprints and he felt that before the copy was sent to the printers somebody should have been selected to go through it.

He had seen the Cinques in 'The Bell News' of 1907, and they consisted of peals of 5,007, 5,017 and 5,019. The 5,007 and 5,019 contained misprints and the 5,017 was all at sea. He felt, himself, that £29 10s. was a tremendous price to pay for a thing that was full of mistakes. He had the greatest admiration for Mr. Carter and his work but he felt that times and conditions changed in composition. He was not endeavouring to minimise its usefulness. When he was a young man he was told by an eminent ringer: 'You need not try and compose peals of Stedman Caters as you will find them all in the Broadsheet.' The type had since been destroyed and he doubted even if it had been published it would have been an economic proposition. He was prepared to continue his work of checking the peals and would place them in the Central Council library as a memorial to Mr. Carter. No blame could be placed on Mr. Walker and Mr. Symonds, who acted in good faith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: 'This matter comes rather as a shock, because when I was younger I had the Carter Broadsheet and I think I called hundreds of them to Stedman Caters. Did Mr. Roberts see the original Broadsheet? I had one, and when I went to the war I had one and I gave it with Lindoff's London Surprise to someone for safe keeping. My recollection is that I have never had it back.'

Mr. C. Roberts: 'Mr. Pulling can rest assured that what he called was true. There were only 12 out of 7,000 that had misprints.'

Mr. A. C. Hazleden: 'Mr. Pulling has forgotten that he handed the copies to me for custody in the Guildford Diocesan Guild library. We have three copies.'

Mr. J. Freeman said the Broadsheet would have a very limited appeal to-day. He did not think the Broadsheet should be reprinted.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner agreed and suggested the committee should start from scratch.

Mr. C. Roberts thought there should be a similar publication to the book of Major methods. It should include Stedman Caters and Cinques, Erin and Grandsire.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead proposed, and Mr. C. Kippin seconded, that the Council scrap any idea of reprinting the Carter's Broadsheet and this was agreed to.

After the luncheon interval Mr. Felstead moved that the Peals Collection Committee be

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LETTERS

CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Dear Sir,—It is now almost half a century since I learned to ring, and during that period I have not failed of ringing in a peal for each Coronation and Jubilee. Now I am laid aside and unable to leave the house, let alone joining in the joyful duty of helping to celebrate this great event that is now upon us.

I cannot but feel a sense of some 'failure of duty' in doing absolutely nothing, and am accordingly subjecting myself to a fine instead of 'three hours' hard labour.'

I enclose my cheque and will thank you to apply it to the cost of production of the Coronation number.—Yours faithfully,

'OLD CROCK.'

YOUNG TENOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in your issue of May 15th from Mr. J. J. Webb, Ross-on-Wye, concerning a tenor ringer of 13½ years, irrespective of whether she is the youngest lady to ring a tenor of this weight or not, which I doubt, and paying due regard to earlier letters in your issue on much the same topic, it would appear to me to be more of an act of folly, and nothing to boast of, either for the one who does it, or for those who encourage her to do so. She would be better employed ringing for services in the tower of Bridstow, where she received her tuition.

REGINALD POSTON.

Bridstow, near Ross-on-Wye.

ST. OSWALD'S, HARTLEPOOL

Dear Sir,—I should, with the help of 'The Ringing World,' like to hear from any of my old ringing colleagues at St. Oswald's in West Hartlepool. I left there to go to sea in 1926, but now am in a shore job and have again taken up ringing. I am looking forward to hearing from any of them that remember me.—With all good wishes,

AUSTIN STONE.

27, Southwood Road,
Cottingham, Nr. Hull.

DOUBLES METHOD

Dear Sir,—Whilst attempting lately to keep records of Doubles methods ('Boy, fetch me the asprins') herewith a few (im)pertinent observations.

(1) Congratulations to Mr. Blagrove with 24 different methods (and are you short of ringers down there), but why utilise Minor names for your slow course ones—are you following the precedent set with Belvoir Minor and Max?

(2) Recent 42 method peals resolve to eleven methods (Plain Bob renamed seven times);

(3) An excuse for the above is the miserly C.C. Collection. Reason given was cost — rubbish, ringers are not stingy in that direction;

(4) Whilst I'm on with it, to achieve extra-multi-Minor peals the treble appears to be allowed to do everything bar play boogie-woogie;

(5) Carry on, Messrs. Shepherd and Chant;

(6) Hurrah for Bob Triples. — Yours affectionately,

DENIS A. FRITH.

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asked to consider the possibility of publishing a small booklet dealing with Stedman Caters and Cinques.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded and asked that Mr. Roberts be co-opted on to the committee for this particular purpose.

Mr. Harold Poole: 'I take it that the committee will refer the matter back to the Council before any action is taken.'

The president: 'Yes.'

This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR—Seven to Thirty Methods

By A. J. PITMAN

Dear Sir,—I send a 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major with five arrangements, which show how peals may be rung from this composition in any number from seven to thirty methods.

Several peals have been rung from this, chiefly in the reversed arrangements, including the one in 25 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild on February 4th, 1951. Conducted by W. Judge.

It is now published for the first time in following form:—

5,120 Arr. A.	Arr. B.	Arr. C.	Arr. D.	Arr. E.
2345678 Wembley	Wembley	Wembley	Wembley	Wembley
4263857 Cam. or Lincs.	Cam. or Lincs.	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Apsley
— 2357486 Lon. or Lindum	Lindum	Lindum	Lindum	Lindum
5243678 Lon. or Lindum	Lindum	Lindum or Ed.	Lindum or Ed.	Lin. or Edin.
4562837 Cam. or Lincs.	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire
— 5237486 Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray or Ripon	Ripon
4365827 Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cam. or Tring.
— 3527486 Wembley	Wembley	Wem. or Framley	Framley	Coddenham
— 4235678 Lon. or Eastcote	Lon. or East.	Eastcote	East. or Acton	Acton
3462857 Lon. or Sup.	Cam. or Sup.	Superlative	Superlative	Superlative
— 4257386 Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray
3564827 Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Alden. or C.
— 5427386 Rutland	Watford or Ux.	Uxbridge	Uxbridge	Uxbridge
2534678 London	London	London	London	London
3265847 Cam. or Yorks.	Cam. or Yorks.	Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Yorkshire
— 2547386 London	London	Lon. or Claybr.	Lon. or Claybr.	Claybrooke
— 3425678 London	London	London	London	London
2364857 Cam. or Sup.	Cam. or Sup.	Sup. or Hitchen	Hitchen	Hitchen
— 3457286 London	London	Lon. or Claybr.	Lon. or Claybr.	Shore. or Clay.
5324678 Rutland	Watford or Ux.	W. or Uxbridge	Watford	Watford
2563847 Cam. or Yorks.	Cam. or Yorks.	Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Cambridge
*— 5347286 Rut. or Words.	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Ches. or Words
* 2453678 Rut. or Words.	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth
5264837 Cam. or Pudsey	Cam. or Puds.	Pudsey	Pudsey	Pudsey
— 2437586 Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol
— 3247586 Rutland	Rutland	Rutland	Rutland	Rutland
— 5432678 N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N.G. or Hereford	N.G. or Here.
— 3542678 N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N Gloucester
— 4352678 Rutland	Rutland	R. or Heathcote	R. or Heathcote	R. or Heathcot
— 6543827 Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol
— 4653827 Cam. or Pudsey	Cam. or Puds.	Puds. or Langley	Puds. or Langley	Puds. or Lang.
— 6327485 Lon. or Eastcote	Lon. or East.	Eastcote	Eastcote	Eastcote
— 4263578				

Repeat four times.

* In arrangement A all the ten leads here to be rung in same method to avoid falseness, only Rutland or only Wordsworth. Cray as Norfolk with 2nds place for 7ths at treble lead.

A gives 7 to 14 methods, B 12 to 16, C 16 to 22, D 18 to 25, E 22 to 30.

For truth in peals, ring from one arrangement only, this is essential.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to embarrass the Methods Committee any further, may I add a remark to what Mr. Shepherd has written about irregular lead ends. The method he mentions as being identical with an extent of original Minor has been rung to many peals in the last few years under the name of College Single. It is, moreover, nothing else but a well known extent of Single Court, given in the Central Council Collection, the difference being that a plain lead of College Single is a bob lead of Single Court and vice versa.

Presumably we may ring this method in a peal, having previously arranged to ring the well known extent of College Single, but calling 'omit' for 'bob,' and be justified in claiming to have rung Single Court with bobs made except when called to omit. In this case the peal would be allowed in the analysis, whereas in the former case it would be an 'irregular performance.' The identity of the changes rung has evidently nothing to do with the case.—Yours faithfully, PETER C. WRIGHT.

University College, Oxford.

BIRTHDAY SHARING

Dear Sir,—At Rowley Regis Parish Church our leader and deputy leader's birthdays fall on the same date, May 26th, which was the late Queen Mary's. Is there any tower where the leader and deputy leader's natal day falls on the same day?—Yours, etc.

THOMAS PERRY.

Rowley Regis, Nr. Birmingham.

A WYKE REGIS WEDDING

On May 23rd the bells of All Saints, Wyke Regis, rang for the wedding of two members of the band, Mr. George Rose and Miss Doreen Sansom.

After the wedding touch the ringers were invited to the reception, attended by over ninety guests. The bells were again rung as the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Paignton.

This was a special occasion in the history of the band, as it was 40 years ago that a local ringer was last married in the church, the bridegroom then being George's father, Mr. Joe Rose, who is still a very active member.

5,056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER, No. 11.

23456	B	M	W	H
43652		—		
32654		—		2
53624			—	3
25634			—	3
63254			—	—
52436		—	—	3
42635		—		
42356	x			—
54326			—	3
25346			—	3
23456			—	2

Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, May 18th, 1953. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SEVENTH RINGERS' RALLY AT BOURNEMOUTH

A GREAT RECEPTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — DOES THE MINOR THIRD IN A BELL UPSET PEOPLE? — MR. LEWIS ANSWERS COUNCIL CRITICS

THE seventh annual Ringers' Rally and the fourth 'George Williams' ' commemoration dinner was a happy prelude to the Central Council meeting. The dinner was held at the Council's headquarters, the Devonshire Hotel, on May 23rd, and many of the principal members of the Council supported the function.

The Rev. J. L. Featherstone, Vicar of St. John's, Surrey Road, was a genial chairman. He deputised for Canon Williams, who was indisposed. Guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth (Cclr. and Mrs. H. P. E. Mears), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. G. R. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Pullinger accompanied them on the top table.

The loyal toast was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, rung by the Bournemouth handbell ringers.

In his greetings to the company the Chairman said they had ringers from all over the country present from as far west as Cornwall and from Argyll in Scotland. He announced a long list for absence and greetings, and these included the Bishop of the Diocese and the Bishop of Southampton.

'We clergy,' he said, 'certainly pay tribute to those of you who train others in the art and skill of ringing the bells. It is a great art, and it requires infinite patience on the part of the instructor. There is one you always remember at this function—that grand old man, George Williams, who lived to be 92 and, by his life, set a pattern of real devoted work to your art.'

CORONATION RABBIT

This is Coronation year. According to the 'Church Times,' a boy of 17 was applying for a job to work in the garden, and the prospective employer said, 'What is your name?' 'Coronation Rabbit,' came the reply. The man looked at him again and asked for an explanation. 'I was born in 1937,' replied the boy. My surname is Rabbit, and as I was born in the year King George VI. was crowned I was called Coronation.'

'Wherever you ring next week,' implored the Chairman, 'Ring with all your heart and soul. We thank God that in our young Queen we have a gracious and wonderful Queen, who has asked for our prayers. She has entered on a life of most exacting service.'

The toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted in a humorous vein by the Mayor of Bournemouth. On the following Tuesday he had three conferences to welcome at Bournemouth, and the one he gave priority to was theirs. He hoped that in Bournemouth they would have a happy time, but he implored the ringers present not to work too hard, because the following week, with the Coronation, they would have a lot of ringing. 'I hope you will ring the bells as hard as you can, even if you break the rope—a rope can be easily replaced!'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, said he was pleased the Mayor enjoyed bells, because there were some people, a few he believed, who did not. Some 200 years ago in a Norwich newspaper there appeared:—

'Ye rascally ringers, inveterate foes,
And disturbers of those who are fond of repose,
I wish, for the peace and quiet of this land,
You had round your necks what you hold in your hands.'

THE MINOR THIRD

The Mayoress told him during dinner that when she was young bells upset her. He said that he thought it was due to the Minor Third in the bell. There were five notes that formed the chord of a bell, and one of those was the Minor Third and, in his opinion, it was that note that upset people's nerves. There were some people who could not remain in a room with a cat or eat strawberries, but that was no reason why they should abolish cats or give up eating strawberries. Similarly, there was no reason why they should give up bells.

'We, as ringers, must always try and remember we have a very large audience.' He remembered going to a certain tower in Kent with the Cambridge University Guild. After a time the Vicar came up and said, 'I hope you know there are 20,000 people listening.' The tower was in the country, but happened to be one of the centres of the hop fields. They must always remember to strike the bells evenly; good striking was always more important than complicated change ringing. It was perfect rhythm that counted with the public; they did not know the difference between Yorkshire and Bristol.

In a reference to the Central Council, Mr. Lewis said it represented 20,000 or 21,000 organised change ringers in the country. They were going to meet next Tuesday as a Central Council. There were critics who regarded the Council as wasting a lot of time and talking a lot of rubbish, and asked what did they get out of it? The quality of the Council depended on the individual members, and unless an individual member came forward and submitted a resolution they could not get any further. He appealed to members of the Council present and those younger members who would be members, to remember that it was up to them to make the Council a success.

REPLY TO CRITICS

Another criticism had been made that they tried to lay down the law as to what should and should not be rung. That was not quite correct. The only person who could lay down the law was the incumbent of a tower; he was the only authority. What the Council did was to say what produced the best music from the bells and recommended to the members what it was desirable or not desirable to ring. If they chose to include certain peals in their analysis and exclude certain others they were entitled to do so. The Council could not lay down the law, but it tried to recommend that the methods that were rung were as musical as possible and as pleasant to the public ear as possible.

In conclusion, Mr. Lewis informed the Mayor that in the old days ringers rang for the money paid for ringing. To-day, ringing, thanks partly to the efforts of the Central Council and the various local guilds and associations, was undertaken as a particular branch of church work, and that was how they wished to keep it.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, who said they were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, and also by the president and secretary of the Central Council. A gathering like that did foster that spirit of comradeship and enthusiasm for the craft which was so strong among bellringers. He sometimes felt that enthusiasm was the eighth gift of the spirit.

GEORGE WILLIAMS

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who replied, thanked the organisers for 'a lovely evening' and especially Mr. Arthur Davis and his committee. There were two reasons why they came to such a function. One was that it was a social gathering—an opportunity of meeting friends, as, on the eve of the Central Council, it had brought a large number of new faces to Bournemouth. Secondly, they were honouring the memory of a very famous ringer and one whom he was proud to know, and personally he was very sad at his death. There were people present who knew Mr. Williams before he (the speaker) was born. There was Mr. F. Bennett, and Mr. Williams conducted his first peal in 1899. Mr. Williams was not only a gifted ringer, but a personality. Anybody was welcome to have a chat with him, and he had had that pleasure on a number of occasions. We younger ringers must never forget the debt they owed to the older generation, and it was a good thing for the young ringers of to-day to read about the difficulties of ringers 50 or 60 years ago; how they struggled for their peals, sometimes envolving a walk of 10 or 20 miles for a peal of Grandsire.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. George Pullinger. In reply, the Chairman said if they could get the harmony of the bells in the hearts of men they would abolish war. He expressed the company's gratitude to Mr. Arthur Davis for the tremendous amount of hard work he had put in to ensure the success of the evening.

The speeches were interspersed with an entertainment. The songs and duets of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford, who were accompanied by Mr. H. Johnson, of Canford School, Dorset, were a delight and of a standard rarely heard at a ringers' dinner. The Leicester Cathedral Ringers were very popular with 'the rise and fall on eight' bells. Messrs. A. V. and J. V. Davis gave a course of Grandsire Triples four in hand. The St. Peter's Handbell Ringers received a great ovation for their selections on handbells conducted by Mr. A. V. Davis. The numbers included Heykens' Serenade; 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' (Bach) and 'Traumerei' (Schumann). For academic ringing the touch of Spliced Major by Mr. D. Matkin and his band was a good performance, their ability being appraised by an expert audience.

THE COMPANY

Apart from those already mentioned, the company included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Miss K. Barnes, Miss D. Ballersly, Mr. M. Bageley, Mr. J. Blatchford, Mr. H. Bennett, Mr. M. Best, Mr. E. Booth.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Turner, Miss A. Vicary, Miss R. Ventress, Mr. A. Ward, Mr. S. White, Miss W. Wiggins, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. W. Young.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Towers in the Kettering area were the objective of the combined bands of Baldock and Norton for their outing on May 16th. Ringing was enjoyed at Tichmarsh, Thrapston, Burton-Latimer, Kettering, Irthlingborough, and Higham Ferrers. The age of some of the members provoked the comment that the party looked more like a youth club outing than a party of bellringers.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON

The recently-restored octave at Tonbridge was the first tower visited by St. Peter's ringers for their outing on May 16th. Then followed the light ten in the massive tower of St. John's, Southover. Other towers visited were Steyning, Henfield and Warnham (with its peal boards for 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major). The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells and to Miss Potter, who ably made the arrangements.

NAILSEA AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Wraxall, Melksham, Clevedon and Nailsea joined with several friends from the Bridgwater area for an afternoon ringing tour on May 23rd. The towers visited were all fours and fives and lay in the extremely pretty district between the Quantock hills and the sea.

Charlynch, a five, was the first visited, and the long draught, long rope ends and bad go made hard work. Unknown to the party, the Vicar's wife had arranged a fine feed in the parish hall and, despite the early hour, the proverbial ringers' thirst was well in evidence.

Further along the Minehead road was the Victorian Church of St. Audries, West Quantoxhead, where the five was put to good use. As the steeplekeeper proudly pointed out, the clock was made by the same firm that made 'Big Ben.'

West Quantoxhead, reached through a farmyard and across a lawn, proved to be a fine old church with a good mellow toned ring of four with a 16 cwt. tenor. The more musical members of the party disputed as to what notes these bells were, but finally decided that they were the 2, 3, 4 and 6 of an octave and were very similar to the Bethlehem bells heard on the wireless on Festivals.

The next stop was Dodington, another four which went very well. Then came the journey across the marsh lands to Otterhampton with a Saxon font and with a 14th century doorway. These bells were the only ring of the day which were hung on ball bearings. They sounded quite well, except that the ringing chamber roof was the floor of the bell chamber and the noise was terrific.

The last call was Stockland-Bristol, a Victorian church considered to be a fine example of its period. The bells were a good ring of five, and some of the local ringers joined the party in the tower.

M. J. H.

SILSOE, BEDS.

On May 16th, ringers from Silsoe, Bedford, Henlow, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Hitchin, Wavendon, Maulden, etc., set off early for a tour of North Wiltshire, including some less well-known towers. The first two nestled at the foot of the chalk downs near Swindon. Bishopstone (8) were best heard outside, owing to the noise and very short draught in the chamber. Ringing started with a mishap, for, on standing after raising in peal, the fifth rope disappeared through the hole! The slider was out of position.

Lateness made our stay at Wanborough, with both spire and tower, short, which was a pity, for we found this newly rehung six (19 cwt.) the best bells of the day. Lunch was taken after ringing on the light eight at St. Mark's, Swindon, and then we moved on to Wootton Bassett, an old fashioned but good-going eight.

A detour up the Lower Chalk 'Clyffe,' with fine views now the early rain had turned to clear bright weather, brought us to the pretty little church of Broad Hinton, where a good little six was spoilt by the low ropes: it was best to ring the tenor from a chair, otherwise the sally was of no use. Miss Steele, Beds. Association president, took charge, very ably, here. At Lyneham, an odd-struck six, interest was divided between the bells and a large aeroplane standing nearby on R.A.F. territory.

Tea was taken at Calne, after which we ascended the fine tower with its old deep-toned octave. The last tower was Bromham, where the Warner six (17½ cwt.) proved a melodious ring.

So the long return journey commenced and, after going badly astray near Thame, ended safely in the small hours.

D. P. J.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Saturday, June 6th, Peak District and Chesterfield District. Edensor (6), Chatsworth Park, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and Baslow (6) 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. E. Taylor and B. A. Cooper. 2680

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, June 6th, Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please. — R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2659

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

LADIES GUILD.—West Midlands District. —Annual meeting to be held at Yardley, Birmingham, on June 6th. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available at 4.45 p.m. 2669

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. 2672

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. 2629

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashbrittle, June 13th, 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed. 2672

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good meeting, please. —L. H. Bywater, Sec. 2697

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at North Cave on June 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea in White Hart Hotel 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. G. Hardwick, Everthorpe, Brough. 2689

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heatherland Cafe, Thurstaston, June 13th. Special bus leaves Woodside at 2.30 p.m. Burton (6) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Backford (6) after tea. Bus and tea tickets (5s. inclusive) obtainable, before 9th, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2693

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 10th, to Mr. Gough, 13, New Street, Morton, Derbyshire. 2689

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (6), June 13th. Tea at Lesters Cafe. Names by June 11th. Only three seats vacant for outing. July 11th.—C. A. Bassett 3, Pendrill Place. 2684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange). Will those requiring seat on coach or tea please advise me by Thursday, June 11th?—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Crusader meeting, Loughton (8), June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Rann, 16, York Crescent, Loughton. 2685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 13th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2691

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.— Meeting at Tortworth (6), June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea, by June 10th, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyning, June 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify before June 9th for tea, J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. All welcome. 2656

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District — Combined practice (not meeting, as previously arranged) at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 13th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis Sec. 2686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 10th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, Manor Croft, Manor Street, Berkhamsted.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers, enclosing cash please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, not later than Wednesday, June 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Rostherne, near Altrincham, Cheshire, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mrs. H. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Millington, near Altrincham, Cheshire. 2686

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Bridport (8), June 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Other towers available: West Coker, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Axminster, 2.15-3.15 p.m.; Martock, 8-9 p.m. Lunch at Lyme Regis. Names for lunch and/or tea as soon as possible, please, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 2696

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Silverdale (6). Ringing 2.30 to 8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—N. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2685

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th, to Mr. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley. Bus from Portland Street or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2692

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willow, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield, near Warrington. —W. O. Farrimond and Miss Julia M. Preston, Branch Secs. 2694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, June 13th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2625

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify, by June 10th, P. J. Thomas, Walcote, near Rugby. Outing fares, £1 2s. 6d., in by this date.—L. W. Allen. 2680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, June 13th. Ringing 3. Tea in Tudor Cafe 4.30. Names, by June 10th, to Mr. C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 2655

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea in Church Schools 5 o'clock. Please bring own food.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 2670

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 2688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The 25th annual Branch meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. North Marston bells (6) available after tea. Please send names by June 10th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2687

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Goring (8) and Streatley (6) on June 13th at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 8th, to Nancie E. Swann, 49, Whitenights Road, Reading. 2681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, June 13th, Longbridge Deverill (8), 3 p.m. Service and Tea. Names for tea to Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2690

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Shaftesbury, June 13th. Visitors welcome. Write:—Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 2649

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SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Crawford Cup contest and meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Brumptons bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1 and 3.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford.—H. Denman. 2673

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at Llanelly on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 2693

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, June 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2684

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. Practice meeting, Easebourne (8), June 13th, 3. Tea 5. Evensong 7. Names for tea, please, by 9th to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 2661

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by June 9th to G. K. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, Hants. 2690

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Collingham, near Leeds, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify Miss M. Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road, Collingham, near Leeds, by Wednesday, June 10th. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Willesborough, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2694

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fleet (6), June 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before June 13th, to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, Fleet, Spalding. 2695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Aldermaston (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 17th, to Mrs. D. Cooper, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 2646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch outing is arranged for Saturday, June 20th, in Gloucester. We shall visit the following towers: Hatherop, Coln-St.-Aldwyn, Fairford (tea), Maiseyhampton, Cirencester. For reservation of bus and tea contact me quickly, please.—Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 2674

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Dedication of rehung bells, Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 13th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Boston. 2682

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6-6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2691

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, June 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Look up Oxford Treble Bob. Notifications, by June 17th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 2678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 20th. Bells (8), rehung, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11 Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2677

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sketty, Sat., June 27th. Service 3 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Sketty (8) 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Gorseinon (8) 12-1.30 p.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2673

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Mr. B. L. Marks presided at the business meeting, when new members elected were R. Sharp (Graveley), E. Chambers (Knebworth), C. Stubbington (Welwyn) ringing members, and Mrs. E. G. Sanderson (Norton) associate member.

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BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

A Second Impression

SHOULD there be left any sceptical members of the Exercise who are doubtful about the work done by the Central Council, a glance at the agenda which was got through this year should convince them that these Council meetings are no joy ride, particularly for the President. There is no possible doubt that this year's Council meeting will stand out as one of the most successful, not to say enjoyable, that has ever taken place. It speaks volumes for the interest of the members who, despite the marvellous attractions of a beautiful seaside resort, stuck to their task in a room which was more like a greenhouse than anything else, and remained until the very end of the proceedings.

The new Secretary won his spurs all right, and many words of congratulation could be heard on all sides. We have got a good man in E. A. Barnett, and it was very fitting that his charming wife, Olive, was elected an honorary member. What a round of applause there was when she took her place at his side!

There will be many memories left on the minds of the members. It was good to see that grand veteran, Frank Bennett—alert as ever in spite of advancing years—and obviously proud to see his granddaughter sitting up on the rostrum. Then there was the feeling of relief that the mighty report of the Methods Committee went through without a lot of acrimonious discussion, and it should be said here that the Methods Committee have done a wonderful job, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to them for clearing up, we hope once for all, the many knotty points which have befogged and bewildered us for so many years.

Then there was the sight of the Editor frequently mopping his brow (my, it *was* warm!). but sticking to his task like a hero; the enthusiasm of the members when a very charming Irish colleen representing the Irish Association was introduced to the President. We did not this time hear the dulcet tones of Fred Dukes, but he was there all right. The Cockney Yorkshireman was still on the track of red herrings, though probably only he himself knew how the Council was going to be able to cut its own throat with one! The relief of Alf Peck, who learned at long last that the peal of Royal he took part in so many years ago *was* London after all (another ghost laid). The tolerance which characterised all the speeches; the sincerity of young Lewis, of the Methods Committee; the doggedness of Harry Miles, who stuck to his guns and his resolution, but got no votes, and the efforts of the Mayor of Bournemouth to pull our legs about cow bells!

Work over, time for tea and relaxation arrived, and this latter took several forms—for some, ringing on the many attractive rings in the district (much less strenuous than deliberating in Council). To the writer it provided an opportunity of hearing for the first time the splendid ten at Wimborne Minster. For others something in the nature of liquid refreshment, for talking is a thirsty job, and for others a social hour at the headquarters. There is only one Harold Poole (did someone say, 'Thank goodness'?) and he certainly provided some entertainment for us. The sight of Bill Cartwright, H. Poole, C. McGuiness and Fred Dukes all kneeling on the floor and doing the Leicester version of 'lapping' was a sight for sore eyes. Never was a man so busy as Fred Dukes. He seemed to have more bells than he knew what to do with! Community singing, handbell ringing—and some particularly good stuff was put over by G. E. Feirn and his merry boys (and girl), who rang some excellent Spliced Major with such ease and confidence that at least one diehard might almost have been said to have revised his opinions on spliced ringing.

The happiest memory of all will be the obvious pleasure of George Fletcher and Edith when they received from the hands of the President a token of the Council's appreciation of their 21 years' combined effort in its service. The thought went through the mind of the writer that the capacity of one of the vessels which were presented was rather insufficient! Yes, we shall remember Bournemouth for a long time, and we shall remember the efforts made by Felstead, Pullinger and Davis to ensure our comfort and happiness. To them we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

J. F. S.



Peals rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

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BARNABAS G. KEY	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	9
DENNIS BERESFORD	5	MARK N. CULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
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TRURO, CORNWALL.
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Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

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GEORGE J. HAWKINS	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
WILLIAM H. HURFORD	5	KENNETH F. MEDWAY HERBERT J. MERRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE J. HAWKINS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	*Treble*	MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
*DAVID A. CARPENTER	2	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal for the Guild.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	*EDWARD BARKER	6
†G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	*ROBERT GREENACRE	7
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	ERNEST H. MASTIN	8
*JAMES H. RAPER	4	*WILLIAM ROSE	9
*STANLEY G. ELSEY	5	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First ten-bell peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
ARTHUR J. SMITH	2	*JOHN SCOTT	7
HENRY B. WHITNEY	3	HARRY WOOD	8
RICHARD KENDALL	4	HAROLD P. BURTON	9
JOSEPH E. ARNOLD	5	H. CLAUD MANN	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 37).
Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., May 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
DAPHNE LUKE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
The peal was also rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. C. Davey, I.S.O., on resigning the churchwardenship of St. Stephen's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
GEORGE W. CREASEY	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells for Southwell Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., May 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN P. SIMS	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
DENIS F. WHEELER	2	†CYRIL A. JONES	6
*CHARLES SANGWIN	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
ALBERT F. BURBIDGE	4	H. OWEN THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* Fortieth peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DEREK JEWELL	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
LESLIE WALTERS	2	FRED YEO	6
REV. T. H. B. ANDREWS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
CHARLIE ROOK	4	ARTHUR SMALLRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*R. C. BEAL	*Treble*	*C. ANN WEST	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
†RENEE MARWOOD	3	HAROLD A. NOBES	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal or eight bells. † First peal 'inside.'

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

REV. J. KINGDON	*Treble*	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
BETTY GRIFFITHS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY MILES	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
JEAN H. STURGESS	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
EDWARD A. MARSH	3	HAROLD A. NOBES	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

C. HENRY FLOYD	*Treble*	GERALD UGLOW	5
FRANK MATRAVERS	2	HARRY H. MOCKRIDGE	6
WILLIAM WARREN	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*GEORGE SAGE	4	PERCY PENGELLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. 10 callinge. Tenor 14 cwt.

GRAHAM MORRIS (14)	*Treble*	*ALFRED P. BINDOFF	4
ROY TAYLOR	2	CHARLES ROUSE	5
*BRIAN T. COOPER (17)	3	ALFRED LYNALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal.

FLETTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Grandsire and six extents of Plain Bob. Twice repeated different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

DONALD COTTINGHAM	*Treble*	HERBERT GOAKES	3
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
DENIS D. WRIGHT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
First peal on these bells.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob (4 callings), 30 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD COUSINS	*Treble*	*FRANK ARNOLD	3
†COLIN JOHNSON	2	*EDWARD W. MARTIN	4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
All, except the conductor, are service ringers at the above church.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

DAVID G. LEWIS	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	LYNN JEFFREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA HALDANE	*Treble*	JACK POUNDS	4
*RUTH CORE	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ELLEN PARKER	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal in three methods.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

JOHN EALES	*Treble*	RICHARD S. HOLLAND	3
MICHAEL F. AMOS	2	ERNEST G. ORLAND	4
STEPHEN J. SUMMERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
Rung by members of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*GEOFFREY HORTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH CORDELL	4
HARRY KING	2	SIDNEY KING	5
NORMAN KING	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal.

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OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	8
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	9
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	CYRIL TANSELL	10
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	11
JOHN THOMAS	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN M. STALLARD	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	WILLIAM H. PARKER	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5	*WILFRED F. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
DENIS MADDOCK	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
JOHN ORME	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*FRED JACKSON	4	JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN DUGDALE	*Treble*	*JOHN ORME	5
*DENIS MADDOCK	2	*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*FRED JACKSON	4	*JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
WILLIAM J. FLATT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
CHARLES CATCHPOLE	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

MILTON ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ALBERT HARMAN	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
DOROTHY E. FLETCHER	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLAEDA,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK E. DUKES	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	5
R. GORDON CORBY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN FREEMAN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDGAR MARLOW	*Treble*	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	5
*JAMES B. BICKNELL	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method on a working bell.
Rung in memoriam Jesse Screen, for many years a ringer and tower-keeper at Christ Church, West Bromwich, who died May 25, 1952, aged 80 years.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*E. JOHN HENSTRIDGE	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
*ROBIN G. TURNER	2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT	6
*R. JAMES COOK	3	HARRY PARKES	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
ALBERT WALKER	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
FRANK W. PERRINS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
*EDWARD J. JENNER	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
*JAMES H. EDWARDS	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CHARLES PEAKMAN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
†ALBERT MALLEN	2	JOHN LLOYD	6
†FREDERICK JUKES	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
†ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	*DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Specially arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peakman, and a 21st birthday compliment to their daughter, Beryl.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	DAVID D. REED	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	†JOHN H. GILBERT	6
RONALD N. MARLOW	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
*JAMES E. DANIELS	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PETER COXALL	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Charles Dauntesey Langley Greenhalgh, in whose memory these bells were donated by his three daughters, Miss Eva Greenhalgh, Mrs. Mabel K. Dunn and Mrs. Ethel M. Evans.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*BERNARD G. MOORE	*Treble*	*PETER N. BOND	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	†WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 600th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise. St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

A. EDWARD DOBB	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
EDMUND E. ATYEO	2	*ALBERT W. DYRE	5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dyre.



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CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10⅓ cwt. in G.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	TOM GREENACRE	4
*HELEN BRAY	2	ERNEST A. SHIPP	5
EDWARD GREENACRE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
* First peal in two methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt

MRS. M. MOORE	*Treble*	ALAN SYDER	4
JUNE STARLING	2	PETER WOOD	5
TERRY EARLE	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob, 22 extents of Grandsire and three each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	3
REX J. CORKE	2	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	4
E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 1 extent of London Surprise, 2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford Treble Bob, 1 Kent Treble Bob, 1 Cambridge, in that order.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

E. JACK PARISH	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung for the Whitsun Festival.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER E. ELSWORTH	*Treble*	FRANK MITCHELL	4
JAMES REED	2	STANLEY DANCE	5
DOUGLAS M. HALL	3	EDWIN ATKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal rung on the bells by a local band.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	FRANK PEARSON	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
FREDERICK SEAGER	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE HENRY DANDO	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
MICHAEL W. HORSEMAN	2	E. JOHN TARGETT	5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since the restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, London, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED BISHOP	*Treble*	*JOHN R. KEMP	4
JOHN R. YOUNG	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.
* 50th peal.
Rung to welcome Rev. —. Sangster as Vicar.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 13 methods: 1, Carlisle; 2, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; 3, Cambridge and Ipswich; 4, Primrose and Norfolk; 5, Cambridge and Primrose; 6, Beverley and Surfleet; 7, York and Durham. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of combined Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN MEADOWS	4
*STANLEY WALMSLEY	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. T. Miller, who was interred here on May 28th, 1953, and who had been a ringer here for 60 years.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two blocks of 2,160 and one 720 C.C.C. (Nos. 96, 98, 100; 101, 97, 99; 94). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	MOSES BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday. First in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. M. Billings, wife of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

BOURNEMOUTH
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 11, EXTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, M. W. Ford 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. C. Ford 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana M. Gough (first quarter) 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Wendy E. Turnbull 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for Holy Trinity.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sayer 1, L. Everest 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, H. Luck 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung to mark the award of the M.B.E. to the ringer of the treble (Capt. A. Sayer, R.A.O.C.), for his services in Malaya.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Senior (first quarter) 1, J. Brown (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, June Starling 4, S. Bones 5, H. Moore 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. G. Hartley 1, S. T. Hume 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Bailey 2, Miss M. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. E. Moreton 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. Thompson 7, J. E. Lloyd 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Robert Rose and Joan Wing, both of whom are members of the local band.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On May 27th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. Haigh 1, C. Haigh 2, Susan Dinsdale 3, J. Thackeray 4, G. Smith 5, C. Maxfield 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Jean Lawn 8. First half peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung by a local band. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Unthank) on his retirement at the end of June.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. K. Lunn 3, D. E. Fowles 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6. A birthday compliment to Anne Stokes.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss Eleanor May 1, Mrs. Renee L. Armstrong 2, N. J. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, W. J. Barker 6, L. S. Woods (first as cond.) 7, J. Armstrong 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 7. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dulcie J. Fleetwood to Mr. Colin E. Wright on the previous day.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Martin 1, J. E. Chittenden 2, Miss M. Bishop 3, J. Hobden 4, W. G. Ledward 5, F. G. Weller 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, E. J. Walker 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin, married in this church June 2nd, 1928; and a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Martin.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, L. Bailey 3, G. Roberts 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, E. Thorne 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, S. Hollis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam O. W. Morewood, Vicar's warden.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On May 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C Mayne 1, S. A. Warwick 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for 7 a.m. Communion. Also 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: R. Pye 1, A. Elliott 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, C. Button 6. Rung for 11 a.m. service. Also 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, P. Elliott 2, C. Button 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, E. Bright 6. Rung after Evensong.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On May 23rd, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Booth 1, T. H. Taffender 2, L. W. Bullock 3, L. Woods (first of Stedman) 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, Dr. D. G. Hollis 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. B. Archer 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): D. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, S. White 4, G. Prescott 5, F. Millier 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Harcourt, who are leaving Locking.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Oliver 1, E. Malin 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, J. D. Holden 4, R. Hawkesworth 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, R. Bastone 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Bastone.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Barrett 1, D. M. Barrett 2, O. W. Barrett 3, J. K. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for festival of Whitsun.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. H. W. Moore 1, Miss J. S. Starling 2, H. W. Moore (first in method) 3, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 4, T. Earle 5, A. R. Syder (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, M. J. Martin 2, Miss R. P. Longhurst (first 'inside') 3, G. F. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, D. Lentell 3, A. J. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. North 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, D. T. North 3, C. W. Ottley 4, G. J. Gammon 5, C. J. Stevens 6, G. Walford (first as cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for Empire Day.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss M. Coleman (first of Minor) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, F. Gibbard 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, G. W. Holland 6.

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OUR CORONATION NUMBER

'The Ringing World' will issue a 20-page number on June 19th to deal with Coronation ringing and other activities. If adequate support is forthcoming a second Coronation issue of 20 pages will be published on June 26th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringing heard on television during the processions on Coronation Day was excellent and a worthy example of the art of change ringing. St. Margaret's were plainly heard at the Queen's arrival at the Abbey, while the Abbey bells had a measured beat and rhythm as the Royal procession left after the Coronation.

First reports of Coronation ringing indicate that the Exercise fulfilled all expectations. We hope in our next issue to give a general survey of Coronation ringing.

Ivan J. M. Saunders, of Danbury, Essex, has rung ten peals before attaining the age of 15 years. This is very good progress as Ivan has been ringing only 2½ years and rung his first peal 14 months ago.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who was far from well at the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth, is in bed with an attack of pleurisy. It necessitated his missing ringing for the Coronation at Holy Trinity, Guildford, with Mr. H. Hutton. Only Mr. Hutton was thus able to ring for the four Coronations in the same Guildford tower.

Cornwallian writes: 'With reference to your note in "Belfry Gossip" (June 5th) regarding young members of the Central Council, Mr. Cyril E. Lanxon was elected to the Council as a representative of the Truro Diocesan Guild in 1936 when he was just 18 years of age.'

An interesting and rather novel greetings telegram was received at the North Wales Association Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham last Saturday, which ran: 'Heartiest wishes for a pleasant and profitable dinner, and a bit of good ringing. Don't forget "The Ringing World."—Tenor-behind.' Someone would like to know what 'Mrs. Tenor-behind' said to her husband when she met him in town after sending the wire, in his deshabille, looking worse than a rag-gatherer (she said); now I've told you.

The peal attempt at the Abbey, that followed the Queen's Coronation, was not a success. After nearly three hours of excellent ringing a banging above the heads of the ringers gave the impression that something was wrong. 'Stand' was called and an investigation showed that the noise came from a window left open by the electricians. The band, however, met again on Friday and succeeded in ringing a good peal in three hours and five minutes.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at their annual meeting at Exeter on Whit Monday, voted £25 for the Bell Restoration Fund of Clyst St. George Church, wich was badly damaged during the war. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe was rector of this church for 35 years. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

A great step forward has been made at Great Bowden, Leicestershire, by the ringing of a peal by the local company. Up to approximately two years ago, when the present band was formed, only call changes had been rung in this tower for a number of years. Only one member of the band, Mr. F. Arnold, had any knowledge of method ringing.

We have received a letter from Mr. A. Wilmot, of Clifton, Bristol, registering his protest at the St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers participating in the Glastonbury Pilgrimage as a Guild and not as individuals. 'I am sure the parish minister would disapprove of their action,' he concludes. The policy of 'The Ringing World' is not to take sides in religious controversy between different sections of the Christian faith. The work ahead of the Church Militant is so vast that there is room for all without casting stones on those who publicly demonstrate their Faith.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CORONATION MEETING

(Continued from Page 364)

ROLL OF HONOUR TO BE PLACED IN ST. PAUL'S — BIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE'S SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS — PRESS HAVE WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN BELLS

THE CIVIC WELCOME

A civic welcome was accorded the Council when it met in the afternoon, by the Mayor (Councillor W. P. E. Mears), who said he enjoyed meeting the advance guard of the Council the previous Saturday at dinner, which was a very enjoyable function. Apart from bells in churches they found in some countries bells around cows' and goats' necks. He was amazed recently, while in Switzerland, to find that each cow knew the sound of its own bell. It sounded fantastic but it was true. He hoped their stay would be a happy one.

The president thanked the Mayor for his welcome and for the use of a room in the Town Hall for the meeting. The Council, he said, appreciated the welcome from the Civic Authorities because they not only rang bells for Ecclesiastical purposes but on various State occasions. In many places they rang when the Mayor was elected. That morning they sent a loyal message to H.M. the Queen, and when he was asked what to say he told the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to send greetings to the Queen to tell her they would be making an awful noise the following Tuesday. This, Mr. Edwards put into polite language. The Council expressed its approval of the Mayor's good wishes by a hearty round of applause.

At the president's request Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mrs. Barnett took their places at the president's table and received a hearty ovation.

COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

The hon. secretary stated that Dr. Hatcher was unable to be present that day but he had written a progress report. He had been unable to complete the handbook but it was fairly clear that it should be ready next year. The Standing Committee recommended that the progress report be received.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed and Mrs. Marshall seconded, and this was agreed to.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles reported that last year St. Paul's Cathedral librarian retired and a new librarian took his place. He met him by appointment in November and put four questions to him. These were: (1) Would he take responsibility for the custody of both Rolls of Honour? (2) Could they be shown open in a glass top case? (3) Could arrangements be made for a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths to turn over the pages at intervals? (4) That the Roll be withdrawn temporarily each Whitsun so that it would be on view at the Central Council meeting.

The librarian accepted verbally all four questions, but when he attempted to pin him down to writing, he found that the librarian could not obtain a glass case. He approached Mr. Cullen and he submitted a sketch drawing of such a case which would cost about £20. It would be made of oak and a suitable inscription would be engraved on the top. Its length would be 3ft., width 1ft. 6in. and height 2ft. 6in. He suggested that there might be some member who would like to present such a case to the Council. If not, he suggested that every Association affiliated to the Central Council should give 10s. towards the cost. He moved this.

Mr. A. B. Peck seconded.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that a case be provided for the Roll and that each Association affiliated should subscribe 10s. and that steps be taken to obtain a photostat copy of the Roll.

The recommendations in the report were taken in sections. Mr. F. E. Collins moved and Mr. F. Rogers seconded that the Roll be housed in St. Paul's.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded that the Roll be brought to each Council meeting.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the uniqueness of the Roll should be borne in mind before it was carted round the country.

Mr. J. Willis emphasised the importance of insuring the Roll.

Mr. P. J. Johnson was strongly against the Roll being taken out of the custody of St. Paul's authorities.

Mr. A. B. Peck said it was decided at a recent meeting that a member of the St. Paul's band should turn over the pages from time to time. He agreed with Mr. Johnson that it was inadvisable to move it. The Rolls were perfectly safe at St. Paul's.

The proposal of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Rolls remain in St. Paul's and not be taken to the Central Council meetings was carried.

The next resolution, that in the event of no single member being prepared to pay for the case it be provided by each affiliated Society contributing 10s., was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. This was carried.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Miles for his excellent work in compiling the Roll and the trouble he had taken in housing it. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that trustees be appointed for the Roll and that Mr. Miles be the first trustee. This was agreed to.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1952:—

Tower bells.—Jan. 5th, 5,040 Wallington Surprise Royal, Surrey Association; Jan. 16th, 5,024 Wath Delight Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Jan. 17th, 5,088 Acton Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; Jan. 19th, 5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major, Derbyshire Association; Jan. 21st, 5,040 Spliced Surprise Maximus (7 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild; March 24th, 5,280 Buckingham Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; March 27th, 5,056 Middleton Surprise Maior, Middlesex County Association; April 5th, 5,040 Southover Surprise Royal, Sussex County Association; April 12th, 5,024 Edmonton Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; April 15th, 5,024 Pontefract Delight Major, Irish Association; May 15th, 5,040 Langley Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; May 17th, 5,280 Colville Bob Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; June 7th, 5,040 Staffordshire Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; June 12th, 5,040 Saltley Delight Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; June 19th, 5,184 Plymouth Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; June 26th, 5,280 Buckinghamshire Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; July 31st, 5,184 Spliced Surprise Maximus (8 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild; Sept. 13th, 5,088 Battersea Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; Sept. 17th, 5,184 Saxlingham Imperial Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Oct. 6th, 5,056 Coslany Imperial Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Oct. 15th, 5,040 Metropolitan Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; Oct. 18th, 5,056 Owen's College Bob Major, Manchester University Guild; Nov. 8th, 5,088 Buckley Imperial Bob Maior, North Wales Association; Nov. 15th, 5,120 Daresbury Imperial Bob Maior, Chester Diocesan Guild; Nov. 15th, 5,152 Adelaide Surprise Major, Hertford County Association; Nov. 19th, 5,184 Aldeburgh Court Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Nov. 22nd, 5,120 Grosvenor Imperial Bob Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; Dec. 3rd, 5,088 Whitwick Surprise Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; Dec. 11th, 5,040 Spliced Surprise Maximus (10 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Handbells.—Jan. 14th, 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (14 methods), Middlesex County Association; Feb. 23rd, 5,184 Spliced Royal (7 methods), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Sept. 8th, 5,088 Spliced Royal (11 methods), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Oct. 24th, 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (16 methods) Hertford County Association.

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

The inauguration of the very fine album for the safe keeping of our records, which was exhibited at Lincoln, has, without doubt, inspired both among those of this Council and outside it a more helpful and intelligent attitude toward the work of the Biographies Committee, resulting in the clearing of a good number of our old obscurities.

The committee have been fortunate in enlisting the help of Mr. J. Willis, of the Kent County Association, for the writing of the sheets for the album after the completed material has been edited by Mr. W. Viggers, and it is hoped by this arrangement that the work will progress at a steady rate until the present arrears have been made up. This allows Messrs. L. Stilwell and A. C. Hazelden to concentrate on the important task of watching and searching for information required for completing the records of old members of the Council, some of whom died 40 or more years ago, and recollection of whom has very often faded from the memory of their successors.

Our index books now contain the names of 632 persons who, in the 62 years of the Council's existence, have been members. Of this total there are 213 departed members for whom the Biographies Committee have material for completing records.

Of the remaining 419 names, there are a further 24 who are known to be departed, whose biographies are defective only as regards a photograph. They are:— Mr. W. Bibby, Mr. J. Dillon, Mr. H. A. Heywood and Mr. W. Walmsley (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. E. Burgess, Mr. A. E. Coles and the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells Association), Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. H. Walton (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. H. W. D'Aeth, Mr. T. H. Beams and Mr. S. J. Hector (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. (Kent County Association), Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. B. Keeble (Essex Association), Mr. R. G. Knowles (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Lawrence (Middlesex Association), Mr. G. T. McLaughlin (London County Association), Mr. D. J. Nicholls (Peterborough Diocesan Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Association) Mr. Harvey Reeves (Worcester and Districts Association), Mr. E. F. Strange (Surrey Association) and Mr. G. Longden (Lancashire Association).

There are also a further 14 names of former members whose decease may be presumed, but of whom the Biographies Committee have little or no knowledge. They are:—Mr. R. B. Blanchard (Surrey Association), Mr. J. W. Creasey

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

(Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. Ball (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. Collinson (Birmingham Amalgamated Society), Mr. T. Card (Cumberland Youths), the Rev. Pitt Evkyn (honorary member), Mr. H. J. Bradley (Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. C. Buchanan (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. Joseph Griffin (Midland Counties), the Rev. T. Hughes (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. W. Metcalf (East Derby Association), Mr . C. E. Malim (Waterloo Society), Mr. A. E. Nunn (Kent County Association) and the Rev. J. U. Todd (Bath and Wells Association).

There are 381 names of present and past members of the Council presumably living, 96 of whom appear in our books as **names only**.

The committee again acknowledge with gratitude the help which many persons, both members of the Council and others, have given so readily and so fully, namely:—Mr. E. C. Shepherd, of Solihull, who has provided information about some cases in Midland areas and is now engaged on the rather obscure case of the late Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent; Mr. H. V. Frost, who has kindly cleared for us questions concerning the late Squire Proctor and Canon Woolmore Wigram; Mr. H. Walker, of York Minster, who has with equal generosity substantially helped us regarding the late Mr. W. H. Howard and Mr. George Breed.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who moved the adoption of the report, said the album was on view. He asked that Mr. Willis be added to the committee.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded and said it would be necessary to expand to a second volume. They wanted photographs of postcard size, and over £6 had been spent on copying photographs because they were not of the right size.

The report was adopted and Mr. J. Willis was elected a member of the committee.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary reported that both members of the committee were absent. The report had not been circulated and it appeared that the committee asked for guidance as to what was to be done with the records when completed. The Standing Committee recommended that they be kept in loose-leaf form in the Council's records.

Mrs. Fletcher moved that the records, when completed, be handed to the librarian and this was agreed to.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The report stated that references to bells and ringing in the Press at large have been frequent and widespread. In view of the many technicalities often involved, occasional errors are practically inevitable, but it is eminently satisfactory to note that journalists of to-day take far greater care than was formerly the case to obtain and reproduce correct information on matters relating to the belfry. The prominence accorded in local newspapers to the installation or restoration of church bells indicates a lively interest on the part of the public while the activities of local bands or individual ringers are found from time to time occupying two or three columns of print and illustration. Two typical examples may be cited. On December 8th, 1952, the 'Scarborough Evening News' gave a full and circumstantial account of the re-opening of the bells of the Parish Church, and followed it up on New Year's Day with a detailed description of the local band ringing at midnight. In each case photographs appeared of the ringers at their ropes. On March 14th, 1953, the 'Bath Herald' devoted nearly half a page to an account of the work being carried out on the bells at Weston. The 'Diocesan Notes' in the 'Church Times' include frequent mention of bells, and recently reported a case of nearly 60 years' service in a belfry. The 'West Briton' always keeps a vigilant eye on the Cornish veteran, Mr. Sam Quintrell, and gave due prominence to the peal rung in celebration of his 97th birthday, with a picture of the band.

The forthcoming Coronation has naturally stimulated interest in the part to be played by ringers on that occasion. The 'Manchester Guardian' published in November an admirably-written article on the ringers at Westminster Abbey. The Women's Institute journal, 'Home and Country,' conveyed Christmas greetings to its readers with a picture of ringers in the belfry at Pevensey, Sussex, on the front page. A writer in another paper tells of the interesting discovery of figures written above the notes of the tenor part to assist a singer in reading his part by relating the notes of the scale to the corresponding number of bells. From another continent the 'New Yorker' comes to hand with an article entitled 'The Canterbury Pleasure,' written by the daughter of a Derbyshire clergyman. Recalling vivid memories of the ringers at her father's church, she tells of the bells regularly being rung up and down again on Sunday mornings and exactly at 11 o'clock the ringers making a very leisurely exit from the church. 'They would pause in their journey,' she writes, 'to acknowledge . . . . congratulatory smiles bestowed upon them. Last to leave was the potman, his tray of empty jugs and tankards discreetly covered with a green baize cloth.'

It is satisfactory to note that 'The Ringing World' has increased its circulation and paid its way well. Recent publications by members of the Exercise include one on 'Bells of Cheshire,' by Mr. J. W. Clarke, and on 'Bells of Oxford,' by Mr. F. Sharpe, while Mr. R. W. M. Clouston gives readers the benefit of his researches in towers of Flintshire and Stirlingshire. Mr. Clouston has also contributed to 'The Belfry,' which continues with laudable enterprise to edify readers in the Maidstone District and has published erudite treatises on Method Structure, by Mr. Yorke-Bramble.

The report of the Irish Association states that in Dublin cinemas bells have featured in a film entitled 'Saturday Calling,' and bells of Wexford have been heard on 'News Reel' throughout the country, while the bells of most towers in Northern Ireland have been heard in one or another of the wireless programmes. The 'Irish Bell News' is reported as thriving with a circulation exceeding 200. The 'Ringing Towers' of New South Wales increases in scope and interest. The rehanging of Maitland bells was a prominent feature last year.

Both tower bells and handbells have featured in sound broadcasting as also in television, especially in Children's Hour. A performance on handbells by twins, recently televised, was of special interest. On one occasion girl ringers had a part in Woman's Hour. In one edition of 'Country Magazine' a pleasing novelty was introduced by a band of West Sussex handbell ringers, which elicited from Ralph Wightman, who was presiding, the impromptu observation, 'We have good ringers in Dorset, too'!

Broadcasts of bells before services have naturally varied in quality and a considerably higher average of striking is to be desired, but in the matter of quantity, ringers have a real grievance. It is quite the exception for even the standard 1¼ minutes to be allowed, and on a recent Sunday only eight or ten rounds came over from a Lincoln church. This curtailment of the very short time granted to ringers may well call for an official protest. Another point is that when bells are to precede a service the fact should be stated in 'The Radio Times,' as is actually done in West Region programmes.

In the broadcast of bells on Christmas morning a very fair average of striking was maintained, but in no case was it quite faultless. Whatever ringing may be broadcast for the Coronation we trust that it will be of a quality worthy of the occasion.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in presenting the report, said there were three thing that might be said. One was that in broadcasting it was a very wide field and they could only give a superficial report. Some of the broadcasts were not given in the particular region in which they were listening and there were a number of events which had not been included in the report.

The second was that owing to the lamented death of H.M. Queen Mary, that splendid television broadcast from Kingston Seymour, which many of them present saw, came too late to be included in the report. Everybody who saw it agreed that it was a perfect example, both visibly and in sound, of what bellringing was. It was splendidly arranged and presented by boys with handbells as well as the church bellringers. He was sure that those who took part in it, including two well-known members of the Council, were to be heartily congratulated.

The report referred to the curtailment of the short time allowed to ringers before broadcasting services. This was a serious matter. Some time ago some sort of statement was obtained from the B.B.C. that 1¼ minutes would be allowed. In fact, it was quite the exception to hear the bells for 1¼ minutes: ringing had been cut short in some broadcasts to half a dozen rounds. This was a matter in which ringers had a very real grievance.

Another matter was that when bells were to precede a service it should be stated in 'The Radio Times.' It was given in the Western Region but not in every region. He thought some steps should be taken by the Council at its highest level to get some general understanding with the B.B.C. that bells should be included in the programme and that at least two minutes of uninterrupted ringing allowed.

Mr. A. Walker, seconding the adoption of the report, said he also felt very strongly about broadcasting. When he first started broadcasting they were asked to ring for 15 minutes and then it was gradually reduced. It should be dealt with from a high level. He had written to the B.B.C. in Birmingham and got in touch with the Religious Director but they were up against a stone wall.

The president asked for discussion to take place under the special resolution.

The report was then adopted.

(To be continued)

A CHICHESTER PILGRIMAGE

On the first Saturday in May, four ringers from Cranford, Middlesex, accompanied by one wife and four ringing friends, left Cranford for Chichester. One of them, whilst still retaining the record for the tallest ringer, became a challenger for yet another record, having travelled from Norwich the previous day for this outing.

After lunch at Walberton, the first ringing of the day was sought in the local church, two more of the band having been collected at Arundel Station.

Arundel was our next stop, and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung on this beautiful ring of eight bells. Time was short; we had to be in Chichester in time to ring for Evensong at the Cathedral. There we were met by an old friend from Cranford and some of her friends from the college, and also three members of the local band who had kindly raised the bells for us.

The ringing over, the more agile members of the party climbed to the roof of the campanile to view the Sussex countryside. The party then adjourned to the Bishop Otter College to be entertained by Barbara Thrush and her friends to tea. The ringers in turn entertained the young ladies with some handbell ringing, courses of Grandsire Caters, and Bob Major being rung successfully, also some tune ringing. After a glass or two of ale at the nearest inn, the party reluctantly set out on the homeward journey, arriving home at 11.15 p.m.

Thanks are due to the ladies of the college for the first class tea, and to Mr. R. G. Blackman for his excellent arrangements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—To avoid all possible misunderstanding, I should like to make it quite clear that 'The Ringing World' Committee neither sponsored nor supported the proposal at the Central Council meeting that compulsory charges should be made for the publication of peal and quarter peal performances. It would have saved the sponsors a good deal of trouble if they had consulted the committee first, as they knew that if the proposal had been adopted they would have been worse off financially than at present.

We do appreciate, however, the interest of those who put this proposal forward and there can be no possible doubt of their sincere desire to help constructively. After all, interest is much better than apathy.

There was a remark made at the Council meeting by a speaker, that 'The Ringing World' Committee should not have to go 'cap in hand' to the Exercise. We would point out that never yet has this committee gone 'cap in hand' to anybody.

What has happened is that interested and far-seeing members of the Exercise have spontaneously come to our aid with donations and voluntary peal and quarter peal contributions **without being asked**.

We are against compulsion of any sort, being well aware of the results that might have followed the adoption of the resolution, and we are glad the Council endorsed our view.

There are encouraging indications that the worst is over and, provided our good friends continue to support us with their peal and quarter peal **voluntary** contributions, we shall weather the storm. We are very grateful to them.

Once more I would stress with all possible emphasis that **the permanent solution to 'Ringing World' difficulties is a larger circulation**. Once that has been achieved there will be no need for worry.

There are still some thousands of ringers who do not take 'The Ringing World,' and if they were canvassed regularly and thoroughly there would be a healthy rise in the circulation. We commend this task to all who desire to help.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Blackheath, S.E.3.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—While thanking you for having published the 5,120 with five arrangements, I shall be pleased if you will kindly point out the following amendments.

In arrangement 'A,' alongside 3462857 Cam. or Sup. not Lon. or Sup, and 2453678 is produced by a bob.

As there is more than one method commencing with Ches. I should like it to be known that this refers to Chester.

If the above errors were in my copy which I sent you to publish please accept my regrets. —Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23 Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

LODDON DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The publication of the figures of such a method as 'Loddon Delight' can do nothing to foster the cult of Delight ringing in an Exercise incensed with Surprise. The method is at once simple and stagnant and will be dismissed as a mere curiosity.

Most of the ringers (and many conductors) of Surprise peals regard Delight methods as being excessively simple and not worthy of attention for this reason; a fallacy which 'Loddon Delight' will do nothing to explode. —Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir,—Some 30 or more years ago I took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith with a band comprising four fathers and four sons, which was published with a footnote that this was the first time it had been done.

In a letter the following week headed 'Nothing new under the sun,' it was promptly corrected to the effect that, at (I think) Richmond, George Gross, jun., had conducted a similar peal nearly 200 years before.

When the Dallington peal was published, unaware that my son had written you, I wrote privately to Mr. Nobles pointing out that prior to the 1914-18 war peals of this description were by no means uncommon, quoting Crayford, where from 1889 until 1914 out of a band of twelve or more, nearly everyone held another office in the church and during that period probably 30 or 40 peals had been rung by them, in many of which I had taken part. (In fact I have just realised the band in my very first peal, May 20th, 1899, was composed of six choristers, a sidesman and the verger.)

One peal rung here in 1890 or 1891 may interest Mr. Underwood; it had the following footnote:—'This is the first peal in the method by all the band, all of which reside within one hundred yards of the church.' There is one survivor of this peal, Mr. H. Gibbs, of Brede, Sussex, now in his 83rd year.—Yours sincerely,

Crayford. E. BARNETT.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyner should not assume that because I did not mention Edinburgh in my letter about St. Augustine's I objected to one and not the other. When the letter was written I had not considered Edinburgh or noticed that it was identical with St. Augustine's, although described quite differently. What caught my attention was the fact that both the plain lead and bob of St. Augustine's were Grandsire calls, from which it seemed to me (and still does) that the 'method' was really Grandsire and should not be called by any other name.

The fact that a plain lead end of St. Dunstan's is the same as a Grandsire extreme is another instance of the confusion which arises from the use of different terms for the same thing. A Grandsire extreme is a recognised call and if it is desired to use it as such it should be so described and not referred to as 'a plain lead of St. Dunstan's.'

I cannot see any good reason for describing extents of Grandsire Doubles in which extremes are used as 'St. Dunstan's,' especially when they are given in a standard work on Grandsire by 'such an eminent authority as Snowdon,' which has long been accepted by the Exercise. I certainly should not like to question the wisdom of such an expert on the subject.

The instances given by Mr. Joyner illustrate well the chaotic state of affairs which has been reached and I am of the opinion that the juggling with methods and calls has been carried to excess. I fully agree with Mr. Joyner that the whole matter should be reviewed by a competent body with the object of straightening out or at any rate reducing the tangle.

I think that no arrangement without a plain course of its own should be dignified by the designation 'method.' Such arrangements might be described as variations of the methods on the plain courses of which they are based, but names or numbers would still be unnecessary to identify them. To refer to, say, April Day as Plain Bob Variation No. 1: to St. Columb as Reverse Canterbury Variation No. 2, and so on, even if abbreviated to P.B. Var. 1 and R.C. Var. 2 would be rather cumbersome especially in verbal references, and it is not easy to suggest a satisfactory solution of the problem.—Yours faithfully. G. N. PECK.

Rugby.

DOUBLES METHODS PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,—In answer to several correspondents over the past few weeks, I wish to say, on behalf of the Methods Committee, that we are preparing for publication in 'The Ringing World' statements on Extension and Plain Bob lead heads, now that our report has been accepted by the Council. There will also be published, as soon as possible, a small book on Doubles methods which will, we hope, produce order out of the present chaos. This will contain between 70 and 80 completely different methods and principles and the former all have a 4ths place bob. The book will not recognise as different methods those which have the same plain course but a different type of 'call.' About all that remains to be done is the naming of the methods (we are trying to find out their original names which is, in itself, no light task, as recent correspondence has shown!) —Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

YOUNG RINGERS AND TENORS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I may add a few words about young ringers and big tenors.

In my opinion the question of age doesn't really enter into it. The main factor is whether or not the young person concerned can **handle** the bell. If she (or he, for that matter) overpulls the bell then there is risk of physical harm; this also applies to more mature ringers!

It doesn't always require brawn to ring round the back end—a little bit of brain comes in handy at times.

I am in favour of letting young ringers have a go at the tenor, but before allowing this I would satisfy myself that the ringer concerned possessed the required ability.

I agree with Mr. Fry that it **may** give young ringers a wrong impression of their own capabilities, but after all is said and done are we older ones altogether modest at times?—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

PEALS AT MAIDWELL

Dear Sir,—May I make a correction to Mr. Amos? The previous peal of Minor was rung on Saturday, June 19th 1937, as a compliment to my wedding, as follows:—Cecil Brown 1, John Plane 2, W. Deacon 3, Jack Bell 4, Arthur Millward 5, Sidney Munton (conductor) 6.

Mr. Amos is quite correct in stating the weight of the tenor as 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Five of our bells were recast in 1772 by Arnold, St. Neots, from four 16th century bells, tenor 14 cwt. The 16th century tenor bell bore a Latin inscription, translated: 'I am dedicated to the Church of Our Lady, called by the vulgar—Marv. W. Henshawe, 1504.' The treble was added in 1895 by John Taylor.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES W. DIXON.

Tower keeper and Churchwarden.

Maidwell, Northampton.

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to Mr. P. Amos the footnote which appeared for the peal of Minor, published on page 294 of 'The Ringing World' for May 8th, is correct. The details of this peal are:—A peal of Plain Bob Minor, on June 19th, 1937, conducted by S. Munton, and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Charles Dixon, a local ringer, who was married to Miss D. Noble.

Further, I feel Mr. Amos would be advised to look the records up correctly before making these unnecessary comments.

With regard to the tenor weight, it is usual for these to expand; this must be a contracting one.—Yours sincerely, E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 253)

(1). The following are from WYBUNBURY Church, near Nantwich:—

'If for to ring you do come here
You must ring well with heart and ear,
And if you ring in spur or hat,
A quart of ale you pay for that;
And if a bell you overthrow
Sixpence you pay before you go:
These laws are old, they are not new,
Therefore the clerk must have his due.'

Those which formerly existed in the church at HOLMES CHAPEL were similar to the above with the following variation in the last couplet:—

'Observe these laws, and break them not,
Lest you lose your pence for that.'

(2). At BOWDON, Cheshire, are the following, remarkable for length of metre, and having the provincialism 'gun of ale' for 'gallon':—

'The Ringers' Orders

'You ringers all observe these orders well:
He pays his sixpence that o'erturns a Bell;
And he that rings with either Spur or Hat,
Must pay his sixpence certainly for that:
And he that rings and does disturbe ye Peal,
Must pay his sixpence or a Gun of ale.
These laws elsewhere in every Church are us'd
That Bells and Ringers may not be abused.'

It will be noted in stanza V. of the abovementioned rules at Drewsteignton, and again at Wybunbury there is mentioned a fine of a 'quart of ale': and at Bowdon the local expression a 'gun of ale.' Quite a number of other such 'rules' will be observed giving similar fines in ale, 'beere' or cider, and by this it must not be thought that the ringers of those days were a drunken lot. Far from it—they observed the customs of their day. One may read in constables', churchwardens' and other early accounts, the payment for work done; ringing on joyous or mournful occasions; choosing of church officers; and many other such events, all paid 'in kind' by bread and ale or the like. Most of us to-day are proud of our art and our achievements in it, but—let me emphasise this—we are no better than our forefathers, sometimes I think not nearly so good! They fostered and carried on the art in much more trying conditions than we do to-day: the bells were hung to swing their full length and more (no 'tucked up' stocks or balance clappers) and the bell fittings were crude, and the frames cumbersome. They rang without stays or sliders and that is why you read of fines for 'overthrowing' a bell, because an extra pull would send one over, there being nothing to stop it beyond the ringer's skill in handling it. So let us not condemn these ancient stalwarts who drank their 'beer and ale' like other folk. There were no such places then as coffee houses, cafes or restaurants. Tea, coffee and cocoa were more or less unknown and when they did arrive were quite beyond the reach of ordinary folk. So they lived and thrived on 'home-brewed.'

(3). The following rules dated 1775 are on a board in the ringing chamber at ORMSKIRK, Lancs:—

'Ye Ringers all, observe these Orders well,
He pays his Sixpence that o'erturns a Bell.
He that doth ring in either Sour or Hat
Must pay his Sixpence for his faults in that.
He that in ringing doth disturb a Peal
Must pay his Twelvepence or his gun of Ale.
He that doth Swear or doth begin a Fight
Must pay Twelvepence e'er he goes out of Sight.
These laws are Old, they are not New,
That Bells and Ringers may have their due.'

(1). E. Leigh—'Ballads and Legends of Cheshire.'
(2). Briscoe—'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 20.
(3). Cheetham—'Church Bells of Lancs,' part I., page 85.

(To be continued)

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members attended the May meeting held in the ancient village church of Nunburnholme. These very musical six bells were rung during the afternoon and some good touches were brought round.

A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. E. A. Bailey. Church officials joined the ringers to fill the small but lovely church to hear Mr. Bailey give a short address to a church organisation that he was meeting for the first time.

Tea was taken in the village school served by the lady members of Mr. F. Wilkinson's family. Votes of thanks were accorded the new Vicar, and in his reply he told the ringers that he was favourably impressed by the ringing and the ringers, and hoped to meet them all again. A lady member of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, was welcomed to the meeting and three new members were enrolled.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the Chew Deanery Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 31st, there was a good attendance. Ringing started just after 7 a.m. with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor till the service at 8 a.m.

The band at Marksbury includes six ringers from one family and it was at their home the visiting ringers were entertained to breakfast. Mr. E. W. Knight, Ringing Master, thanked them for their hospitality.

A quarter peal was rung in the afternoon, a second start being necessary owing to a rope breaking. Mr. W. Prescott, the tower master, gave up his rope to enable one of the visitors to ring.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Rutland Branch was held at Edithweston on May 30th, this being the first meeting ever held here. This beautiful little church has recently had three new bells hung and they have a delightful tone. The meeting was very well attended: about 50 were present and 14 towers were represented. Touches of the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. C. HOUGH

The interment took place in Wistaston Churchyard on June 1st of Mr. Joseph Clifton Hough, of 112, Mill Street, who collapsed and died in his chair on the previous Thursday. Mr. Hough had been a regular worshipper at St. Mary's Church, Wistaston, all his life. He was a member of the choir for 53 years and a bellringer for 25 years. He was also a sidesman and member of the Church Council.

A member of the Oddfellows' Society, Mr. Hough was also a life-long member of the A.E.U., for he was previously employed as a fitter in Crewe Works and later at Foden's, Sandbach.

The Rev. G. M. Morgan Wynne conducted a service in St. Mary's Church, which was attended by the full choir and many members of the Church Council. Among the many wreaths was a tribute from the bellringers at Wistaston.

A correspondent writes: '"Joe," honest to goodness Joe, was just a Sunday service ringer, an almost ever-present. I was speaking to him only a few days before his untimely passing, when the subject of peal ringing came up. Joe said "You know we have had for some time a young and very progressive band, including Derek Smith, Ken Mackintosh (who, a short while ago rang a peal at Exeter Cathedral), M. G. Morgan Wynne, Gillian Robinson and Rosemary Seaton, under the leadership of Mr. Albert Crawley or affectionately "Tab." He usually says to me, "We want a good treble man or a good tenor man and I have to be both while the others are learning the inside work. I am losing the opportunity to progress: but what does it matter, if you are helping someone else? All ringing is the same to me, and as pleasant.'

Joe was one of nature's gentlemen. God rest his soul.

MR. J. T. MILLER

By the death of Mr. John Thomas Miller, of Leyland, the Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest members. He was for 60 years a service ringer at St. James', Leyland, and a capable performer in many Surprise Minor and some Major methods. As far back as 40 years ago there was a Surprise band at St. James', which included a father and three sons.

'J. T.', as he was affectionately called, took part in the first peal of Cambridge Major by the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association and had rung some 23 peals on six and eight bells. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1903 and one of his dearest wishes was to see eight bells in his home tower. Mr. Miller was 79 and leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The St. James' company acted as bearers when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower on Thursday, May 28th, following a service attended by a number of his ringing friends from neighbouring towers.

Half-muffled touches and the whole pull and stand were rung before and after the interment and a Treble Bob peal, also half-muffled, was rung on the following Saturday. E. R. M.

MR. FREDERICK SOUTER

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick Souter, of Prittlewell, Essex, who died on June 3rd, aged 61 years. He was born in Stowmarket, Suffolk, where he learned to ring at the age of eight years under his father and uncle, who were well-known in that area.

Mr. Souter was an enthusiastic ringer and was an excellent striker but the pursuit of his hobby was curtailed by his Army duties. He served in the Regular Army for 21 years and training the Home Guard for a further five years.

Most of his peals were rung for the Essex Association after the last war until he was taken ill three years ago. Throughout his suffering he maintained a surprising cheerfulness and this particular disposition will be sadly missed by his many friends.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Prittlewell, the bells being rung half-muffled by the local ringers.

DEDICATIONS IN TIME FOR THE CORONATION

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Asfordby's ring of six bells has now been rehung on a steel frame, and sally guides fitted in the tower arch by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The tower has been rebuilt inside with Ketton stone, as it was in a very bad state; actually, part of it collapsed when the masons were at work.

The dedication took place at Evensong on May 31st. After the third Collect the choir went in procession to the west end under the belfry. The Rector's warden (Mr. J. W. Hazlewood) handed the ropes to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Jackson) requesting him to dedicate the restored bells and tower to the glory of God. After the dedication prayers the ropes were handed on to the ringers by the people's warden (Mr. J. H. Cook) and rounds were rung by the ringers as the choir returned to the church. Taking part were three veterans, E. Littlewood (79), E. Lomas (78) and S. Read (79) and also J. H. Cook, F. J. Williams and A. Thompson.

Good use was made of the bells before the service. Mr. J. P. Fidler was present representing the founders. The ringers and parishioners are very grateful for a fine job of work being completed in time for the Coronation. This is the fourth occasion on which our old ringers have rung Asfordby bells for a Coronation.

The five old bells are by Hugh Watts and the inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—In commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1888. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Second.—J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Recast 1878. To those who can hear but cannot see, may the sound of this bell ever welcome be. (Original date 1631.)

Third and fourth.—I.H.S. Nazarenus — Rex — IV. Doerum — Fili: Dei — Miserere Mei. 1630.

Fifth.—Celorum Christe — Platiat Tibi Rex Sanusists, 1630.

Tenor.—Cvm — Sono — si — Non Vis Venire Nunqvam — ad — Preces Cvpies Ire, 1630. Weight 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Nine coins round mouth.

BETHERSDEN, KENT

Work has recently been completed on the bells of St. Margaret's, Bethersden (treble recast and modern clapper staples fitted to the remaining five bells, plus a general overhaul), and the dedication took place during evensong on May 24th.

During the singing of Hymn 303 the choir proceeded to the belfry, where the towerkeeper, Mr. H. Jarvis, addressed the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Parr, 'Reverend sir, I pass to you from the founders this treble bell, which has been recast (here the Vicar took the rope from him), and I commit to you also the work done on the other bells, that all may be dedicated to the glory of God.'

Then followed the dedication, at the end of which the Vicar addressed the captain of the ringers (Mr. W. Ring): 'We now commit the recast treble bell and the other five bells to the ringers in the person of their captain exhorting them to be faithful in the discharge of their sacred duties, and may the Lord bless their work to His glory. Amen.'

The captain then rang a few strokes on the treble.

Prayers were then said and afterwards the six bells were rung for about two minutes, during which time the choir returned to their seats, singing verses 3 and 4 of Hymn 303.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the ringers and of the bells, mentioning in particular the fourth bell, which is one of the oldest in the country (thought to be pre-Reformation). The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. W. R.

GOLDINGTON, NEAR BEDFORD

The dedication of the bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Goldington, took place on Whit Sunday at the evening service. The ancient four bells, which have continued to be rung since 1600–1696 until recently, have now been retuned and rehung and two new trebles added. The most notable feature, the fine tone of the new ring, has given great satisfaction to ringers from a wide area. The work was carried out by Mr. Harry Parkes, a notable peal ringer, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry. The ring, of which the tenor is 10 cwt. 2 qr., is a worthy addition to the Bedfordshire Association's towers.

The tenor bell is inscribed, 'God Save the Queene, 1600.'

NUTFIELD, SURREY

On May 10th the Lord Bishop of Southwark dedicated the restored fifth and tenor bells at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Nutfield.

These two bells were originally cast in 1662 by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, and in March, 1951, a crack appeared in the fifth bell. Later, on further investigation, it was found that the tenor bell also was cracked. Arrangements for recasting were put in hand with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, and on Thursday, April 9th, the two bells were recast. Two of the local band were able to witness the recasting. The whole job of recasting and rehanging cost in the neighbourhood of £450, and the largest part of this was realised at a Village Fete, the proceeds of which went towards the restoration of the bells.

The bells were dedicated during the morning service before a large congregation. The church and ringing chamber were gay with many vases of flowers and the ringing chamber had been cleaned and whitewashed by the ringers in readiness for the dedication. During the singing of the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing,' the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. T. P. Owen) and the churchwardens, made his way to the ringing chamber for the dedication. After the bells had been dedicated the Bishop handed the bell ropes to the Rector with the words 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' Immediately after this the local band rang rounds and Queens until the Bishop and the Rector had returned to their places in the church.

The Bishop preached an inspiring sermon. He spoke about the miracles of sight and hearing, and how the sound of the bells could remind people of the church and all that it stood for.

After the service a band comprising A. Gear 1, F. W. Bird 2, G. Olliver 3, C. Champion 4, W. F. Oatway 5 and J. W. Knight 6 rang a touch of Plain Bob Minor, followed by various methods rung by visitors from Redhill, Croydon, Limpsfield, Chart, Bletchingley, Buckland and Leatherhead. The names of the visitors are recorded in a visitors' book for the tower, which was given to commemorate the occasion of the dedication of the restored bells. Mr. W. Hughes was present, representing the bell founders.

In the afternoon the local ringers were invited to tea in the Rectory garden by the Rector and Mrs. Owen. Later the ringers rang for Evensong, the first 'service ring' on the newly dedicated and restored bells.

It is an interesting fact that of the ten local ringers one is a churchwarden, one is a Sunday School teacher, two are sidesmen, four are members of the Parochial Church Council and three are members of the church choir.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS

In what Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough, described as a 'moment of inspiration' the bells of St. Mary's rang out over Rushden on May 30th, to announce the hallowing of restoration work in the spire and tower.

Inside the church, which was packed, people turned to face the western end, where the Bishop, with hand upraised, rededicated the spire and 'set apart' the second clock dial 'to the glory of God and the inspiration and use of all the dwellers in this town.'

Passing into the ringing chamber, the Bishop received the bell ropes from Mr. G. E. V. Fleeman (a churchwarden) and dedicated the bells, which have been increased to a full octave and rehung, so that after many years of only partial use they can be rung without fear of harming the tower. Rounds were then rung by eight of the newly-formed band of local ringers while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel.

During the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Green, the chorus from Haydn's 'Creation' ('Achieved is the Glorious Work') was sung by the choir. The inspiring address was given by the Bishop of Peterborough, whose theme was the lifting up of hearts in thankfulness.

After the service a well-struck touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by representative members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Just over 80 ringers and friends, representing 20 belfries of the Guild, were present as well as visitors from Leicestershire, Bedford and Cambridgeshire.

A public tea was arranged in the Institute for a gathering of 200, amongst whom were the chairman of Rushden Council (Mr. G. Allebone) and his wife, the Mayor and Mayoress of Higham Ferrers (Mr. and Mrs. John White) and many other of the town's officials.

The visiting ringers were entertained to a splendid buffet tea in the Vestry Hall by the local ringers' wives and friends.

Although there is still a good sum of money to find to complete the cost, Rushden can be proud of the fact that £3,500 was raised in the space of 100 days after the appeal was made for the Restoration Fund.

The new bells and the rehanging, etc., are the work of J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and their work was appreciated and enjoyed by the visiting and local ringers during the late afternoon and evening.

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

Treble.—Coronation, Elizabeth II., 2nd June, 1953. John Taylor, Loughborough.

Second.—Spire and rehanging, £3,500 subscribed in 100 days. Deus Laudatus. Rector: Edwin A. Green. Wardens: F. E. Andrews, G. E. V. Fleeman. Inspirer: Charles Clifton. John Taylor, Loughborough.

Third.—1794. Recast 1953. J. T., Loughb'.

Fourth.—1794.

Fifth.—1794. Recast 1953. God Save the King. J. T., Lough.

Sixth.—1794. Robt. Taylor, St. Neots. John Achurch and Thos. Smith C.Wardens.

Seventh.—Robt. Taylor, St. Neots. (1794) Fecit.

Tenor.—I. Smith and Edward Wood, C.W. 1818. Robt. Taylor and Sons, Founderers, St. Neots. (Approximate weight 18 cwt.)

A. B.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Western Branch Meets at Necton

The Western Branch held its quarterly meeting at Necton on May 16th. The Rector, the Rev. —. Lenton, gave the Association a warm welcome to his church and invited them to come again. A good number of methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise. Plenty of Bob Minor was rung to enable the local band to participate in method ringing. (Major Barton, of Necton, has started a local band.)

At the business meeting the branch chairman, the Rev. —. Turney, spoke of the passing of the hon. secretary (Mr. William J. Eldred), who had served the branch so faithfully for 25 years, and asked the members present to stand in silence to his memory. One new member was elected—Mr. H. A. Bennett, of Necton.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on August 29th at Wells, and an interim meeting on July 18th at Castleacre.

The chairman thanked the Rector for conducting the service and Mrs. Lenton for playing the organ, and last, but by no means least, he thanked the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, whose health was not of the best, for giving up his afternoon to attend.

The president replied and said how much pleasure it gave him to support any meeting of the Association.

SEDBERGH COURT MAJOR

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Rung at Hethersett April 27th, 1953.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. J. Hare 1, Miss J. Dear 2, L. H. Bywaters 3, G. Dear 4, G. Mayes 5, P. Mchew (cond.) 6.

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OUTINGS

ST. KEVERNE

The ringers of St. Keverne, South Cornwall, held their outing on May 16th. Owing to an unfortunate accident to his wife, the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Cowley) could not accompany the party and a telegram of condolence was sent him.

The party left St. Keverne at 7.30 a.m. accompanied by the 'Custodian of the Lizard' and a 'furriner,' who was nearly left behind through sheltering from a downpour, but by the time Bodmin was reached the weather cleared.

All enjoyed a ring on the eight in this beautiful old church, from where a move was made to Launceston—another fine ring of eight. Thence to Tavistock and lunch, where one of the party—true to form—knocked back a couple of lunches in good style. After that, to the local tower and the ring of eight, considered one of the best in this part of the country.

Proceeding across Dartmoor to Buckfastleigh one car missed the direct turning to the church and went to another entrance, necessitating an ascent of 190 steps! Only six bells were rung here; a faulty rope on the second could not be replaced in time.

At Plymouth Mr. T. Myers was waiting to introduce the party to the fine ring of ten at St. Andrew's and the experience was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea, home. A most successful and enjoyable day.

WITHAM, ESSEX

Ringers of Witham, accompanied by wives and friends, enjoyed beautiful weather for their outing on May 23rd. Biggleswade was reached in good time and the party were met by Mr. Bryan Sims. After an hour's ringing they left for Woburn and were welcomed by Mr. D. Harris. All were delighted with this beautiful ring of eight.

Having regaled themselves with an excellent lunch at Leighton Buzzard the company continued their journey to St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, and were honoured to meet Mr. H. Sears. The next call was at the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, with Mr. A. S. Sharman in attendance. After another hour's ringing the party adjourned for tea and at its conclusion Mr. Jim Chalk expressed thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for allowing the use of their bells, the friends who so kindly met them and the organisers who had arranged a most enjoyable outing. The last place visited was Harpenden, where Mr. H. Day and Mr. F. C. Jacklin greeted the visitors.

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ENGAGEMENT

SUTTON—HOLLOWAY.—The engagement is announced between Eric, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, of Kingswood, Bristol, and Jean, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. F. A. Holloway, of Croft Road, Swindon. 2708

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WANTED.—'Ringing World,' January 9th, 1920. 10s. offered for unsoiled copy.—A. N. Wood, Eastgate House, Cheyne Walk, Northampton. 2718

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MISCELLANEOUS

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Wye Valley, August 2nd to 8th, 30 towers. There are two vacancies. Cambridge Maximus ringers preferred.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2712

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (6), June 13th. Tea at Lesters Cafe.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place. 2684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange).—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice (not meeting, as previously arranged) at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 13th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis Sec. 2686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday June 13th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Rostherne, near Altrincham, Cheshire, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 15. 2686

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 2688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—The 25th annual Branch meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. North Marston bells (6) available after tea. 2687

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Goring (8) and Streatley (6) on June 13th at 3 p.m. 2681

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Pulverbatch, June 13th. Delightful spot. Light six. Tea. Midland Red 2.30 and 4.5 from Shrewsbury: Williamsons 2 p.m., 3.35 and 3.45. 2674

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, June 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2684

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2690

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 13th, at Lymington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Bank House Cafe 5.15. Milford bells from 6 p.m.—A. V. Davis, Dis. Sec. 2715

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Publow, June 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2706

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by June 17th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2719

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch. — Meeting at Bilton, June 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by 17th. Dunchurch bells available after 6 p.m.—J. Garnet Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 2726

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald, Saturday, June 20th, 2.30. Names for tea, by 18th, to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 2700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis Sec. 2707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 16th, to C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleeve Hill, Downend, Bristol. Branch Corporate Communion, Sunday, July 19th, at St. Ambrose.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 2699

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Kimpton (6), June 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street St. Albans. 2717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Willesborough, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Teas in the School (provided)—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 2720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, June 20th. Bells at 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Bring own food for tea. Plenty of cafes for those who wish. All welcome.—J. Porter. 2723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton.—J. H. Foster. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fleet (6), June 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before June 13th, to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, Fleet, Spalding. 2695

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Haxey on Saturday, June 20th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who send names to me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 2623. 2701

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lullington (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Curson, Grangewood, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 2725

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Aldermaston (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 17th, to Mrs. D. Cooper, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 2646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Walgrave, June 20th. Names for tea by June 16th, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2695

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Charminster, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 15th, please, to Mr. J. Damen, 1, Glebe Villas, Charminster, Dorchester.—Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2698

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2709

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampreston, June 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify by June 17th, J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. Wimborne bells available in evening. 2714

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Dedication of rehung bells, Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 13th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Boston. 2682

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6-6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2691

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Grundisburgh, June 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (if sufficient applicants by 17th).—Cecil W. Pine, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 2711

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, June 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Look up Oxford Treble Bob. Notifications, by June 17th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 2678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 20th. Bells (8), rehung, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11 Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2677

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Lockerley on June 20th Bells. 2.30. Names for tea by June 16th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 2704

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, joint with District Societies, Wath-on-Dearne, June 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, 2s. per head. Names, by 18th please, to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham. Reports now available.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2722

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUMMER FESTIVAL.—At Maulden (8) on June 27th. Service, with address by Rev. C. E. Wigg, at 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by Association photograph. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Lockey, George Street, Maulden. 2710

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, June 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before Tuesday, June 23rd, Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 2721

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth, June 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 24th, to T. Avery, 5, Cisterngate, Louth. 2724

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mulbarton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, June 24th, please, to Rev. A. St. J. Heard, The Rectory, Mulbarton, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 2703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2705

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sketty, Sat., June 27th. Service 3 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Sketty (8) 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Gorseinon (8) 12-1.30 p.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2673

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, June 25th please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2713

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2-8. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 3s. each, please inform, by Wednesday, June 24th, Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorks. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., follows tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2702

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 13th, 1913

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Ladies 'Representation Opposed

Mr. G. F. Burton said he felt he must oppose the introduction of ladies to that Council for every reason. The argument that ladies were not represented was quite fallacious, for the ladies had voted already, because [they] were also members of the ordinary associations. What more did they want? He also opposed it on the ground that it was best for the ladies ig they could be kept out of the belfries altogether ('No, no'). He was glad to say as regards his own belfry, that they had been saved from such an awkward predicament as having ladies there. They were threatened with it, but they had got over the difficulty. . . . .

[Mr. Burton was fighting a losing battle, and the Ladies' Guild was admitted to membership the following year.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Society was held at Batley on May 30th. The bells were raised in peal just after 3 p.m. and, apart from the break for tea and the business meeting, were kept going in the standard methods till 9 p.m.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) was in the chair and members were present from Armley, Birstall, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Drighlington, Halifax, Idle, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Thorner, Tong, Woodlesford and the local company. Visitors were also present from Glodwick and Mottram.

The secretary was instructed to send a loyal message to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Coronation.

It was decided that the committee should revise the tower list.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake.

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REFLECTIONS ON BOURNEMOUTH

IT can safely be said that the Council's meeting at Bournemouth was one of the most successful in recent years. Apart from the weather, which could not have been better, and the local arrangements, which were of the same high standard as has been the case for a number of years now, the general opinion seemed to be that the meeting itself was a worth-while one. After the feeling of frustration left by the 1952 meeting, there was a feeling of satisfaction that the business had been dealt with both adequately and amicably, to which the extra time allotted this year no doubt contributed.

Those who expected fireworks must have been rather disappointed. The Methods Committee's report on Extension, which might have led to much fruitless controversy, was accepted with little discussion, thanks to the good sense of the members in recognising that however involved the report might be, it was the outcome of infinite labour on the part of the committee, applied to a task which was none of their seeking. The Exercise should be very grateful for all that they have done.

Another important outcome of the committee's report is that methods with other than Plain Bob lead-heads will continue to be disallowed. It is difficult to put into words any better reason than tradition for retaining this rule, but it is not the duty of the Methods Committee to justify its attitude; rather should those who wish the rule to be changed produce convincing reasons for doing so. There is no doubt that members were impressed by the point that whereas all regular lead ends produce the same changes in a plain course whether seconds or an ultimate place variation is adopted, all others produce entirely different sets of changes once the first treble lead has been reached. There are, moreover, far more regular methods available than anyone can possibly need, and perhaps the last of this particular controversy has now been heard.

The three motions on the agenda provided opportunities for valuable discussion. The decision to raise the affiliation fee from five to ten shillings per member from next January was uncontested. This was a wise move. The Council's present income from this source is under £40 a year, to which must be added receipts from the sale of publications. Since these are not published with the idea of making more than a trifling profit, it follows that unless there is an adequate balance in hand, it will be impossible, once the Council has met its normal expenses and provided for contingencies such as have arisen in the last year or two, for new publications to be sponsored and reprinting to be undertaken. A glance at the accounts will show that nearly £200 was spent in this way last year. Not everything that the Council would like to publish is a potential best-seller, and the paramount need for economy must have prevented much valuable material from appearing.

There was nothing personal in the decisive rejection of the motion to make a standing charge for the insertion of peals and quarter peals in 'The Ringing World.' The fear which must have been uppermost in many people's minds was that a compulsory levy would lead not only to the withholding of performances, but also to the cessation of voluntary contributions. It was recognised that the long-term aim must be towards balancing the accounts of this journal, but members were fully appreciative of the splendid way in which ringers have helped and are still helping the paper to tide over its difficulties. As has so often been stressed before, increased circulation and, above all, an increase in the number of postal subscribers is the only answer in the long run.

The debate on the Council's relations with the B.B.C. was somewhat indecisive. By coming to the conclusion that liaison with the various regions should be the responsibility of the territorial associations, members were no doubt influenced by the measure of success with which this arrangement has met in the West Region and in Northern Ireland. Something more positive seems to be called for, however, and a possible solution, to which consideration should be given before the next meeting, would be for the functions of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee to be split. The existing committee could continue to deal with, as it were, the written word, and a new one formed to take care of broadcasting and television. Ideally, the new committee would consist of one member from each of the Regions, and there are several obvious choices from among those who have already taken the initiative.

One other item must be mentioned; among the new honorary members elected was the greatest composer of the present day. For a number of reasons outside his control, Mr. Albert J. Pitman has been unable to take a prominent part in the counsels of the Exercise, but ringers owe him an immeasurable debt of gratitude, in particular for his pioneer work in many fields of spliced ringing. That his services to the art of ringing have now been recognised by the Council will be welcomed by all.

E. A. B.

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Peals rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe.
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Emlyn F. Hancock	*Treble*	*P. Leslie Pearce	7
Frederick G. Leaker	2	Albert M. Tyler	8
*John M. Stallard	3	Alan A. Hilliar	9
Alfred E. Reeves	4	William H. Parker	10
*Reginald G. Hooper	5	Norman H. Coombs	11
*Richard J. Bowden	6	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knight. Conducted by Emlyn F. Hancock.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*Henry Tooke	*Treble*	*Cecil V. Ebberson	7
*Ernest G. Shorting	2	*F. Charles Goodman	8
Nolan Golden	3	*George P. Adams	9
*Arthur G. Bason	4	*George Sayer	10
*†William Love	5	*Bert Gogle	11
William Clover	6	*Frederick Seager	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Little Bob Maximus. † 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

KIDDERMINSTER. WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

John N. Diserens	*Treble*	†Gerald Bowen	6
*Susan Jackson	2	†David Beacham	7
Allen Morgan	3	Albert E. Humphries	8
George E. Large	4	Cyril Tansell	9
R. George Morris	5	Reginald Woodyatt	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Thomas H. Francis	*Treble*	Frank T. Blagrove	6
Frank Blondell	2	Norman Bagworth	7
Barbara M. Harris	3	James F. Dodson	8
William G. Morris	4	Richard F. B. Speed	9
Charles W. R. Grimwood	5	Frank E. Hawthorne	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank E. Hawthorne.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

May Lomas	*Treble*	Gerald Farrer	6
Basil Jones	2	John Worth	7
Alan A. Potts	3	Harry Farrer	8
Neil D. Lomas	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	9
Anne Worth	5	*Roy A. Booth	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Jerline. Conducted by Gerald Farrer.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Christopher Wallater	2	Walter R. Hughes	7
Edgar T. Smith	3	George W. Hughes	8
Harry T. Higgins	4	James S. Eastwood	9
Aubrey M. Pickering	5	Henry E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LANIVET, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Stewart J. Robinson	*Treble*	*Harry Harper	5
A. Hubert Eplett	2	Herbert W. Perkins	6
V. Mary Matthews	3	Rev. A. S. Roberts	7
James P. Blond	4	James C. Northey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
* First peal. 250th peal for the Guild.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Sidney Penfold	*Treble*	Ernest W. Furbank	5
*Bertram C. Hines	2	Harry Turner	6
Henry T. Wilson	3	John Sitch	7
Percy Green	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

Rosemary Seabrook	*Treble*	Samuel J. Twitchett	5
Hilda G. Snowden	2	Walter Arnold	6
Thomas Bird	3	†Peter Mayle	7
*Felix Bensley	4	*Frederick Kemp	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Walter Arnold.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.'

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Ralph Chapman	*Treble*	Arthur Clements	5
Frank Warrington	2	Frank W. Lack	6
Rev. Canon B. F. Sheppard	3	Stanley Gilbert	7
Harold S. Peacock	4	Robert H. Brooker	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Warrington.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Susan Jackson	*Treble*	Allen Morgan	5
R. George Morris	2	Geoffrey J. Lewis	6
John Thomas	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
George E. Large	4	Cyril Tansell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by George E. Large.
Conductor's 300th peal for the Worcestershire Association.

MARKET-BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

*W. ROLAND PROUDMAN	*Treble*	T. KELHAM DEACON	5
BARBARA COLVER	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
ALAN H. HOUGH	3	JOHN W. RAWSON	7
HARRY HOLLIS	4	DAVID PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal away from tenor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*OWEN WRIGHT	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	5
JOAN CARTER	2	LEONARD HILL	6
FRANK RONAN	3	JAMES CARTER	7
GEOFFREY GEE	4	*CYRIL ORMROD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.
* First peal.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	*HAROLD W. SMITH	5
*SHEILA DUFFIN	2	*ALAN S. SMITH	6
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
BRYAN PATTISON	4	*CYRIL J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(The St. Mary's Society.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*PETER G. HARTLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES BOWER	5
STUART T. HUME	2	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	DONALD L. MILLS	7
*JANET M. SPURGIN	4	LESLIE D. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS (age 13).
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	‡FRANK G. OLIVER	7
†ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Major.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDNA PEARSON	*Treble*	VERNON FORSHAW	5
*BRENDA FAIRER	2	CLIFFORD H. FORD	6
JOHN C. FORD	3	RAYMOND SUART	7
WILLIAM WALL	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal. First peal of Major by all except the conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On *Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	WALTER A. PECK	5
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	2	JAMES F. DODSON	6
NORMAN G. SMITH	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
MARTYN W. HARBOTT	4	JOHN E. GREENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REV. A. R. ASTIN	*Treble*	WALTER E. HOWARTH	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	MARGARET I. JAGGAR	6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	3	FRED PRITCHARD	7
JOAN CORDWELL	4	ERIC CASTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.
* First peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOAN E. NIBLETT	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	HENRY D. BUTLER	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	JOHN D. NIBLETT	7
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*BRIAN ELVIN	*Treble*	GEORGE H. MOORE	5
SHEILA BARKER	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	6
†ROBERT HICKLING	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

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

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MRS. DOROTHY J. WRIGHT	*Treble*	COLIN E. WRIGHT	5
JOAN M. PEACOCK	2	SIDNEY PENFOLD	6
JAMES CARROTT	3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	7
DONALD M. SALISBURY	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
The conductor's 100th peal.

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KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*ERNEST GILBERT	*Treble*	E. PEARL INSKIP	5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	2	WALTER S. IZZARD	6
MARY E. STEPHENS	3	RICHARD W. STEPHENS	7
RONALD E. J. FREEMAN	4	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal. Rung by members of the local band.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*ROBERT CROOK	*Treble*	‡J. ANTHONY HORNBY	5
HERBERT RAINFORD	2	RICHARD RAINFORD	6
JOHN WOODS	3	SYDNEY JEFFERY	7
†ROBERT WARDEN	4	*JOHN PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples and first on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*BARBARA A. ENDALL	*Treble*	COLIN WALKER	5
JOHN B. BENNETT	2	GORDON A. OLLIFFE	6
JOHN A. ADAMS	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. OLLIFFE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES CARR	*Treble*	S. W. FOSSEY	5
MISS E. PEET	2	F. ADCOCK	6
*H. BAGUELEY	3	J. ROBINSON	7
CHRISTOPHER CARR	4	C. RANDALL, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. W. FOSSEY.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JILL HAFFENDEN	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
PETER CARTER	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	7
*BETTY M. VIDLER	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE	*Treble*	JAMES BROOKS	5
AUDREY T. SEVILLE	2	*RAY SINKINSON	6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	3	IVAN KAY	7
FRED MELLOR	4	MAURICE MITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal. All service ringers at above church.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM GERRARD	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK T. POSTLETHWAITE	6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES	7
HERBERT S. PALMER	4	JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES,

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

LESLIE PRESTIDGE	*Treble*	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	5
*DAVID M. LEES	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
RODERICK J. LEES	3	†WILLIAM DAVIES	7
†MAURICE G. TURNER	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † 50th peal together. The 50th peal on the bells since recasting.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES WRIGHT	*Treble*	PHILIP COOTE	5
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	2	T. COLIN RYDER	6
FREDERICK JACKSON	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
*FRED FISHER	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL	*Treble*	THOS. WM. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	PERCY MASSAM	6
JOSHUA WORMALD	3	ERNEST SPENCER	7
*GEORGE WARD	4	HARRY HOMER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal 'inside.'

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DONAVAN WHITE	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
RHODA BROWN	2	THOMAS CUMMINS	6
FRED BISHOP	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	7
WILLIAM WILKINSON	4	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
H. W. Wilde's Three-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	*Treble*	STANLEY PATTERSON	5
MARGARET GIBSON	2	NANCY I. LEA	6
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	3	ENID SOFTLEY	7
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
First peal of Major by a local band. First in the method by all but the treble ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	ALAN G. FEVER	5
LESLIE G. FOSTER	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	6
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST H. DURRANT	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
JOHN SCHOFIELD	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
WALTER G. PAUL	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, 992 Pudsey and 992 Bristol, with 100 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
FREDERICK NURDEN	2	THOMAS BOREHAM	6
LESLIE ASTON	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
*WILFRED NEWMAN	4	WILFRED FOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
GEORGE SCHLUETER	2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
DR. LEWIS CASTLEDEN	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

W. RONALD HILL	*Treble*	CHARLES SANGWIN	5
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS	6
†ALBERT E. BISSAT	3	*THOMAS G. MYERS	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4	JAMES RICH	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* 125th and 25th peal respectively for the Guild. † First peal 'inside.'

WOMBOURN. STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	*WILLIAM DAVIES	6
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
SAMUEL BIRCH	4	*HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal together. The first peal on the bells since being rehung.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
*WALTER WHITTAKER	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
RICHARD E. PRICE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
An extent each of: Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	‡RALPH BIRD	5
*†PETER F. BORER	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal of Minor.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
An extent each of: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal.
Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

CAVERSFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK SHARPE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BAGGETT	3
*GEORGE GREGORY	2	*PATRICIA J. AYRIS	4
CYRIL H. FINCH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Bob Doubles (4 callings), 10 extents of Stedman Doubles (10 callings), and 20 extents of Grandsire (10 callings).
Tenor 16 cwt.

*C. HENRY FLOYD	*Treble*	*GERALD UGLOW	4
WILLIAM H. TARR	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal in three methods.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 34 extents (10 callings) and four 240's Morris's Arrangement.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE ROBOTTOM	*Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON	4
*RONALD FORSTER	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	5
*CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL	3	*JOHN HOLMDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.
* First peal.

PURLEIGH. ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD I. GARDINER	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
*JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	3	PETER J. CAME	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD I. GARDINER.
* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 162 bobs and 58 singles.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

WALTER S. IZZARD	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS	4
MARY E. STEPHENS	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	5
JOHN ASHTON	3	ALAN S. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STYTHIAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being five extents and one 1,440. Tenor 9 cwt.

*R. GEORGE CLEMENS	*Treble*	*CLARENCE DREWETT	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	JAMES P. BLOND	5
CLEMENT W. JOSE	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*MARTIN D. AXFORD	2	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
RONALD D. EDGE	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of: Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	EDWARD BARKER	5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Ipswich and two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. SMITH	*Treble*	J. PILGRIM	4
A. LING	2	P. BEDFORD	5
R. PECK	3	N. R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

VALERIE WICKS	*Treble*	JOHN H. R. BETTS	4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL	2	MAURICE G. WHITE	5
ALFRED W. BODIAM	3	EDWARD G. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,400 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,080 April Day and 120 Stedman. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FORDE A. PATTERSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM HALL	4
WILMA HOEY	2	FRANK KING	5
JEAN STEWART	3	ANN MERCER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK KING.
* First peal. First in four methods by all the band and on the bells.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

A. F. SPOONER	*Treble*	PAUL RICHARDSON	4
WILLIAM PARROTT	2	ERNEST GOSDEN	5
CLIFFORD BLUNDELL	3	ERIC GOLDSMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST GOSDEN.
First peal for all the band except the conductor.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
MARY F. FENSOME	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
HARRY BAKER	3	WILFRED W. RING	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal in the method.

BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

CHRISTINE M. JOHNSON	*Treble*	RUTH M. COOPER	4
WILLIAM E. BURNELL	2	JOHN A. TOLE	5
PHYLLIS BURNELL	3	PERCY C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. TOLE.
First peal by all the band. First peal on the bells. First peal by local Sunday service ringers.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2. 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of nine extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD HINKSMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HINKSMAN	4
ROWLAND PRICE	2	ARTHUR F. WALL	5
THOMAS COOPER	3	CLIFFORD WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.
First peal in five Doubles methods by all.

BRONLLYS, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*DAVID P. DAVIES (13)	*Treble*	DAVID J. GRIFFITHS	4
BERNARD H. DAVIES	2	DAVID H. BENNETT	5
WILLIAM G. SMITH	3	*JOHN PARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.
* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	T. CHARLES BROWNE	4
KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
FRANK PEARSON	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	ALAN CASSON	4
*ALFRED SMITH	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
FREDERICK SCHOFIELD	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal 'inside' and in method.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*G. C. SMITH	*Treble*	*T. PRYCE	4
*JILL COCHRANE	2	A. W. SKELTON	5
J. H. BRITTAN	3	H. H. BRITTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. BRITTAN.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford, and two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	JOHN WEST	4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	2	PETER J. CAME	5
RICHARD I. GARDINER	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

MRS. E. V. PARKER	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. HAWKSFORD	4
*ARTHUR BEELEY	2	ALBERT BANCROFT	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	STEPHEN W. J. PENNY	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN W. J. PENNY.
* First peal. Rung by members of the local band.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and 11 extents of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD H. THORNE	*Treble*	LESTER BAILEY	4
SIDNEY M. HOLLIS	2	CHARLES H. DENNESS	5
CLIVE C. CALLAWAY	3	CHARLES H. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. DENNESS.
First peal in four methods by all.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Wath Delight, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Pontefract Delight, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SAVAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM PRATT	4
HARRY BROWN	2	WILLIAM HALL	5
JEAN STEWART	3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First peal in seven methods by all and on tower bells in Ireland. First peal of Minor on the bells.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ALAN LAMBERT	*Treble*	JUNE M. HENSHAW	4
*SHEILA COLLINS	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
CHARLES H. PAGE	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	SAM WHITE	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	†DEREK MILLIER	5
*DENIS COX	3	FRANK MILLIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'



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MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 six-scores and nine 240 arrangements. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MILLICENT RUSSELL	*Treble*	†ROY STODDARD	4
BARBARA HARRIS	2	*ERNEST EVELEIGH	5
HARRY ALLEN	3	*NORMAN SMALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST EVELEIGH.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps Pleasure; three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; four extents each of Southrepps and Clifford Pleasure; seven extents of Grandsire; four extents each of April Day and Old; three extents of Kennington, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*NOEL MORTON	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. BUSHELL	4
ROGER E. OLD	2	ERIC NOBLES	5
JOHN M. NASH	3	CHARLES H. BUSHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal in ten methods. Rung by the Sunday service band.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	SIMON L. BARLEY	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Double Court, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*W. WARNER	*Treble*	E. LONG	4
†A. WALPOLE	2	G. WALPOLE	5
J. FORDER	3	A. D. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WALPOLE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal ever rung on the bells by an all local company.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Hudibras, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Augustine, four extents of Plain Bob, and 10 extents and eight 240's (Morris's) of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

PETER D. NORMAN	*Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON	4
CECIL A. BRASS	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	5
JOHN H. JOYNER	3	E. HAROLD NORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

ROY HALL	*Treble*	*DOROTHY STRATFORD	4
RITA STRATFORD	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
CHRISTINE STRATFORD	3	*ALLAN CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor by the local band. Average age 17½ years.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's Pitman's and Morris's and 30 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PATRICIA WHITWORTH	*Treble*	*JOHN SOLLY	4
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	5
*JOHN EDNEY	3	*D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. WILLIAMS.
* First peal.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. D. G. MAYELL	*Treble*	*DONALD J. CROUGHMAN	4
FREDERICK J. WOODS	2	*†DESMOND G. MAYELL	5
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD	3	*HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † 25th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. GRIFLEN	*Treble*	*R. BUCBY	3
*W. BUCBY	2	G. WYKES	4
W. BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. BROWN.
* First peal.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	DEREK M. STONE	4
ROBERT G. LAY	2	*RICHARD A. SMITH	5
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tsnor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal of Minor and in the method.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Capel, Sandal. London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal in seven methods.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's (two standard callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
ERNEST PRESTON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PAMELA PEEL	*Treble*	WALTER HAMMOND	4
ROLAND REED	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
ROY SPENCER	3	W. ROBERT WISKEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALLAN J. UTTING	*Treble*	RONALD G. LARNER	4
GEORGE R. POWLES	2	DENNIS W. GREEN	5
RONALD G. MOORE	3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of Ipswich, and two each of Durham, Wells and Beverley. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM F. GIBBS	*Treble*	BRIAN R. SUTTON	4
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	2	SAMUEL THOMPSON	5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON	3	HAROLD V. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MURIEL NUNN	*Treble*	HORACE LUBBOCK	4
HERBERT READ	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
ERNEST BENTON	3	ARTHUR F. BOYCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. BOYCE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

*MRS. E. BRAY	*Treble*	EDWARD GREENACRE	4
MIRIAM HIGDON	2	CHARLES TOVELL	5
HELEN BRAY	3	ERNEST SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST SHIPP.
* First peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY CALLWOOD	*Treble*	ARNOLD WORTH	4
ARTHUR STREET	2	ROBERT BARRATT	5
ERNEST PIMLOTT	3	GEORGE BARBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
Rung by the local band.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of College Exercise, two extents of Oxford, and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*WALTER DAVIS	*Treble*	†GEORGE E. HANCOCK	4
GLYN E. HOLDGATE	2	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	5
MARION BRADLEY	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal. † First peal in three Treble Bob methods.

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ANOTHER CORONATION ISSUE NEXT WEEK

'The Ringing World' has pleasure in announcing that another 20-page issue devoted to ringing in connection with the Coronation will be published next week.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In the Coronation honours list a knighthood was conferred on Alderman T. B. Pritchett, M.C., of Birmingham. He joined the Tanworth-in-Arden company in their practice on June 3rd, after listening to a quarter of Grandsire Doubles being rung in honour of his knighthood. Participating in the quarter were: L. Mole 1, John Jones 2, Audrey Digby 3, James Jones 4, J. Corbett (conductor) 5, J. Collins 6.

Mr. Dennis A. Bayles conducted his 100th peal for the Coronation. It was rung at Chester-le-Street.

By ringing the tenor to the Coronation peal at Hellingly (Sussex) Mr. Benjamin Stepney has now 'circled' the tower. He is the first ringer to do this at Hellingly.

Good wishes from many bands, including those at Oswaldtwistle, accompany Mr. V. J. C. Wood, who sailed for Christchurch, New Zealand, on June 17th. His arrival is eagerly looked forward to at Christchurch where the band needs strengthening.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild were also represented at Bournemouth by Mr. W. Rose. The secretary informs us that he did sign the roll and his name should have been included in the attendance on page 361.

Leicester gave the Exercise something new on Coronation Day with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods. It was a case of clear heads and no celebrations until after the event as 96 changes of method were involved. Congratulations from all 12-bell ringers.

Central Council members who were entertained at the Bournemouth dinner before the Council meeting will note with pleasure that three of Mr. A. V. Davis's talented handbell band, who gave such delightful music, rang their first peal on Coronation Day.

The peal of Minor at New Radnor enabled the well-known heavy-bell ringer, Mr. A. P. Cannon, to ring a peal in a fresh county. Although delegated to a 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. bell, he was unable to complete the peal without fortifying himself during the last 720. Biscuits have now replaced both pork and raisins!

Mr. George E. Large's 300th peal was rung for the Coronation at Malvern.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Ibstock, Leicestershire, has now conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.

A reader offers copies of 'The Ringing World' for the past four or five years to help the funds of this journal. Any offers?

A copy of the booklet 'St. Martin's Youths' has been presented to the Central Council library by the author, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, Solihull.

Congratulations to 'Cliff' Thomas, the baby of Christ Church, Crewe, tower, who, whilst on leave from his military service, rang the tenor and helped to make a lovely touch of Grandsire Triples on Sunday week.

A slip of the pen occurred in Joan Hills' article on an Australian tour when she suggested that Australia was the only place to get ringing. There is plenty of enthusiasm in Christchurch, N.Z., and Hamilton, N.Z., and at both these towers a warm welcome awaits the English ringer.

All reports of peal or quarter peal performances should be sent direct to the Editor. If they are sent to the Editorial Committee delay is inevitable—and there is also the cost of postage when the Convener sends such reports to the Editor. The committee cannot accept responsibility for delay or non-publication if this notice is disregarded.

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A Pot-pourri of Memories of an Historic Occasion

Our peal and quarter peal pages in this issue, the first of our Coronation Numbers, is only a selection of the wonderful manifestation with which the ringers welcomed and proclaimed to the public the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Some of the incidents that occurred in the belfries are recounted on this page.

CORONATION PROCESSION RINGING

The right of ringing as the Sovereign arrives at the Abbey is reserved to St. Margaret's, Westminster. Among the band was Mr. R. W. Stannard, who started ringing at St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk, in November, 1885. The following year he rang three peals with Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. His first Royal ringing was for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, when Mr. Stannard rang at 5 a.m. (Put's the early risers to shame this Coronation!) Since then he has rung for every Royal event.

WINCHESTER RINGERS' PRIZE ENTRY

After valiantly doing their ringing, Winchester ringers entered a float in the city's Coronation procession and won the third prize in their section (for those most attractive). Ringing started early with the firing of the Royal Salute on the Cathedral bells, and these bells and those of St. Maurice's were rung at various intervals throughout the day.

The prize-winning entry in the evening's procession consisted of a model of a church complete with tower and one swinging bell. Directly behind the driver's cabin was an archway of flowers beneath which sat seven handbell ringers. The sides and back of the lorry were adorned by paper in patriotic colours and printed on each side was 'Winchester District Bell-ringers' Guild.' An enlarged drawing of the Guild's badge was fixed to the radiator of the lorry.

THE B.B.C. COMMENTATOR WON

To enable their ringing to coincide with the exact moment of the crowning of the Queen, the ringers at Mangotsfield had a wireless set installed in the tower. When this occurred they pulled off into rounds and shortly after started their quarter peal, forgetting, of course, to switch off the radio. After about 15 minutes' ringing the conductor, Mr. J. G. Jefferies found that he could no longer compete with the B.B.C. commentator who was describing the scene in the Abbey. The bells were called round and a fresh start was made, but this time without the competition of the B.B.C.

AT ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

The day began with ringing at 9 a.m. for the official civic service, which was held in Meyrick Park at 10 a.m. A television set was installed in the ringing chamber for the occasion and some thirty ringers and friends enjoyed on excellent view of the procession and impressive ceremonies. The ringers felt that they had a personal link with the Coronation service because Andrew Pearmain (who learnt to ring at St. Peter's and retains his membership of the band), now a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral, was in the choir at the Abbey. The bells were rung for half an hour immediately following the service, and after viewing the procession eight members started and successfully concluded a peal of Grandsire Triples during the evening. Later some divided their attention between the television set and the belfry window to witness both London's and Bournemouth's fireworks displays.

EARLY PEALS

Rugeley, Staffs, had a pre-breakfast Coronation Day peal, the bells going into changes at 6.24 a.m. To fill a vacancy caused by illness, Mr. Eric Edginton, at short notice, travelled eight miles to complete the band. His willingness to step into the breach so early in the morning was much appreciated by his fellow-ringers.

Probably the earliest peal to be completed on Coronation Day was at North Weald, Essex, where the bells came round at 8.50 a.m. It was a peal of Minor in three methods and was accomplished in 2 hours and 31 minutes. This was the first item in the village's Coronation celebrations.

CORONATION M.C. STOPPED PEAL IN LAST 50 CHANGES

Greatest disappointment over Coronation ringing was at Elham, Kent, where the peal was lost in the last 50 changes through the untimely interruption of the M.C. of Coronation Festivities.

By means of a long stick poked through various holes in the floor, and by persistent knocking and banging on the floor and door he demanded that the the bells should cease. It was absolutely impossible to ring the last 50 changes.

The reason was that 'Good Queen Bess' had arrived in the village a few minutes earlier than arranged and the reading of the Proclamation was drowned by the music of the bells.

The ringers, with whom the Exercise commiserates, were: Frank Verney 1, J. Unwin 2, J. Walter 3, J. L. Morris (conductor) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, S. Walter 6, J. R. Cooper 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

MORECAMBE HAD ITS DIFFICULTIES

The Coronation peal rung at Morecambe was not without incidents. The band met two shorter than was planned for Bob Major, and Mr. H. Palmer (73) and Miss Schofield (who had spent the previous two days in bed, ill) were persuaded to stand in at a minute's notice. Thinking themselves lucky to have started the peal at all, some visitors to the church made matters worse by switching out the belfry lights with still an hour's ringing to go and darkness falling fast. However, a good peal was brought round in the poor light from the narrow belfry windows.

CORONATION SOUVENIR FOR RINGERS

During evensong on Coronation Sunday, May 31st, the ringers of Harpenden Parish Church were each presented with a small bell as a Coronation souvenir by the Rector, the Rev. S. N. Veitch. The bells were made by Gillett and Johnston. Accompanying each was a card which read: 'From the parishioners of Harpenden in token of services rendered as a bell-ringer,' and signed by the Rector.

ROPE CAUGHT IN PEW

An unusual incident took place at Droitwich, Worcs, during a peal attempt. After 85 minutes' ringing one of the ropes was caught on a pew in the church. The pew was moved down the aisle of the church and the second attempt proved completely successful. This is the first peal on these bells for a number of years.

FIRST PEALS BY ALL THE BAND

A great achievement was the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bilton, Warwickshire, which was the first peal by all the band and, as far as local records show, the first peal on the bells. Since March this Sunday service band have been ringing quarter peals most Sundays in preparation for the occasion and their success must give them immense satisfaction.

A fine performance was put up at Checkendon, Oxon, on June 6th, when the whole band rang their first peal. We are looking forward to a repeat performance at an early date.

Mr. John W. Hovey will remember his first peal as conductor at Coleshill. He had three other first pealers in the band.

There were five first peals in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Benhilton, Surrey, on Coronation Day. Congratulations to the conductor, Mr. Ernest Gosden.

There were four first peals in the peal at Swainswick (Somerset) on June 3rd, which was the first by a local company on the bells. It was also Mr. D. Thorn's first as conductor.

Another tower with a good crop of first first pealers was Ashbrittle (Somerset). Mr. David T. North shepherded through five members of the band successfully.

NEWS FROM IRELAND

At Holywood, Co. Down, Irish ringing history was made by the band conducted by Central Council member, Mr. John T. Dunwoody. Their peal of Minor was the first in seven methods on tower bells in Ireland.

At Belfast a peal of Doubles in four methods was rung at St. Donard's Church on Coronation Day.

AUSTRALIA AND THE CORONATION

To date we have received three peals rung in Australia for the Coronation. The first was a peal of Minor conducted at St. Peter's Church, Ballarat, by Mr. Philip M. Gray: the second, also of Minor, at Walkerville, conducted by Mr. Philip L. Cooper: and the other of Doubles at Parramatta, N.S.W., conducted by Mr. Robert Ferris. There were five peal attempts in New South Wales—one of Triples, one of Minor and three of Doubles. The peal at Parramatta was the only success.

A CHANGE RINGING OUTPOST

Combe Martin, Devon, is certainly an outpost as far as change ringing is concerned, as the nearest tower where the art is practised is about 40 miles away. The last peal was rung here in 1927, and the Coronation Day peal was the first of Triples on the bells by a resident band of the Devonshire Guild. Three of the band rang their first peal at the first attempt and two others had only rung one and two peals respectively. In the unfortunate absence of the Rector, owing to illness, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews led the band in prayers for the Queen before the peal started. Afterwards there was a joyous tea party, the ringers being entertained by their wives and mothers.

HAD LADY CONDUCTOR

One of the few ladies who called a peal for the Coronation was Miss Marjorie Legg at Locking, Somerset.

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CORONATION DAY IN THE BELFRY

PEAL NEARLY LOST THROUGH SUN

The absence of sun on Coronation Day was a universal regret. At Bristol, however, there was 10 minutes' sunshine, but it came at the wrong time for the band at St. Mary Redcliffe. The peal had progressed for three hours when the sun's rays came through the west window of the ringing chamber into the eyes of two members of the band. Its action seriously impeded the striking, but they stuck manfully to their task and the peal was successfully brought round.

Four members of the band, F. G. Leaker, A. E. Reeves, A. M. Tyler and F. C. Mogford, took part in the Coronation peal rung for King George VI. on May 15th, 1937. The peal enabled J. M. Stallard, R. G. Hooper and R. J. Bowden to complete the Grandsire sequence.

CORONATION DAY IN CORNWALL

The 250th peal for the Truro Diocesan Guild was appropriately rung at Lanivet, the most central tower in the diocese. The most elaborate example of a decorated wheel cross found in Cornwall stands on the north side of the tower and is said to be 'in the middle of the county, north and south, east and west.' By a coincidence the 100th peal for the Guild (Stedman Triples) was rung in the same tower, and in which the conductor also took part.

Two veterans, Messrs. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, and J. Jordan, of Stratton, have now rung for four Coronations. Some 50 years ago they did much ringing together in Plymouth. They listened throughout to the Stratton peal, and it does any peal band good to know there are critical but kindly past masters of the job outside.

SECOND TIME LUCKY AT NORTH STONEHAM

North Stoneham, Hants, was one of the towers where a second attempt was necessary for the Coronation peal. On June 2nd an attempt was made by a band composed of Sunday service ringers. A start was made at 6.30 a.m. in order to come round before the Communion service. Perhaps the time of day had something to do with the lack of success, writes Mr. Reginald A. Reed, the conductor. 'Even the sound of the bells failed to wake us up!' On the following day the attempt was successful. The peal was brought round in 2 hours 34 minutes, the quickest on the bells. It also enabled the conductor to twice 'complete the circle' of this tower.

CONQUERED STEDMAN

Mr. Sydney Barron will remember his Coronation peal of Stedman Triples at Brighouse, Yorks. His first peal in this method has eluded him over the last 20 years, although he has made over 40 attempts. The last half-dozen attempts have been made in the past 12 months and have averaged two hours each of excellent striking.

ALL RANG TOGETHER 18 YEARS AGO

An interesting point about the Coronation peal at Godshill was that the participants all rang their first peal together 18 years ago upon the occasion of King George V.'s Silver Jubilee. They are the regular Sunday service ringers. Veteran of the band, Mr. Sidney M. Hollis, learned to ring in 1887 and since then has rung for every Royal occasion.

AT WORCESTER

A peal attempt at Worcester Cathedral is a rarity these days, but a successful attempt was made for the Coronation when a peal of Grandsire Caters was accomplished. These glorious bells have been, and are, described as 'men's bells,' with every justification.

SOME OF THE VETERANS

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Pearce, age 83, veteran ringer at St. James' Church, Bristol, on a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe on Coronation Sunday. Mr. Pearce is a regular service ringer at both churches.

Mr. F. Sheraton, who rang the third in a quarter peal at Chester-le-Street, has now rung for four Coronations. He rang his first peal on this bell for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and is now in his 74th year.

The quarter peal at Newcastle Cathedral, on June 6th, was rung while the special Coronation Lord Mayor's procession, some two miles in length, was passing through the city. The quarter was specially arranged to enable Mr. J. E. R. Keen, the Cathedral Ringing Master, to take part and so participate in ringing for four Coronations.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

Between the youngest and the oldest ringer taking part in the Coronation quarter at Stoke, Coventry, was a difference of 71 years. Derek Sibley, who rang the treble, in 12, and Bob Roberts is a youthful 83.

At Shilton, Warwickshire, the tenor was rung for a quarter peal by 77-year-old Mr. H. J. Stanley. It was 54 years ago that he taught the conductor, Mr. C. H. Webb, to ring.

Mr. W. Shepherd, who conducted a Coronation quarter peal at Send, Surrey, took part in Coronation ringing at Westminster in 1902.

Mr. Anthony Ridyard and Mr. John Simkins, of the Manchester Cathedral band, have rung at the Coronations of King Edward VII., King George V., King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth II.

Participating in the Coronation ringing at Bronllys, Breconshire, was Mr. J. A. Smith, aged 76, late of Congresbury, and now living at Talgarth. He rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee and funeral, King Edward VII.'s funeral and King George V.'s funeral. Mr. D. H. Bennett, who called the peal at Bronllys, has in his peal record one for King George V.'s Silver Jubilee, two for his funeral, one for King George VI.'s Coronation and a quarter peal for his funeral.

BELLS RANG FOR BOTH ELIZABETHS ?

Coronation Day ringing in London included the bells of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The ringers consisted of the local band, with the assistance of two friends. It is probable that this is the only complete ring of bells in the country which were also rung for the Coronation of the first Elizabeth as none of the bells has been recast since c. 1508-10.

CONDUCTED PEALS FOR FOUR CORONATIONS

Brighton had an officers' peal in connection with the Coronation. This was rung at St. Peter's and was one of Grandsire Caters. The veteran, Mr. Frank Bennett, who called the peal, had conducted a peal for the three previous Coronations. By ringing the fifth, Mr. John Dearlove 'circled the tower' for the third time. This is probably a record for ten-bell towers.

The average age of the band which rang a peal at Sapcote was 17¼ years.

The peal at Whittlesford, Cambs, on June 1st, was rung during a chain of prayer on the eve of the Coronation.

While Norton Subcourse is a tower not unfamiliar to those who read our peal columns, the Coronation Day peal was the first by an all-local company on the bells.

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ALL BELLS RUNG — SAYS SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association discussed arrangements for ringing for the Coronation at the ordinary meeting held at Newport on May 9th. From information made available shortly after the actual event had taken place, it is clear that the chief object had been achieved. This was that all bells in the area should be rung at some time during the Coronation period.

Committee members at Shrewsbury, Wellington, Newport, Oswestry, etc., found that almost all towers had made or were willing to make arrangements to ring as part of the local celebrations. This included many 'stoney' towers with which organised ringing has little contact.

In Shrewsbury peals were attempted at the three churches where the bells are in order, but only that at St. Michael's was successful. Bob Royal, at St. Chad's, came to an untimely end in the last course.

In an attempt to ensure that bells at churches without ringers should sound for the occasion, ringers from Shrewsbury and Wellington organised a short tour on June 1st. After attention with the oil can, the indifferent six at Wroxeter were raised and some reasonable striking proved possible. Proceeding to Atcham, an attempt was made on the six there which had been put in some sort of order by Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, and Mr. W. Lloyd, of Berrington. The latter had loaned ropes, as these bells had not been rung for 20 years. A local effort at rehanging some 40 years ago included weights on the headstocks, presumably as a counterbalance. Bearings are of a type calculated to make ringing as difficult as possible, and a long draught is a further complication. The ringers were just getting the measure of these when a broken rope interrupted proceedings. After resuming, a local committee, which proposes to rehang these bells, invited the ringers to tea in the nearby hotel and for this due appreciation was shown.

Great Ness and Moreton Corbett were also visited, while calls at several other towers showed that however irregular the ordinary ringing, for the Coronation adequate arrangements had been made. W. A. F.

Wedding of Miss Blanche Ball

On Saturday, June 6th, blessed with a beautiful day, the wedding between Mr. John Hunt and Miss Blanche Ball took place at the Church of St. Nicholas, Wickham, Hampshire. The bride, given away by her father, was dressed in white. Her wedding dress was embroidered with bells. She carried a bouquet of red carnations and white sweet peas. The bridesmaids (sisters of the bride and bridegroom) were dressed in lemon yellow and carried posies of mauve sweet peas.

The bells pealed out merrily, manned by ringing friends from Alverstoke, Chichester, Fareham and Titchfield. A reception followed at St. Nicholas' Hall. Afterward the bells were rung again, this time with the help of the bride and bridegroom, before they left for their honeymoon at Bournemouth. N. J. S.

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TOLD OF HIS ENGAGEMENT

There was personal happiness at Groby, Leicester, while ringing a Coronation quarter peal, as congratulations were also extended to Mr. S. R. Gardner on his engagement to Miss Patricia Tomkins, of 55, Heyworth Road, Leicester.

The peal rung at Milton-next-Gravesend (Kent) on June 6th was also a 61st birthday compliment to 'Gus' Hewitt as well as his first peal.

The peal at Overseale (Derbyshire) on June 6th was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton, the popular secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, and Mrs. Cotton. Mr. Cotton also rang a second peal that day at Repton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BOURNEMOUTH

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PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS — POINTS OF DIFFERENCE WITH THE CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES — MR. OSBORN'S ADVICE TO STEEPLEKEEPERS — LATE REPORTING OF PEALS

TOWERS AND BELFRIES

Presenting the Towers and Belfries report, Mr. Frederick Sharpe said the first major consideration of the committee was a resolution by the Central Council for the Care of Churches, which was the body which largely controlled the Diocesan Advisory Committees. This Council passed four resolutions:—

(1). Bells earlier than 1600 should not be recast but preserved in the church, and no bells older than 1750 should be recast unless cracked. If bells of 1750 and onwards are permitted to be recast, the old inscription should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell, with the dates of recasting added.

(2). When estimating for major work on bells the firms tendering should give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, and any points of special interest, including inscriptions, and the approximate age of the frame.

(3). No bells should be rehung or frame altered in ancient towers, save under an architect skilled in handling such buildings.

(4). This Council adheres to the advice they have already given on many occasions in former reports, especially in regard to the retention of canons.

A LENGTHY CORRESPONDENCE

The Towers and Belfries Committee, said Mr. Sharpe, started a lengthy correspondence. They felt they could not lay down hard and fast rules. It might be that a parish could not afford to buy an extra ton of metal if a bell cast in 1575 developed a crack. They felt that cases should be considered on their merits. If it was impossible to preserve the bell it might be possible to cut out the inscription and founder's marks or preserve the head of the bell from the inscription belt upwards. In regard to the bells up to 1750, that they should not be recast unless cracked, it was a ridiculous suggestion. There was a number of bells cast between 1700 and 1750 and these should be taken on their merits and the inscription preserved.

In regard to the second resolution, that the firm tendering should give the age of the bell and frame, he thought it was putting a lot on the founders. He should hesitate to do it himself.

As to the resolution that no bell should be rehung save under an architect skilled in handling such buildings where were the men to be found?

In regard to the canons, a hard and fast rule could not be laid down because there were plenty of bells where the canons were not safe. If that rule was applied a mediæval bell would not be turned in.

The committee carried on a long correspondence with Dr. Eeles, and the next thing was an invitation to send a representative to the York architectural school where a residential course was being held for architects and diocesan surveyors. He went and lectured on bells, bell hanging and sound control on the lines laid down in the Council's handbook. It was obviously a success because he was asked to go again.

The committee had dealt with 32 cases; there had not been anything exceptional. They had also dealt with four cases of sound control. There was one case where a diocesan advisory committee had suggested that a bell should be welded on to the sound bow. They were able to persuade them not to. In two cases they had been able to persuade the authorities not to provide amplifiers.

CUTTING OFF SHOULDER RING

Mr. W. Osborn, in seconding, endorsed what Mr. Sharpe had said. It was a rather sad thing, he said, to see an old bell that had been hanging in the tower and had called people to worship for hundreds of years being out of its element on the floor of the church. Many small parishes which raised funds to have their bells restored could not afford to replace the bell metal: recasting should be classed as the only satisfactory way to repair a cracked or damaged bell. If the bell had founder's marks or other interesting inscriptions the shoulder ring could be neatly cut out: this had been allowed in two instances in his part of the country.

He had inspected the work and heard the bells at six places where founders had carried out major restorations: in all cases the frame structures were a sound engineering job and the bells, as a ring, were of fine tonal balance. One heard many rings of bells that were overtenored: this was not so objectionable when the tenor was rung behind but when turned in it sounded like a giant striding among the others.

Steeplekeepers should bear in mind that because it was not necessary to visit the bells often to grease bearings, the new job should be frequently inspected. Clapper fittings were subject to a great amount of vibration which tended to loosen nuts and it was of great importance to keep all tight.

CARE OF ROPES

As ropes were now an expensive item, he wrote to the makers asking their advice as to the best treatment. They stated that it was advisable to treat the rope at the garter holes with pure white vaseline and if undue wear took place they could supply a soft leather sleeve. They did not advise greasing at guides or points of friction. In the event of the tower being excessively damp the ropes could be treated with Lectal rope preservative, which was best carried out at their works.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he wrote to the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches and asked them who were the architects for the North West. He got four names and contacted each one individually and asked them what they knew of the subject. Three said they were not interested and the fourth 'Heaven forbid that I should have anything to do with it.'

Mr. N. Chaddock said they had a spate of artificial bells in his area (Sheffield) and he wondered if the committee could take any action and follow the lead of the Rinon Diocese. There were some areas where this was permitted. There was also the question of copyright. Could anything be done in that direction? He thought it was a real danger to the bells of the future.

Mr. C. Roberts said there were many places where there was no provision for bells and the incumbents wanted something to call the people. On the general question of synthetic apparatus, he thought the best thing was a personal approach to the incumbent. Many people did not like to be dictated to from the top.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he told one incumbent who proposed to install apparatus that the best thing he could do was to get boys with handbells and have them rung in the church porch.

Mr. F. I. Hairs: Would it be possible to have a typewritten report?

The report was adopted.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report for 1952 stated:—

As already reported in 'The Ringing World,' the total of peals rung during 1952 has fallen below that of last year. The grand total was 2,618, made up of 2,395 on tower bells and 223 on handbells.

The lamented death of His Majesty King George VI. in February gave that month the highest total for the year. March, in Lent, produced more peals than August or September, so we ask ourselves this question: 'Are we churchpeople?'

Chief among the 'above the ordinary performances' are the peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus by the Leicester Guild, the octogenarians' peal of Bob Major for the Kent Association and, beyond any doubt, the handbell peal in 16 Surprise Major methods for the Hertford County by Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his talented band.

A very good start with the new Plain Major Methods book has been made by the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association.

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS

The leading Associations or Guilds are as follows—Leicester Diocesan 206, Kent County 155, Lancashire 147, Lincoln Diocesan 118, Oxford Diocesan 115.

One peal of Minor, containing Woodbine and rung for the Yorkshire Association, has not been included.

In the 1953 Analysis the committee very reluctantly will have to exclude peals of Doubles containing methods with 2—Lead Courses—e.g., Reading and St. Dunstan's, to comply with the Decisions of the Council.

Further, the Committee ask, in all seriousness, for the conductors of peals, especially those rung in the latter part of December, to send off at once the particulars of the peals to the Editor so that they may be published by the last issue in January. This will enable the committee to have all particulars ready for the secretary of the Council when he asks for a report at the end of February.

Mr. H. Miles, in the absence of Mr. W. Ayre, submitted the report. The total number of peals rung in 1952, he said, was 2,619—2,396 tower bells and 223 handbells. These are as follows:—Maximus 36, Cinques 43, Royal 82, Caters 86, Surprise Major 450 (106 Cambridge), Treble Bob and Plain 456 (196 Plain Bob), Triples 339 (209 Grandsire), Minor 671 (311 in one method), Doubles 233. The committee objected very strongly to peals rung in the previous year not being submitted till the latter part of April. This was slackness on the part of the conductor and could have been avoided.

LENT RINGING

Mr. C. H. Kipoin: I suppose the Peal Analysis Committee has not considered that peals rung in Lent should not be recognised by the Council.

Mr. C. Roberts pointed out that there was no restriction on ringing peals in Lent. All they did was a matter of taste. The only regulation was that peals should not be rung between Maundy Thursday and Easter Day. If, however, in incumbent gave permission to ring, the ringers were not to blame. He did not think it was a matter on which the Council could dogmatise.

The President: We must always bear in mind that it is the incumbent who has the last word. The report was adopted.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Handbridge

THE annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester, on May 30th, when, in spite of it being so near to Coronation Day, some 70 members and friends were able to be present. At 3.15 the Rector of Handbridge conducted a short service at which the Master of the Guild read the lesson and the general secretary preached. He said that he considered it most appropriate that the festival should be held on the eve of Trinity Sunday, for at this season attention is drawn to man's obligation to praise God, for the main object of all the Guilds is to praise God through the ringing of their bells.

After the service a buffet tea was served in a nearby hall which had been secured on a day of shortage of accommodation by the efforts of the Chester Branch secretary (Mr. C. Griffiths) and after tea the annual meeting took place. The accounts, which showed that the Guild was just about holding its own, were adopted and the committee's recommendation that five guineas be granted towards the restoration of Handley bells was agreed to. It was also decided to carry on with the present practice in regard to payment for advertisements of Branch meetings in 'The Ringing World' from general funds.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The report for 1952 was presented and adopted with thanks to the report secretary for its production. The report lamented the death of its one-time Master, Mr. J. W. Milner, whose life had been a record of service to the church and the community in which he lived. The sudden death of Mr. James C. E. Simpson, a former general secretary, robbed the Guild of one of its foremost ringers, and the passing of Mr. James W. Edge, towerkeeper for 23 years, and Mr. Richard T. Holding, bearer of an old and honoured ringing name, robbed the Crewe Branch of valiant supporters. The chairman of the Northwich Branch, Mr. W. H. Sadler, died in office and had been a faithful servant of his church for over 30 years. It was his care and steeplekeeping which were responsible for the record peals of 17,280 Kent in 1923 and 21,600 Bristol in 1950 being rung at his church. Mr. Joseph Goddard of Bromborough, who took part in the 16,800 Kent at Mottram in 1906 collapsed and died whilst ringing a farewell peal to his Vicar. Two other members with no records to their credit, except perhaps the most valuable of all, a record of devoted service to their church, have passed on in Mr. J. Pusey and Mr. R. Marsland.

Eighty-six towers are in union with the Guild but as the report points out a list of 25 towers which are out of union is too large, and efforts should be made to reduce it still further. Service ringing has been maintained generally but a determined effort to ring **all** the bells in the tower for service and not merely some of them, should be made. As is pointed out, that may mean, in some cases, the recruitment of new ringers and the report stresses the need for a continuous policy of recruitment in all towers.

FIRST IN THE METHOD

The membership of the Guild stands at 29 honorary and 697 ringing members whose subscriptions have been paid, and four honorary and 37 ringing members in arrears.

In the 108 peals which the Guild rang, 165 resident members and 32 non-resident members took part and there were 22 first pealers and 88 rang their first peal in a new method. The conducting was shared by 31 conductors, two of whom called their first peal and 14 their first in a new method. The Guild rang the first peals of Colville Bob, Daresbury Imperial Bob and Grosvenor Imperial Bob Major and records for the first time peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus (two methods), Metropolitan Surprise Royal, Cheltenham Bob Major, Chesterfield Bob Major and Painswick College Bob Major.

The report comments on the exploitation of the field of Plain Major methods and commends the Central Council Collection to the attention of other experienced bands. Birthday peals were rung for the 75th birthdays of two members and Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston, took part in his 84th birthday peal. As Mr. Jones is one-armed and is still steeplekeeper at Eccleston we can agree with the report that any comment is superfluous. Another noteworthy peal was the family peal rung at Knutsford to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. S. Hough; this was rung by father, three sons and two daughters-in-law, and it is believed that this is the first time a golden wedding has been so commemorated.

Ringers who were the civic heads for the year 1952-53 were Councillor Percy Walton, of Stalybridge, and Councillor Ivan Stanway, of Macclesfield.

Each branch continues to have its quota of youthful enthusiasts and social activities are still well to the fore in most branches. The resignation of two branch secretaries, Mr. John E. Ashcroft of Grappenhall, and Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, after 40 and 30 years' service respectively was received with regret, and the Guild hopes to draw on their experience for many years to come.

The report concludes with a quotation from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam' as an aim for Coronation Year, 1953:—

> 'Ring in the valiant man and free,
> The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
> Ring out the darkness of the land,
> Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

A report of the proceedings of the Central Council was presented by Mr. John Worth and the meeting thanked him for his report and trouble in attending. The names of the members elected by their branches for the next triennial session of the Council were submitted to the meeting and Messrs. R. Gordon Corby and Walter Longman were approved as Central Council representatives for the next three years.

After a short discussion it was decided to hold the annual dinner of the Guild on October 10th in Stockport, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Macclesfield was chosen as the venue of the next annual festival which will be held on the eve of Trinity Sunday, as usual. All the officials were re-elected with the thanks of the meeting for their services during the past year.

Mention was made of the passing of Mr. Robert Sperring early in the year and whilst his name did not appear in the report among those who had passed on, because of the date of his death, it was felt that the Guild could not at its first annual festival after his death fail to honour the name and memory of so devoted and competent a member.

The meeting closed with a most cordial vote of thanks to the Rector of Handbridge, to the organist, to the general secretary for his sermon, and to the ladies, especially Miss Daphne Lloyd, for their splendid effort to provide a tea on a day when Chester seemed to be 'en fete' and accommodation at a premium.

As the rules put it, 'united practice in change ringing' was enjoyed at Handbridge, Old St. Mary's, Hoole, Eccleston and Christleton. One touch of Grandsire Triples at Eccleston (tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.) was rung by a band which contained two one-arm ringers, both surnamed Jones, though, so far as is known, not related, i.e., Mr. Samuel Jones, aged 84, of Eccleston, and Mr. Basil Jones, aged 22, of Hazel Grove. Mr. S. Jones rang the third and Mr. B. Jones the tenor, and neither of them received any assistance whatever and the touch was excellently struck. We look forward to seeing these two ringers, who have so well overcome their disability, ringing together for many more annual festivals.

CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT, BELLS RING AGAIN

After an absence of nearly two years, the bells of Christ Church, Southport, were heard again on Saturday, May 30th, when a peal was rung in memory of Charles D. L. Greenhalgh, in whose memory the bells have been given by his three daughters, Mrs. Mabel K. Dunn, Mrs. Ethel M. Evans and Miss Eva Greenhalgh.

The bells were dedicated at morning service on Sunday, May 17th, by the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Clifford Martin. Members of the congregation arriving for the service were greeted by the sound of the handbells, which were rung in the churchyard by the young ringers who will form part of the Sunday service band.

The lessons were read by the Mayor of Southport (Councillor A. C. Butt) and by the captain of the ringers (Mr. J. Ridyard). The bells, which were placed at the chancel steps as the extensive repairs to the tower (including the removal of the spire) had not been completed, were declared to be ready for dedication by Mears and Stainbank's representative, Mr. Douglas Smith. The churchwardens, Mr. Poole and Mr. Gibson, then asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells. Following the ceremony the bells were struck by mallets in rounds and call changes by Mr. Ridyard and Mr. Smith.

In his address, the Bishop thanked the donors of the bells for their very generous gift to the church. He also referred to the long history of the bells, pointing out that Aaron had worn bells on the skirt of his priestly robes and that bells had played a big part in the history of this land since the time of the Venerable Bede.

The new bells were rung for the first time for Sunday service on May 31st. An interesting note is that the band included no less than five lady ringers and two more have also commenced to learn. The weights, etc., of the bells are:—

Treble.—F sharp, 2ft. 1in., 3 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
2nd.—E sharp, 2ft. 2in., 3 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
3rd.—D. sharp, 2ft. 4in., 4 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
4th.—C sharp, 2ft. 6in., 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
5th.—B, 2ft. 8in., 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
6th.—A sharp, 2ft. 9in., 6 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
7th.—G sharp, 3ft., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
Tenor.—F sharp, 3ft. 5in., 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Finally the Christ Church ringers would like to thank Mr. Douglas Smith and his assistant for their willing co-operation and untiring efforts to ensure the octave was all they hoped it would be.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

The rededication of the bells of All Saints', Clifton, Bedfordshire, took place on May 26th by the Ven. D. B. Harris, Archdeacon of Bedford; the Rev. P. Ashton, Rector of Clifton, conducted the service. There was a large congregation present including many ringers from the surrounding district.

The eight ringing bells have been retuned and rehung in a new cast-iron frame with main steel girders, and the three carillon bells have been recast.

The local band rang the opening rounds. Afterwards touches ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major were rung. Visiting ringers and locals agreed that the tone and 'go' of the bells were excellent.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who were represented at the dedication by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

G. M.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Membership of 547 Reported at Annual Festival

THE annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place at Exeter on Whit Monday, May 25th. Despite the return to the old date—in 1952 the annual meeting decided by an overwhelming vote that Whitsun was preferable to Easter, which had been tried as an experiment—the number attending was smaller than at Combe Martin last year. This was doubtless due to the fact that many members were working on Whit Monday this year and had their holiday transferred to Coronation week.

The festival service was held in St. Thomas's Church at noon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Henton) assisted by the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox). In his address the Vicar said that acting on Mr. E. W. Biffin's advice he did not propose to speak on the subject of ringers' attendance at Divine service, as he understood this would be neither stimulating nor novel. Instead he gave a most interesting account of St. Thomas's Church and of its incumbents, one of whom, in 1549, was hanged from the tower for his part in the Prayer Book rising.

VISITED AT LUNCHEON

Over 100 members and friends sat down to luncheon in the Buller Hall. Among the visitors were Mr. W. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who brought with him a party from St. Laurence, Reading, Mr. W. F. Oatway, secretary of the Surrey Association, and Mrs. Oatway, as well as others from Bristol, Croydon, Truro and Wellington.

At the subsequent business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, supported by the Rev. J. P. and Mrs. Henton, Mr. F. C. Smale and Mr. A. W. Searle. Apologies were received from Mr. J. Arbury and Mr. A. L. Bennett, general treasurer, who was unfortunately ill with bronchitis.

After welcoming the visitors the president reversed the order of the agenda by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Thomas's, the Exeter ringers and all who had contributed to the success of the festival. This was carried with acclamation.

The annual report stated that while 1951 saw a sad drop in membership from 585 to 541, this trend had been reversed and the number at the end of 1952 was 547. Whilst this was very gratifying it left no room for complacency and the united efforts of all were needed to ensure that this upward trend was maintained. Two new towers, Bradninch and St. Mark's, Exeter, had joined the Guild during the year and were accorded a hearty welcome.

During the year 27 peals were rung, some by touring bands, but the number by resident members showed a gratifying increase of six. The report noted with pleasure that the president, who had been in indifferent health during much of the year, was now very much better, and the hope was expressed that his recovery would be lasting and complete. The report and accounts were duly adopted.

THE 1954 FESTIVAL

Plymouth was selected as the place of the 1954 Festival and, after a ballot, the following were elected as Central Council representatives for 1954-6:—Messrs. T. G. Myers, J. E. Lilley, E. W. Biffin and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. The sum of £25 was voted to Clyst St. George (where the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe was for 35 years Rector and whose church and bells were badly damaged during the war) from the Bells Restoration Fund.

All the officers had been nominated for re-election by the General Committee and the meeting confirmed their action as follows:—President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; general treasurer and peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke.

The president, in his concluding remarks, thanked the Guild for the sympathy shown him in his recent bereavement. He paid tribute to the branch secretaries and other officers for the amount of hard work they had put in during the year. He urged the vital necessity of training recruits and said he wished that a larger proportion of branch members would support their own branch meetings. He thanked those members, unnamed in any report, who had done yeoman service in helping struggling bands and said that he himself hoped to visit more towers in the coming year than he had recently been able to do. In conclusion, he thanked all those incumbents who had opened their towers during the day.

Ringing took place in four city towers from early morning until late evening, as well as in many towers in the neighbourhood. Many visitors were attracted to the Cathedral, including some young call change enthusiasts from Pilton and Bratton Fleming, who tried their hand in rounds at the back end. A feature of the ringing here was well-struck plain courses of Bob Royal on the back ten and Bob Major on the back eight.

REDEDICATION

ST. MARY'S, BARNES

Sunday, May 31st, 1953, saw the re-opening of the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W.13. As far as can be ascertained, the bells had not been rung for about 20 years and the necessary work to make them ringable was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the rededication of the bells by the Rector of Barnes (the Rev. P. Steed)), a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following band:—J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. A. M. Beauchamp 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, N. G. Hollingworth (conductor) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, W. D. Grainger 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8.

A local band has been formed and under the instruction of Mr. N. G. Hollingworth, of Richmond, has made such progress that on Coronation Day after some two months' work, the members were able to ring rounds.

The oldest bell in the tower is the seventh and was cast in 1575 by R. Mot, of Whitechapel. The sixth, dated 1616, is by W. Lands, of Houndsditch and the tenor (10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.), dated 1667, is by W. Eldridge, of Chertsey. The front five bells were added in 1887 and are by J. Warner and Sons.

BELLS READY WITHIN A MONTH

At Hurstpierpoint, where the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association will be holding their next quarterly meeting, the band have been unable to ring on the full octave since 1949 on account of the seventh bell being cracked. The bell has been recast and the whole ring has been retuned and rehung on ball bearings in a strengthened frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The inscription around the crown on the recast seventh reads: 'Coronation June 2nd, 1953. Long live our Queen.' On one side of the waist is: 'Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 7,' and on the other 'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846.'

The decision to have the bells rehung in time for ringing for the Coronation was only taken at the beginning of May this year. The cost of rehanging was £700, and a united village effort towards defraying the expense has nearly succeeded.

This ring of eight was one of the finest in Sussex and the comments after the ringing on Coronation Day indicate that they have in no wise lost their quality.

LETTERS

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—Re your report in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, page 360, the final three lines under 'Belfry Gossip' read: 'We doubt if such a record of four still living who took part in the same peal 65 years ago has ever been surpassed.'

On April 11th, 1887, Messrs. G. W. Cartmel, H. L. Buckingham, John C. Mitchell and myself took part in a peal of Bob Triples at St. Albans Abbey. The first in the method by all, also in the country. On November 18th in the same year the same four also rang a peal (Holt's Original) on handbells (conducted by G. W. Cartmel), and, as far as I am aware, all are still alive though not all on the active list.

The abilities of the first-named I have often given both in your issues and also in the old 'Bell News.' Surprise peals in those days actually rung could be counted almost on the fingers of one hand, and Bristol was not even known. A. BARNES.

Stockport.

DUPLICATION OF NAMES

Dear Sir,—I regret there has been a duplication in some Doubles methods as pointed out by Mr. A. R. Pink, in 'The Ringing World' of May 29th, 1953, but fail to see where I could have gone further in the Exercise, as I first contacted Mr. Pink, who transferred my request to Mr. Nolan Golden. The latter informed me of the names in the Roade peal.—Yours sincerely, E. NOBLES.

Duston.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on the bells of Windsor Castle, in your issue of May 29th, I should like to point out that the dates of two of the bells were incorrect. The fifth, given as '1745, cast by T. Lester' has been recast since then by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1898, and the sixth should be 1612 not 1615: the figure 2, being reversed, may easily be taken for a five.

I should also like to point out that William Whitmore recast three bells at Langley (Bucks) in 1649. This tower being only four or five miles from the Castle, it is not such a mystery that he secured the job of recasting the second and third there the following year, particularly as these were the days of Oliver Cromwell, when the established foundries must have been affected by the disorder and the man on the spot was in a far better position to secure an order from the local garrison commander. It is interesting to note that while the bells were thus kept in good repair the Chapel itself was looted and stripped to help pay the Roundhead soldiers.—Yours truly, K. BUCKINGHAM.

Windsor.

MAGIC WORD 'SURPRISE'

Dear Sir,—May I reply to one or two recent letters in 'The Ringing World'? .

To Mr. Frith—there is no shortage of ringers, but many of them won't ring 5,040 Bob Minor, can't absorb multi-Doubles (individual plain courses) or will only come if Surprise (magic word) is dangled in front of their noses. Also there was no deliberate utilisation of Minor method names.

To Mr. Joyner—'combined methods' have long been known as variations.

For the C.C.—there are 88 respectable and umpteen terrible Doubles methods conforming to rules, regulations, etc., each with its own plain course.

Finally, no one can claim to have composed a method, be it Doubles or Surprise Major.—Yours sincerely, F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

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MR. R. EDWARDS

The death occurred suddenly on June 6th of Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, Kent, aged 87 years. He was a well-known member of the Kent Association of Change Ringers for 67 years and had rung a great number of peals throughout the country.

The funeral took place on June 10th at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden. During the evening a quarter peal was rung half-muffled.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 20th, 1913

BRISTOL
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 14th, 1913, in 3 hours and 10 minutes
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 21 cwt.

George W. Tomkins	Treble
Harry Brownjohn	2
Alfred E. Reeves	3
Albert Stowell	4
George Condick, jun.	5
Charles H. Gordon	6
William Knight	7
William Stowell	8
John A. Burford	9
William A. Cave	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by John A. Burford

Rung on the occasion of the great demonstration in Bristol against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill.

OBITUARY

MR. H. J. HALFORD

On Sunday, June 7th, there passed from us one of those ringers whose name has never appeared in a peal but was in the tower every Sunday and always ready to give unlimited time in teaching new recruits. Such a man was Herbert J. Halford, who, at the age of 60 learned to ring, when he became verger of Wadhurst (Sussex) Parish Church. Mr. Halford was no change ringer but could cover any Doubles method on the tenor and rarely rang any other bell. He retired after ringing out the old year on his 81st birthday, four years ago.

He was buried at Wadhurst on June 10th, and in the evening, instead of the weekly practice, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory. The details are: 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob). Ann Bassett 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, S. G. Ponting 3, L. W. Giles 4, C. A. Bassett (conductor) 5, M. Latter (first quarter) 6.

MR. SYDNEY WILTSHIRE

The death of Mr. 'Sam' Wiltshire occurred on June 3rd. He was 68 years of age and had been a ringer at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, for 53 years.

At the time he learned to ring, the local band rang set changes from cards, but a difference of opinion between the Vicar and the ringers resulted in the formation of a new band with Mr. Wiltshire as captain. He remained in this office for 50 years, relinquishing it only a short while before ill-health curtailed his ringing activities during the summer of last year. Under his leadership the band progressed from call changes to Surprise Major and scored peals in a variety of methods.

He took part in many peals in methods up to Treble Bob Royal and conducted several peals of Grandsire Triples. He was a member of the local band which attempted the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Wiltshire: this was lost in the last course due to the treble rope breaking. It was subsequently rung with a visitor to make up the band and thus became the first peal of Cambridge Major rung by county residents.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's on June 6th, attended by many representatives from local towers: half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service. As the cortege left the church a guard of honour was formed by members of the Wiltshire Fire Service, with which Mr. Wiltshire was associated for many years. G. R. E.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis Sec. 2707

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Kimpton (6), June 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street St. Albans. 2717

LAVENHAM SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock. Tea shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 2754

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Haxey on Saturday, June 20th. Service 4.15. —George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2701

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lullington (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Curson, Grangewood, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 2725

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Charminster, June 20th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2698

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Grundisburgh, June 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (if sufficient applicants).—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 2711

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2734

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, June 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Look up Oxford Treble Bob. 2678

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, joint with District Societies, Wath-on-Dearne, June 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Reports now available.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2722

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, June 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. E. Avery memorial dedication service 7 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec. 3738

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUMMER FESTIVAL.—At Maulden (8) on June 27th. Service, with address by Rev. C. E. Wigg, at 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by Association photograph. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Lockey, George Street, Maulden. 2710

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, June 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before Tuesday, June 23rd, Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 2721

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Long Eaton (8) on June 27th at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 24th, to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 2759

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Barnby Dun (6) on June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 26th, to Mr. J. Wardle, 15, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun, Doncaster. 2756

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Shildon, Saturday, June 27th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify by Thursday, June 25th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 2762

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. Meeting, Alderton (6) June 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 2757

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 27th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. As Mr. Vine is ill, numbers should be sent, by Thursday, please, to Mr. Horley, The Chimes, Newdigate. 2732

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Great Hormead, June 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Anstey also available after tea. Special method: Double Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2730

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth, June 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 24th, to T. Avery, 5, Cisterngate, Louth. 2724

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Kippax. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea: bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 2736

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 24th, to Mr. A. Hipman Kirby Bellars.—J. H. Cook.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mulbarton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, June 24th, please, to Rev. A. St. J. Heard, The Rectory, Mulbarton, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 2703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2705

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2751

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hurst (8) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Notify for tea by June 23rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 2743

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Lavenham Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 27th, at Preston. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Day, 20, Shilling Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. 2696

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea, by June 24th, R. W Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2748

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sketty, Sat., June 27th. Service 3 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Sketty (8) 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Gorseinon (8) 12-1.30 p.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2673

THAMES VALLEY RINGERS' FESTIVAL. —Will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service in Egham Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome. The following eight-bell towers are available: Hampton, Sunbury, afternoon only; Old Windsor, Wraysbury, Staines, St. Mary and St. Peter's, Egham, afternoon and evening; Windsor Parish Church, 6 p.m.; Walton-on-Thames, 7 p.m. Notifications for tea would be appreciated by Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., Guildford Guild, Chertsey District; F. W. Goodfellow, Hon Sec., Middlesex County and London Diocesan Guild; A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Oxford Diocesan Guild, East Berks and South Bucks Branch; R. Lathbury, Hon. Sec., Surrey Association, North Western District. 2742

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, June 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 23rd, to C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley, Basingstoke, Hants.—John Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 2746

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, June 25th please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2713

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2-8. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 3s. each, please inform, by Wednesday, June 24th, Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorks. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., follows tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2702

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, June 27th. Names for tea, by June 25th, to Mr. A. V. Coates, 99, Church Street, Whitby.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2760

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Mells, Sunday, June 28th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast essential.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2758

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bromley, Kent, July 4th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Secretary. 2763

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morebath, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. No names, no tea.. 2729

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield. 2753

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting, July 4th, South Weald (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to F. J. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood. 2749

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingly, Leeds, July 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by June 30th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6. 2747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington (6), July 4th. Tea for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. T. Warrington, Rectory Road, Ruskington, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 2761

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Llantrisant, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Monday, June 29th, to R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Halvergate, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 1st, to T. W. De Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Great Tew (8), July 4th. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Duns Tew (5).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Barrowden, July 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 30th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 2728

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting, July 4th, Southwold (8), 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea, by July 31st, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Albans, July 4th. St. Peter's 2.30-3.30: St. Michael's 3.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Abbey Institute, 5.30. Cathedral bells available after meeting. Names for tea, by July 1st, to Mr. T. Southam 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2741

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest, Heptonstall, July 18th. Entrance fee 10s. per company to: A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. For teas please notify, by July 4th, F. Greenwood, Springfield Terrace, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.—A. Farrand, Sec. 2735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 18th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Choristers write: M. F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester. Full details later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 2744

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Petersfield **postponed** until Saturday, July 25th. Arrangements announced later.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2740

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Quarter Peals for Queen Elizabeth II

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Coronation Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Seabrook 1, J. Easley 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, F. S. Poole 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, L. Seabrook 6. First quarter by 1 and 6 and as conductor.

ALMONDBURY, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Bond (cond.) 1, H. H. Smith 2, D. Sharples 3, W. Dransfield 4, H. Sykes 5, F. Boothroyd 6, A. Rothery 7, J. Newton 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. C. Ayres 2, M. Hatchett 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, J. Townsend 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6.

ASH, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Whelan (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, P. Sherwood 3, T. Denyer 4, S. Russell 5, E. Pepler (cond.) 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Gillian Parsons 2, F. W. Housden 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, M. F. Layton 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Wilton 1, F. C. Limb 2, S. B. Usher 3, J. Bracewell 4, J. Bagnall 5, J. E. Burle (cond.) 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bailey 1, E. P. Bailey 2, M. J. Poole 3, A. T. Gunning 4, E. F. Brooks 5, J. L. Glyde 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, W. C. Poole 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, F. Goodeart 2, H. Deacon 3, L. Payne 4, H. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Baldock 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 2nd, at St Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garbett 1, H. M. White 2, H. Watts 3, N. Round-Turner 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, H. Groom 8.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plumridge 1, A. Seymour (cond.) 2, G. Strathdee 3, H. Jones 4, B. Collins 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wells (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, H. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, A. Greenough 6, C. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOROUGH, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): E. R. Iveson 1, E. G. Webb 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 5, W. W. Shorter 6, G. A. Blewer 7, L. V. Roberts 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. T. Chew 1, J. A. Parker 2, J. V. Davies 3, H. Spencer 4, J. B. Ibbotson 5, H. Parker (cond.) 6, B. Sutton 7, E. Thorley 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples (by A. J. Pitman): R. Allport 1, A. Mallen 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, W. Masters 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, J. Lloyd 7, S. Mallen 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 31st, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: F. F. Hancock 1, F. G. Leaker 2, A. E. Reeves 3, A. Pearce (aged 83) 4, Miss E. B. Roberts 5, R. J. Bowden 6, P. L. Pearce 7, J. M. Stallard 8, R. G. Hooper 9, A. M. Tyler 10, N. H. Coombs 11, F. C. Mogford 12.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. N. Bendall 1, G. Firkins 2, W. H. Woodyatt 3, G. Wall 4, G. Cousins 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Powell 1, G. Oliver 2, J. R. Garbett 3, Dorothy E. Garbett 4, Joyce B. White 5, W. J. Garbett 6, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 7, W. Hartshorne 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. J. Howard 3, K. Everett 4, G. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

BUTTERWICK, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Single Court Minor: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, W. Bradley 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, G. Dawson 6.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: E. R. Iveson 1, E. G. Webb 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer (first quarter as cond.) 5, W. W. Shorter 6, G. A. Blewer 7, L. V. Roberts 8. First quarter for all except the ringers of 5 and 8. First quarter peal on the bells by a local band for at least 70 years.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,320 Oxford Minor: R. Swift 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (a plain course each Wragby, Neasden, Kingston, London Scholars, Sandal, Woodbine, Duke of York, New London, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CEFN COED, BRECONS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gunter 1, R. Foulkes 2, R. Husbands 3, D. E. Rowles 4, C. A. Rowles (cond.) 5, C. Dicks (first quarter) 6.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Thornton 1, D. Fowler 2, J. Keyte 3, W. Baughan 4, H. Pratley (cond.) 5, D. Hornbuckle 6.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Irene J. Cordier 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Betty J. Dyke 3, R. H. Duke 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. First quarter on bells since being rehung.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wade (first quarter) 1, Bridget Cox 2, J. Parker 3, V. Webster 4, J. Carpenter (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, W. Nicholson 2, F. Sheraton 3, J. W. Robson 4, R. Chicken 5, S. C. Walker 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, at the Cathedral Campanile, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harley 1, N. J. Smith 2, R. G. Blackman 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, E. Winifred Keys 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. Dunford 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline M. Saxton 1, E. Winifred Keys 2, W. G. Challen 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, R. G. Blackman 5, P. R. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Dunford 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, J. E. Moreton 2, J. Draycott 3, J. Ford 4, Miss M. Beamish 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8, J. Thompson 9, J. E. Lloyd 10.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At the Church of St. James, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss G. Friswell 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. Pryor 5, D. Neal 6, W. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss P. J. Leaning 3, J. Euston 4, J. L. Morris 5, W. Prockson 6, R. H. Begrie 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDS.—On June 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. W. Davis 1, A. T. Wingate 2, W. E. Thompsett 3, G. Davis 4, M. P. Moreton 5, W. F. Morton (cond.) 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (6, 8, 10 covering): B. Lloyd 1, J. L. Stanier 2, H. Douglas 3, R. Evans 4, J. Hanley 5, B. L. Jones 6, S. H. Tranter 7, T. Wilkes 8, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 9, P. Barber 10.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: N. Turner 1, C. Batten 2, R. Wilhams 3, P. Tanner 4, G. Smart (first as cond.) 5, A. Turner 6. Also 1,440 Plain Bob: T. Walters 1, C. Batten 2, L. Francombe 3, G. Smart 4, A. Rodman 5, R. Williams (first as cond.) 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Quartermaine 1, Miss M. Taylor 2, Miss M. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, J. Cook (first quarter) 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. H. Poole 1, Mrs. G. H. Pike 2, R. P. Selway 3, A. W. Dyer 4, K. Pinney (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. Wills 6, G. H. Pike 7, H. Pike 8.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. W. F. Burlton 1, Miss M. Drew 2, Miss D. Edwards 3, R. Holpin 4, C. Rouse (cond) 5, Miss B. Bridgeman 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kershall 1, Miss F. M. Howell 2, G. Apps 3, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, H. Lilley 6, R. Overy 7, E. Brett 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss P. Lambert 1, T. R. Roast 2, J. West 3, E. W. Roast 4, E. G. Roast 5, R. I. Gardiner (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Buswell (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. E. Ball 3, F. Pickard 4, J. Troughton 5, C. Glenn 6, E. Clemence 7, H. Cawthorne 8.

DEVIZES.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. James, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Weeks 1, W. Mortimer 2, P. Hunt 4, S. Grant 4, H. Gummer 5, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, W. E. Butler 2, D. W. Stone 3, N. G. Smith 4, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, M. W. Harbott 7, J. Greenough 8. Rung for united service and dedication of the new Coronation doors of the Parish Church. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Collins 1, F. R. Scott 2, W. H. Edwards 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 5, L. Knowles 6, M. W. Harbott 7, J. Greenough 8. Rung for Coronation eve youth service. Also on June 2nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Knowles 1, W. E. Butler 2, L. Knowles 3, W. A. Peck 4, J. Greenough 5, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 6, M. W. Harbott 7, J. Harling 8.

ELSTON, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hough 1, C. F. Briggs 2, G. E. Foster (cond.) 3, A. E. Chilton 4, W. N. Brown 5, W. L. Hexton (first quarter) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,268 Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, S. Atkins 5, W. Bowers 6, T. Stagg 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Mitchell (first of Triples) 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, Mollie Smith 3, J. Towers 4, S. G. Scott 5, J. Roberts 6, D. Towers 7, J. Dyer 8. Rung for the civic service. Also on June 2nd, 1,344 Bob Major: G. Russell 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, S. G. Scott 3, H. J. Hazell 4, J. Roberts 5, R. Beckett 6, D. Towers 7, J. Towers 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 2nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Payne 1, Patricia Smee 2, J. Beams 3, A. Harman 4, T. A. Cross 5, D. Oakshott 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, Cherie Payne 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Limmer 1, A. Gale 2, Miss R. Lund 3, G. Limmer 4, A. Birch 5, W. Henley 6, D. Pearce (cond.) 7, W. Eastwell 8.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—At St. John's, on June 2nd, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. Brenand 1, V. Gaunt 2, G. Pearson 3, I. McEwan 4, A. Pendlebury 5, C. Fielding 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Alternate 120's conducted by 3 and 5.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Stevens 1, A. W. Allen 2, D. R. Brazier 3, C. D. Mann 4, W. P. Billington 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6.

GLOUCESTER.—On June 2nd, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blower 1, Joan Bussey 2, S. Harrison 3, G. Wiggins 4, J. Whiting 5, Margaret Smith (first quarter 'inside') 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Larner 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Joan Rubotham (12 years, first quarter) 1, Janet Wells (cond.) 2, A. C. Rye 3, T. Wickens 4, F. Lawrence 5, Mrs. Court 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble and 540 Plain Bob): W. E. Geary 1, E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, S. R. Gardner 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, D. Dodson 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On May 31st, at the Parish Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: V. Bottomley 1, W. G. Turner 2, G. F. Bryant 3, C. Sweeney 4, Miss M. V. Copping 5, Miss P. Lord 6, Miss S. M. Taylor 7, J. Pearson 8, R. E. Moulds 9, R. Beaumont (first quarter as cond.) 10, R. Mann 11, S. Longbottom 12. First quarter on 12 bells for all except 1 and 12. Also on June 1st, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Mann 1, C. Sweeney 2, J. F. Bryant 3, K. Palmer 4, R. Beaumont 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. Sunday service band. First quarter in the method by all except 8, and first quarter of Surprise on the bells.

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HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: G. Bussey 1, E. W. Brown 2, R. G. Chilvers 3, C. E. Woolterton (first quarter) 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5.

HAMPSTEAD, N.W.—On June 2nd, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: Alfreda Dannel (first quarter) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, J. T. O'Dell 3, G. F. Carter 4, T. Bevan 5, R. A. Ducker 6, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 7, P. G. Foote 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, H. Weaver 2, Phillis Craig 3, R. Wilson 4, S. White 5, R. Worsfold 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, R. Black 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, S. Gilbert 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, W. Ransom 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bullock 1, W. F. Moreton 2, Miss R. Jarret 3, W. E. Thompsett 4, G. Davis 5, A. T. Wingate 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Foster (first quarter) 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, Miss M. K. Roberts 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, M. N. Bland (first as cond.) 5, K. Oates (first quarter) 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On May 31st, at St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss P. A. Leaning 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, E. F. Pryor 5, W. D. Prockson 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cocking 1, J. A. Grace 2, D. B. Cater 3, H. R. Clegg 4, S. A. Jaine (cond.) 5, Miss M. Addy 6, D. E. Lodge 7, Miss S. Brown 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cox 1, J. Salway 2, E. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake 4, D. Callard 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, W. D. Ashdown 7, R. Sandford 8.

HOPE, FLINT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Lewis (cond.) 1, H. A. Price 2, Mrs. C. Henshaw 3, S. J. Lewis 4, T. C. Millington 5, P. Mathers 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Sibbick 1, E. R. Warner 2, J. Martin 3, G. A. Oliver (first as cond.) 4, A. Boylett 5, W. Saunders 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, I. Slack 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall 1, Miss P. Wood 2, E. C. Axford 3, R. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, E. Atkinson (first as cond.) 6.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, R. B. Smith 2, C. W. King 3, E. A. Newham 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (1,200 Oxford, 60 Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, E. Stainrod 2, I. Cross land 3, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Gray (first quarter) 1, C. Izzard 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, R. Stephens 4, W. Izzard 5, L. Turner 6, R. Freeman (cond.) 7, M. Stephens 8. Rung by members of the local band.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Hill 1, W. Small 2, A. Backshall 3, P. Hollingdale 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. F. Romney 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Robinson 1, W. Small 2, P. Hollingdale 3, C. D. Linington 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Basford 1, W. G. Lane 2, L. J. Wood 3, D. K. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Clarke (first quarter) 1, T. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. Colcombe 4, A. Colcombe 5, R. Colcombe 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by the same company.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, A. Rothwell 2, J. C. Taylor (first as cond.) 3, L. M. Clark 4, H. G. Westlake 5, F. T. Lock 6.

LONDON.—At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on June 2nd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss E. M. Bibby (first on 12) 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss S. V. Rymer 3, Miss A. M. Bailey 4, Miss M. Jackson 5, A. Radley 6, T. W. Shepherd 7, A. F. Thirst 8, F. J. Matthews 9, P. N. Bond 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, D. A. Kirby 12.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 1, Miss P. M. Campling 2, P. W. Campling 3, Miss R. M. Barwell 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Stanier (first quarter) 1, T. S. Wilkes 2, S. H. Tranter 3, J. L. Stanier 4, R. Evans 5, L. B. Jones 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, D. Evans (first quarter) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Dominey 1, L. Mannering 2, F. Hogan 3, T. Grice 4, J. Wallis 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leason 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 31st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Walshaw 1, H. Longden 2, F. Barraclough 3, A. Sandford 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, A. Cairns 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Milsom 1, W. Richings 2, P.C. W. S. Wayman 3, M. Jefferies 4, P.C. W. F. Scudamore 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, T. Jefferies 8.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Brown 1, H. R. Clegg 2, S. A. Jaine (cond.) 3, F. D. Livesey 4, D. B. Cater 5, D. E. Lodge 6, J. Cocking 7, W. Hansom 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Carter 1, J. A. Grace 2, S. A. Jaine 3, Mary Addy 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, S. Norman 6, D. E. Lodge 7, W. Hansom 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, R. J. Hicks 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, D. Martin 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Lee 1, S. D. Clark 2, Marjorie Legg 3, B. Coomer 4, I. J. Burroughs 5, G. Prescott 6, J. S. Walton (cond.) 7, J. Creber 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Cook 1, Miss A. Tibbotts 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Miss D. Smith 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Angel 1, Ruby Gibbons 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, Mary Kennelly 4, S. R. Cockell (cond.) 5, C. F. Andrews 6, W. C. West 7, H. Cockell 8.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Hedger 1, R. Beale 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Bowden (cond.) 4, H. Gauntlett 5, M. Booker 6.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Coronation Day, after firing, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, P. Ponting 2, E. Jefferies 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, H. Barratt 5, E. Bailey 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being one six-score each of Norfolk, Old, Kennington, Union, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day and 3¼ of Grandsire): C. Davis (first quarter) 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, E. Shearn 6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 2nd, at SS. James and Basil's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Ainsworth 1, N. H. Hewett 2, E. N. Harrison 3, T. Sewell 4, E. P. Crowdy 5, J. Hedley 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, J. Heal 8. Also 209 Triples W. G. Smith 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, J. Hedley 3, T. Sewell 4, E. P. Crowdy 5, E. N. Harrison 6, N. H. Hewett 7, J. Heal 8. Also at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Arthur (cond.) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, E. P. Crowdy 3, T. Sewell 4, J. Hedley 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 2nd, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burman 1, F. Burgess 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, R. Finch 4, W. H. Ashby 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Sibley 8. First quarter by the tower band since before the war. Also at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): N. Morton 1, R. E. Old 2, C. T. Windram 3, J. G. Chapman 4, M. J. Bushell 5, R. T. Clarke 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Juliet Merril (first quarter, aged 15) 1, Pamela Willis 2, Angela Willis 3, R. Dixon 4, M. Collings 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Jean Sanderson 8.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, Annette M. Gratton 2, J. M. Jack 3, J. Walker 4, W. L. Jones 5, O. Williams 6, A. J. Jack 7, J. Walley 8. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, Annette M. Gratton 2, J. M. J. Jack 3, W. L. Jones 4, W. Corfield 5, J. Walley 6, O. Williams 7, A. J. Jack 8.

OSSINGTON, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Burchnall 1, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Miss K. Burchnall 3, F. W. Midwinter 4, A. Wilson 5, C. J. Copp 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Yardley 1, F. W. Rishworth 2, J. L. Gray 3, R. C. Ingram (cond.) 4, J. D. Mozley 5, H. Dickens 6, J. W. Pettigrew 7, P. D. Booth 8.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Burston 1, J. Summerhayes (cond.) 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Boo Minor: B. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, Miss O. W. Barrett 2, Miss J. K. Barrett 3, J. Niven 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 6.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Compton 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, D. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Marsh 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, G. H. Perry 4, H. Corben 5, H. Cornick 6. First quarter for 1 and 5. First quarter by local band.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, Miss B. M. Strange 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Runnacles 1, Marion Jackson (aged 14) 2, A. Jackson (aged 15) 3, W. Brown 4, A. C. Harris 5, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on June 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich: R. W. Darvell 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, G. W. Debenham 6, W. J. Southam 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, Miss Christine Dunnington 2, G. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. O. Noble 5, H. W. Pratt 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SEND, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Shepherd (cond.) 1, E. R. Warner 2, A. W. Holden 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, J. M. Strudwick 6.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Watts 1, C. S. Aylett 2, C. H. Webb (cond.) 3, G. Gardner 4, C. A. Parker 5, H. J. Stanley (first quarter, aged 77) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): N. Stevens 1, D. P. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, A. W. Allen 4, W. P. Billington 5, C. S. White (first quarter) 6.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, York, Durham): Miss L. Ridsdale 1, Miss D. Appleton 2, Miss A. Robinson 3, G. Crame 4, L. Bonnard 5, G. A. Robinson (cond.) 6, C. Robinson 7. First quarter of Spliced Surprise by all.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. J. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. W. Abbott 10.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Matthews 1, A. Bown 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Farr 1, Betty Mockridge 2, A. Bown 3, Stella Allen 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Payne 1, Miss C. E. Payne 2, R. S. Payne 3, Miss M. R. Thompson 4, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 5, D. Payne (first quarter) 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Chapman 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, N. Mallett 6.

WEST HARTLEPOOLS, CO. DURHAM.—On June 2nd, at Stranton Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maughan 1, R. Webster 2, M. Coulson 3, M. Lawson 4, K. Lawson 5, A. Watson 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, H. Nielsen 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Webster 1, W. Maughan 2, M. Coulson 3, M. Lawson 4, J. Clouston 5, T. Templeman 6, F. Robson (cond.) 7, A. Watson 8. Also at St. Oswald's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Webster 1, F. Robson 2, M. Lawson 3, T. Templeman 4, W. Maughan 5, J. Clouston 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, G. Wright 8.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. S. Woodburn 1, Miss S. Drake 2, Miss N. Lye 3, Miss E. Emm 4, E. King 5, T. Hayward 6, R. J. Cousins (cond.) 7, H. J. Ellis 8. First quarter of Triples for 2, 3 and 4. First quarter peal on the augmented ring.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, G. W. White 4, A. Hunter 5, D. Elwick 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, H. Short 8.

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CORONATION QUARTER PEALS

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WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Hoffman 1, F. J. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. J. Bailey, sen., 3, L. G. Bailey 4, W. Dare 5, G. Whittington 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Hayward 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. A. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. G. Coles 5, F. Avery 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8. also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Hayward 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. A. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. H. Reed 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Coles (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Taylor 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Cox 3, W. T. Elson (first of Grandsire Doubles, aged 86) 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Todd 1, H. W. Bird 2, J. Chown 3, B. C. Webb 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, T. A. Griffin 6, D. F. Denton 7, B. C. Webb, sen., 8. A compliment to B. C. Webb, sen., on his 50th birthday. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jean Chown 1, R. W. Edwards 2, J. Chown 3, B. C. Webb 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, T. A. Griffin 6, D. F. Benton 7, B. C. Webb, sen., 8.

YORK.—At the Minster, on June 2nd, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: F. Darbourne 1, D. Edwards 2, F. Atkinson 3, S. H. Steel 4, J. E. Dews 5, D. Forth 6, H. Forden 7, H. Walker (cond.) 8. Longest length on the bells since recasting in 1926, and believed to be the first half-peal in the method to be rung on the bells. Rung on the middle eight.

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SOME MEDIÆVAL RINGS

By FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A.

IN his account of the bells of Windsor Castle published in 'The Ringing World' of May 29th, 1953, Mr. William Shepherd refers to the ring of eight installed at Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire, in 1602, the earliest ring of eight bells in England, of which we have certain proof. There may, however, have been at least two earlier rings of eight bells in this country, and it seems desirable to examine the traditions and documentary evidence concerning them.

There is an oral tradition among ringers that before the Reformation one church in the City of London possessed a ring of eight bells. The late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope in a written statement to me some few years before his death said he had seen a reference to this in an ancient MS. on early London bells then in the possession of a former employee of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons. So far as I know, we have no other documentary evidence in support of this tradition, and the City bells perished in the Great Fire.

Rings of six were extremely rare in mediæval times. We have evidence of one in the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, about which I wrote in 'The Ringing World' of January 16th, 1946. There was a mediæval ring of six at the Church of St. Saviour, Southwark (now Southwark Cathedral), and there were possibly four such rings in London.

According to the Edwardian Inventories, at the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, there were 'vj great bells and ij sawnse bells.' This is not conclusive evidence that the six great bells were hung for ringing as a ring: one of them may have been a clock bell. We are on more certain ground regarding the Church of St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate, which, according to the inventory of 1552, possessed 'one great bell called baynard castell that servythe the clock, with syxe other bells in one Ryng and one santes bell.' At St. Magnus' it was stated that there were 'vj bells commonly used to be rong, a clock bell and a sanctus bell.'

We have also the tradition that Dick Whittington heard the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, ringing the six-bell 'change': 1–3–5–2–4–6, in the latter years of the reign of Edward III. The change is sometimes called 'Whittingtons,' but is more commonly known to ringers as 'Queens.' To Dick the music of the bells seemed to say: 'Turn a-gain, Whit-ting-ton, Thrice Lord Mayor of Lon-don.'

From the Edwardian Inventories we also learn that in mediæval times most of the churches in London and the principal churches in other parts of the country possessed rings of five bells. Five was the general number for important churches: lesser important churches had rings of four bells. In addition to the ring there was nearly always a saunce, or sanctus bell. The majority of village churches possessed rings containing three or four large bells, a few had five, and a few had two. Except in the remoter districts there was seldom only one. Most villages possessed a sanctus bell.

A survey of a considerable number of the smaller mediæval rings has revealed that about half of them were tuned. For this purpose the major scale was not then universally adopted as it is to-day. In ancient times any of the mediæval 'modes' or scales were used.

A few rings tuned in these ancient scales may be heard to-day, chiefly where bells have been recast individually to replace older one. At East Hendred, Berkshire, the bells are tuned in the Lydian mode, as were the former bells of St. Petrox, Dartmouth: at Marsh Gibbon, Bucks, and Nevern, Pembrokeshire, the Æolian modes were used, and at Oakley, Bucks, and Oddington, Oxon, the bells are tuned in the Phrygian mode. In recent times an alternative ring in the Dorian mode was provided at Basingstoke. The mediæval ring at Norwich Cathedral was tuned in the minor scale, but the major scale was used for the mediæval ring at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield.

Before the Reformation some of our cathedrals and greater abbeys possessed large numbers of bells, but it must not be assumed that the total number recorded as being in any particular tower were tuned or hung to be rung together. For instance, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe quotes the following statement made by the Commissioners of Edward VI. concerning the bells of Exeter Cathedral:—

'What the Commissioners at the view of the Cathedral Church goodes of Exon have found there . . . viij belles in one toewr namelie these . .

Bishop Granndson'bell 1 ..	Waight by estimacion ..	xl. c[wt.]
B. Stafford's bell 2 ..	.. ..	xxx. c
Trynitee bell 3 ..	.. ..	xxviij. c
Magdalen bell 4 ..	.. ..	xxvij. c
Domme bell 5 ..	.. ..	xxij. c
The sixte bell 6 ..	.. ..	xix. c
The major bell 7 ..	.. ..	xvij. c
The eight 8 ..	.. ..	x. c.'

The Commissioners also give details of five bells in another tower. Their weights were 4, 5 6, 8 and 38 cwt. and they appear to have been an hour bell and four bells for quarter-chimes.

Of the eight bells, 'Stafford,' 'Trynitee,' 'Magdalen' and 'Domme' were much the same weight, and therefore almost the same note, while the 10 cwt. bell was too small to be a treble to the others. It is unlikely that they were tuned or hung as a ring. In these circumstances it is not surprising that the Commissioners suggested that all except three should be sold: they were no longer needed for pre-Reformation ritual and, like those at Chester Cathedral, of which Mr. J. W. Clarke has recently given such an interesting account, they possessed few musical qualities as a ring. There were six bells in Canterbury Cathedral in 1190, but we have no evidence that they were tuned as a ring.

In contrast to those at Exeter, Chester and elsewhere, the mediæval bells of the great abbeys at Gloucester and Oseney were tuned in relation to one another, and the bells of Gloucester Cathedral may well have been the earliest diatonically tuned ring of eight ever erected. The See of Gloucester was founded in 1539 by Henry VIII., and, as at Oseney, the Abbey Church became the Cathedral of a new diocese. An inventory, made May 27th, 1553, states that Gloucester Cathedral possessed: '. . . one grete bell (the present "Great Peter") whereuppon the cloke strykithe, and eight other grete belles whereuppon the chyme goithe hangynge in the towre.' As the evidence given below proves conclusively that the bells were diatonically tuned there is every reason to believe that they were hung as a ring. We learn that in 1527 the Abbot contracted with one Thomas Loveday: '. . to make newe and repayre a (clock) chyme go(i)nge uppon eight belles within the seid monastery, and uppon two ympnes (hymns) that is to say, Christe Redemptor omnium and Chorus Norae Hierusalem.' To obtain each of these tunes an octave tuned diatonically in the major scale is required. Another interesting feature is that both abbeys possessed a bourdon bell in addition to the ring, and that stroke note of the bourdon bell in each instance was tuned a minor third below that of the tenor.

The Oseney Abbey bells were transferred to Christ Church, Oxford, at the Dissolution and two of them still swing in the 'meat-safe' belfry. Gloucester Cathedral possesses the same number of bells as in 1527. Great Peter, the bourdon bell, is an original pre-Reformation casting and is the only mediæval bourdon bell in England to-day; and of the present ring of eight at Gloucester, the second, fifth and sixth are those upon which the chimes made by Thomas Loveday played in 1527.



Peals rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12 methods)
Comprising 1,008 changes of Belgrave; 432 York; 288 each Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire; 144 each of Albanian, Lincolnshire and Lindsey, and 576 each of Leicestershire, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham and Wigston, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN HILL	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
JOHN R. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MARJORIE F. JACKSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	7
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	2	PETER N. BOND	8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	10
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	11
A. RONALD LING	6	D. ALFRED KIRKBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

KENNETH ARTHUR	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
MARGARET FIDELL	3	ROLAND PARK	8
*KENNETH PICKERING	4	W. NORMAN PARK	9
ARNOLD BRUNTON	5	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*FRANK HOPGOOD	*Treble*	ERIC DODDS	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	*THOMAS E. DAVIES	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
SQUIRE CROFT	5	†ARTHUR TOMBLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	JOHN GILBERT	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	ERNEST BROWN	8
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	6
WM. H. A. COMPTON	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	7
GERALD BOWEN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
GEORGE E. LARGE	5	GEORGE AMBLER	
		FREDERICK C. PUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN, Treasurer	*Treble*
ALBERT W. BOND, Auditor	2
RAYMOND OVERY, Auditor	3
FRANK BENNETT, C.C. Delegate	4
JOHN DEARLOVE, Peal Secretary	5
LEONARD STILWELL, C.C. Delegate	6
HENRY STALHAM, Auditor	7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG, Master	8
RAYMOND WOOD, Committee	9
*LESLIE W. WELLER, Divisional Secretary	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung by the officers of the Association.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D.

MRS. PAT VOWLES	*Treble*	PETER S. DAVIS	6
ERNEST W. RAZZELL	2	ROYDON DAVIES	7
*MRS. HILDA E. OATWAY	3	†FRANCIS B. JONES	8
WILLIAM F. OATWAY	4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	9
THOMAS A. BLOW	5	‡ERNEST W. VOWLES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*ALAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	SAMSON WALKLATE	6
MARK J. BARKER	2	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
JACK BAILEY	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
E. FRED GOBEY	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	9
HAROLD TAYLOR	5	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal by an all-resident band.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ROBERT G. LAY	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	8
RUTH M. K. HOW	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5	MARTIN W. HARBOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Also rung in honour of the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. to Epsom to attend the Derby on this day.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM T. GRICE	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	WALTER DOBBIE	7
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	HARRY PARKES	8
GEORGE KENWARD	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	9
LEONARD MANNERING	5	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	SAMUEL BIRCH	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.
Mr. E. Stitch has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*MARGARET A. P. BERTIE	*Treble*	WILFRED NICHOLSON	5
SAMUEL C. WALKER	2	*CYRIL MORDUE	6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
*J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*DAVID SUTCLIFFE (16)	*Treble*	WALTER D. POOLEY	5
*K. PATRICIA HUTTON (16)	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	6
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD (14)	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
†WILLIAM A. COLLINS	4	‡LIONEL B. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.
* First peal. † First peal in method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Plain Bob Triples as conductor, and on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 20½ cwt.

*GILIAN W. REA	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
*ERIC BOOTH	2	BRUCE B. ROGERS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
*MICHAEL BAZELEY	4	JOHN COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY JARRET	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
GEORGE DAVIS	4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT.
First peal as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN CORNWALL	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
IAN S. BIGGS	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
F. DONALD BOREHAM	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	HARRY BROUGHTON	5
*DAVID HARRIMAN	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	*FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH
* First peal.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GERALD DARE	*Treble*	JAMES BROOKS	5
AUDREY T. SEVILLE	2	ROY SINKINSON	6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	3	IVAN KAY	7
FRED MELLOR	4	MAURICE MITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

*PAMELA WILLES	*Treble*	*PHILIP MEHEW	5
MAURICE A. COLLINGS	2	WILLIAM J. HITCH	6
*ANGELIA WILLES	3	HORACE E. WERRETT	7
†REX M. DIXON	4	‡JEAN SANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. LOOME	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
BETTY SYRETT	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
LEWIS BATLEY	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CITY CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

REGINALD LOWE	*Treble*	HERBERT ABRAHAMS	5
FRANK HARRIS	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
MARGARET PAGE	3	RONALD MARLOW	7
MRS. FRANK HARRIS	4	EDWARD DOEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK HARRIS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
First peal in the method as conductor.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

EDWIN LLOYD	*Treble*	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	THOMAS E. HARROLD	6
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN	3	KENNETH A. ROE	7
CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	4	JOSEPH S. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. HARROLD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*ALICE TALBOT	*Treble*	FREDERICK TUFFLEY	5
STELLA DAVIS	2	REGINALD REX	6
MARK ROSIER	3	REGINALD CROOK	7
GEORGE STOCKER	4	THOMAS GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD CROOK.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd Observation). Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT	*Treble*	JAMES W. DIXON	5
FREDERICK W. SODEN	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
FRANK SODEN	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	†LIONEL JEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.
* First peal in method away from the tenor. † First peal.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

LEONARD FIDLER	*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	5
*MICHAEL ORME (age 15)	2	EDGAR W. WINTERS	6
GEORGE CHERRY	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
WILLIAM F. TODD	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal 'inside' and first on eight bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

CEDRIC MURPHY	*Treble*	BETTY M. FAITHFULL	5
REGINALD A. REED	2	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	6
MOLLY DENBY	3	NORMAN HAYES	7
CHALES TAYLOR	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM I. HOLMES	5
*THOMAS F. CARFORD	2	BERNARD H. DALTON	6
LEONARD P. WILSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	7
CECIL A. WADE	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*ANNE P. BROWN	*Treble*	*ALLEN TWYMAN	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
*STELLA P. WAIN	3	ROY E. BROOM	7
*RUTH M. JACKSON	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal in the method. Rung by the Sunday service band.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 27 cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS	*Treble*	FRANK ROWSELL	5
FREDERICK H. HANNINGTON	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
*JEAN POWELL	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
LEONARD I. HULBERT	4	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal of Triples.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	ERIC COOK	5
THOMAS MARSHALL	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	PETER COXALL	7
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

*ANN JOHNSTON	*Treble*	FRANK LONG	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	BERT RIDGWAY	6
†RITA STATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	7
NANCY MARKLEW	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

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HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
RALPH HARRIS	2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	6
MRS. P. HARRIS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal.

KILBURN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild.)
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ELSIE LANKESTER	*Treble*	AUDREY BARKER	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	†TREVOR DEW	6
DOROTHY WATTS	3	RODNEY MEADOWS	7
*A. HARRY CATLIN	4	DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
PERCIVAL W. GRICE	4	ARTHUR YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
James S. Wilde's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
*CEDRIC CURSON	2	FREDERICK SEAGER	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WILLIAM F. WARD	*Treble*	BRIAN W. CABLE	5
ERNEST J. BLOWER	2	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	6
BERNARD SADLER	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
GORDON J. BLOWER	4	DONALD COOMBES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

GLYN WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JEAN POWELL	5
*HEATHER EVANS	2	†GRAHAM FLOWER	6
MRS. A. R. PRICE	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
†CARL THOMAS	4	†ALLEN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples by a local band on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. BEANEY	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JACK KEYTE	*Treble*	*BRIAN W. HALL	5
IVOR D. HARRIS	2	FREDERICK W. SODEN	6
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
THOMAS W. TIMMS	4	CYRIL TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.
* First peal.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN WESTMINSTER
(WESTMINSTER ABBEY.)
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 28½ cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK	*Treble*	JOHN H. CRAMPION	5
HORACE BELCHER	2	JACK A. WAUGH	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	CYRIL J. WATTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

HENRY HURST	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
WILLIAM HOLLAND	2	FRANCIS WARD	6
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	BARRY HOLLAND	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	DENNIS HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

HUGH MATTHEWMAN	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
JEAN A. BROOKS	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	HARRY M. PAYNE	7
MARY C. PAYNE	4	HERBERT HUMPHREYS	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

JAMES B. BICKNELL	*Treble*	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
DAVID M. LEES	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	7
R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	EDMUND MORRIS	6
J. ARTHUR HOARE	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ROBERT E. COLES	4	TOM PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKHOUSE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYDNEY H. BARRON	*Treble*	†DEREK SHARPLES	5
†CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	2	†JOHN PEARSON	6
ARTHUR ROGERS	3	ALBERT W. BOND	7
†FRANK LINFOOT	4	†CLIFFORD AARON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.
Mr. Rogers now departs to serve in Her Majesty's Forces.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

PATRICK CHAPMAN	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
RONALD SHARP	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES W. ULLOCK	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	2	FRANK BIRKETT	6
JAMES E. BURLES	3	RAYMOND SUART	7
JOHN BAGNALL	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal.

CLECKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DENIS ACKROYD	*Treble*	†JOHN W. GIBSON	5
†NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	†BARRY SULLIVAN	6
†MARY SHEARSMITH	3	†ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
MOLLY MARSH	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
* First peal. † First peal in method. First peal on the bells.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C. Collection No. 99. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	5
JAMES F. DODSON	2	REX J. CORKE	6
HERBERT COLCOMBE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK C. ROPER	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
ALBERT G. HARRISON	2	THOMAS FORD	6
LEWIS BATLEY	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
*JOHN L. GIRT	4	W. ARCHIE LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
FRANK BLOOMFIELD	3	GEORGE DOBBS	7
HARRY HALL	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	*AUGUSTUS J. HEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES	*Treble*	WILLIAM CORFIELD	5
*ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	FRANK TRINER	6
*J. MICHAEL JACK	3	OWEN WILLIAMS	7
*WILLIAM L. JONES	4	ALBAN J. JACK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* First peal of Major.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	W. ALLAN WILSON	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	FRANK VERNON	6
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	GEORGE W. CREASEY	7
GRACE BURCHNALL	4	CHARLES COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS MARSHALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

TOTNES, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
JAMES E. LILLEY	2	GERALD A. UGLOW	6
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	3	*FREDERICK WREFORD	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	WILLIAM J. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* 50th peal.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

BARRY COOK	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	6
DONALD COOMBES	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
PHILLIP SADLER	4	ARTHUR HUBBLE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES H. KIRBY	5
FRED BENNETT	2	*DAVID CUBITT	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROOKS	*Treble*	CHARLES W. MORTIMER	5
*MARY COLE	2	CHARLES A. EELE	6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	3	BERNARD C. CASTLE	7
ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	4	JACK PRINCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE
* First peal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*THYLMA DUCK	*Treble*	GEORGE W. WHITE	5
HARRY SHORT	2	ALBERT V. COATES	6
DOUGLAS ELWICK	3	SIDNEY R. ELWICK	7
JOHN R. WALLER	4	JOHN HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY R. ELWICK.
* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. A. WALDRON	*Treble*	*WARNE WILSON	4
*GRAEME W. HEYES	2	J. ROPER	5
MRS. P. M. S. GRAY	3	PHILIP M. S. GRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. S. GRAY.
* First peal.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RHODES	*Treble*	†SIDNEY H. JONES	4
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	†JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
*GORDON H. LANE	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † 100th peal together. First Surprise peal on the bells.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	4
A. REGINALD ROWLEY	2	DAVID BEACHAM	5
GERALD BOWEN	3	GEORGE LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.



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NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	*A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
FREDERICK A. JAINE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Minor in two methods 'inside.'

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
BESSIE CARTER	2	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being Grandsire and Plain Bob (20 callings). Tenor 7¾ cwt.

GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	*Treble*	HERMAN OLIVER	4
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	DONALD COOMBES	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	*JOHN BINKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern District.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

EDWARD E. TIDY	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
*MARGARET GREGORY	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.
* First peal.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,760 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

*JIM DICKS	*Treble*	KENNETH H. ROWLAND	4
DENIS ALLSOP	2	ERNEST W. TIPLER	5
PETER J. THOMAS	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.
* First peal.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of St. Simon's, three of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two of Southrepps, two of Clifford Pleasure, four of Plain Bob, four of Old, four of Norfolk, three of April Day, ten of Grandsire and six of Antelope. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WARWICK MUNDAY	*Treble*	ROBERT W. FERRIS	4
GEO. E. WILLIAMSON	2	KENNETH G. STACEY	5
JOHN BOUTLAND	3	THOMAS HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT FERRIS.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Chase, St. Simon, St. Martin, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

ANTHONY J. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN HARROLD	3
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BRIAN T. DAVID (13)	*Treble*	W. RICHARD SPEAKE	4
*DAVID C. H. WILLIAMS (14)	2	WILLIAM A. JERRETT	5
RONALD C. LUCAS	3	SIDNEY SHACKELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. LUCAS.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. J. STAUDE	*Treble*	JONATHAN F. EGGLETON	4
FREDERICK N. SMEATON	2	C. HERVEY BAGOT	5
A. RICHARD LAMPHEE	3	PHILIP L. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP L. COOPER.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 3,600 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GLADYS ASHBY	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
PERCY AMOS	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE PILGRAM	*Treble*	REGINALD ASHFORTH	4
SYDNEY CARNALL	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
JOSEPHINE SALT	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*CLIVE HAYNES	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	WILLIAM YATES	5
CECIL HINTON	3	HARRY BATCHELOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

IVY JORDAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	*DEREK OTTEY	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	A. RAYMOND TONKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	*Walter E. Wilkinson	4
*James Skeats	2	Ernest J. Gower	5
*Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Victor J. C. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Victor J. C. Wood.

* First peal in three methods.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ivan J. M. Saunders	*Treble*	Howard W. Egglestone	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Came	3	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 10th peal.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 10 extents of St. Simon's, 17 of Grandsire, and 15 of Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Roy A. Ward	*Treble*	Percy Bonnett	4
*Mary Stephens	2	*Malcolm G. Hootton	5
*Bryan Pattison	3	†Geoffrey G. Cripps	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Ninian and 21 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mary Crew	*Treble*	*D. Mee Daniel	4
*Jean Milksham	2	W. J. Starr	5
D. Thorn	3	*W. Toghill	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Thorn.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First on the bells by an entirely local band.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

William J. Prescott	*Treble*	*Brenda L. J. Foley	4
Eric Naylor	2	*S. Arthur Read	5
Joyce S. Coward	3	Fredk. A. Gooding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

* First peal.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Gordon Keeble	*Treble*	Arthur Smith	4
Frank Shaw	2	Alderman G. Ling	5
Arthur Ling	3	Ernest Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alderman G. Ling.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringing machine which Professor Walker and Mr. J. Kiefer are constructing at Cornell University, New York, gave its first semi-public exhibition on June 2nd in honour of the Queen's Coronation and of the successful climbing of Mount Everest. The most difficult item to construct, the 'changer' which performs the transformation from one permutation to the next, is still not finished, but the rest of the machine is essentially complete.

We regret to hear that Mr. W. Barton, of Pudsey, is in Bradford Royal Infirmary. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The name of the ringer of the tenor of the peal at Caversfield (see page 389) is Mr. Cyril H. Kinch.

Mr. E. A. Barnett was unsuccessful in his first attempt for five years to call a tower-bell peal on June 13th. The clapper of the seventh broke in the last course.

Mr. F. Dunkerley, secretary of the Lancashire Association, flying a Gemini, was placed fourth in the race for the Kemsley Challenge Trophy on Saturday.

A restoration fund for Wing, Bucks, Parish Church and bells is now past the half-way mark. A fete is being held on July 11th. Donations will be gratefully acknowledged by the Rev. E. W. Crane, The Vicarage, Wing, Leighton Buzzard.

Beddington, Surrey, ringers, are in process of recording the peals rung in their tower. Mr. Len Stillwell's help was obtained and at least 250 peals for the Surrey Association have been traced. The services of Mr. Stillwell and Mr. V. P. Oatway in searching for the peals are much appreciated as well as the anonymous donor of a 'Will Viggers' Peals Record book.

For 64 years Mr. Ernest Edward Pratchett has rung at St. Mary's, Hendon. Last year owing to illness he retired from the position of steeplekeeper, but he is still an active ringer and took part in Coronation ringing. Stepney born, he began ringing at the age of 13 and last June celebrated his golden wedding. A foundation member of the Middlesex County Association, he is also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Correction.—The ringer of the third in the peal at Stagsden on June 1st was Miss Joan Ashton. The error is regretted.

Chesterfield Surprise shown in the report of the Records Committee (see page 377) was subsequently found to be false. It has been deleted from the official report. Will members please make the correction in their reports.

Walton-on-Thames bells have been overhauled and rehung on new wheels. The obstinate tenor has a new canon while retaining the headstock and for the first time goes up right. The contract was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. Leslie Houghton, of Walton-on-Thames, is taking a business in King's Lynn. As a farewell gift he was presented on Whit Sunday with a restoration bell, a framed illuminated address and a drawing of Walton Church, the work of Mr. W. Alderton, a local ringer.

There is a legend associated with Monmouth bells (whose rededication appears in this issue) that some of them were brought from Calais by Henry V. On the King's departure from Calais the bells were rung in rejoicing. Incensed, the King returned and brought the bells away with him. While crossing the Channel some had to be cast overboard as the boats were in danger of sinking.

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IN THE BELFRIES FOR THE CORONATION

A Pot-pourri of Memories of an Historic Occasion

This week we give the second of our Coronation issues, and present to our readers another chapter of some of the incidents that occurred in the belfries and memories of a great occasion.

A PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S

Opportunities to ring a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral are very rare, but it was fitting that a peal should be rung to commemorate the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. The weight of metal to be handled renders such a task extremely difficult, and when it is remembered that since the installation of the bells in 1878 no comprehensive restoration has taken place, it is not surprising that the first attempt on June 13th failed after nearly three hours' ringing. Permission was granted for another attempt and this proved successful, an excellent peal being rung in just under four hours on June 20th.

The selection of the band was not an easy task, for there are so many who desire and are qualified to ring a peal at St. Paul's, but it was felt by Mr. Langdon that this should as far as possible be an opportunity for the younger members of the Ancient Society, and right well did they justify the confidence placed in them. Michael Chilcott is probably the youngest to ring a peal on these bells and his brother John the youngest to conduct a peal on them. Harry Miles, of Cornwall (hardly a youth at 69) travelled 1,300 miles for this peal, and Alf Peck, just a little older, acted as a connecting link between youth and age.

The bells at the heavy end were beautifully struck and the two youngsters on the tenor are to be specially congratulated. Although St. Paul's are not so heavy as Exeter, there is no possible doubt that Exeter is by far the easier job.

Whilst the ringing was in progress large numbers of people congregated outside the Cathedral and were obviously enjoying the majestic music of this mighty ring. Many were the congratulations extended to the band after the peal, and they were well deserved. To Mr. Herbert Langdon, leader of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild, the best thanks of the performers are extended, for it was he who so generously stepped aside to allow the youngsters to 'have a go.'

EALING'S PROGRAMME

On Coronation Day, as announced in the official programme of the borough, and following services of Holy Communion, the bells of St. Stephen's were rung from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in rounds, firing and Grandsire Triples, and the same procedure was followed at the Church of Christ the Saviour, from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., by Stephanie Bedborough, J. E. Lewis Cockey, Thos. E. Davies, W. E. Everleigh, Geoffrey M. Harvey, June Hunt, Kenneth Leno, Daphne Luke, Victor Neil, Betty Nolder, Audrey, Enid and Jean Palmer, Lesley Scott, Jean Scrutton and Wilfrid G. Wilson. In addition, two peals were rung at St. Stephen's.

FIRST PEAL BY ALL THE BAND

To the list of first peals by all the band reported last week must be added Chelsfield, Kent. The peal was conducted by John Carpenter. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band since the funeral of King Edward VII.

IN EAST LONDON

Organised by Mr. C. A. Hughes, North District Master of the London County Association, Coronation Day was duly observed in the East End of London. Ringing took place from 2 p.m. at St. John's, Leytonstone, 3 p.m. at All Saints', West Ham, and 4 p.m. at St. Mary-atte-Bow.

Also on Wednesday, June 3rd, for Her Majesty's drive through the east end, the bells of St. Mary-atte-Bow were rung to coincide with the passing of the royal car.

The following took part: Miss S. Booth, Messrs. A. D. Smith, R. Smith, Last, L. Bullock, Holman, Coles, Archer, Grove, Hughes, J. Hales, J. A. Hales.

THERE WAS A PEAL AT CAPETOWN

While an attempt for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day failed, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was scored on June 13th. This was the first peal rung specifically for a Coronation in Africa.

A recorded portion of the Coronation Day ringing was broadcast on all English language transmitters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation as the opening item of a programme, 'South Africa Pays Tribute.' The broadcast covered an area of 790,000 square miles.

HEREFORD'S FULL PROGRAMME

Ringing in Hereford on Coronation Day began at 7 a.m. when the local band at All Saints' rang for an hour before the Sung Eucharist. The band at St. Nicholas' were ringing their bells at 8 a.m., and soon after 9 a.m. the back eight at the Cathedral Church, after some intentional firing, were rung to the first quarter peal since being rehung. Most of this quarter peal band then went to help with the ringing at Holmer, and three ringers who had had no opportunity to get breakfast were very grateful for some sandwiches thoughtfully provided by a kind person in that parish.

After the Coronation service in Westminster Abbey had finished, six still energetic ringers were taken to ring the first quarter peal on the very fine new six at Clodock, on the slopes of the Black Mountains. They returned in time to have some tea before ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints'. This peal was Bill Thompsett's first as conductor, and his confident calling earned him the congratulations of the rest of the band.

SEVEN HOURS' RINGING AT KEMPSTON

Ringing at Kempston was performed by 14 members of the local band. The bells were rung up in peal at 6 a.m. and ringing continued until 7 o'clock, when the Vicar celebrated Holy Communion. Immediately after this a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung.

The afternoon's activities in Kempston Rural were heralded with two short touches. The unwelcome appearance of rain caused the cancellation of part of the village's celebrations, and so to while away the time until tea a quarter peal was rung, followed by Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums. The evening's ringing concluded with firing the bells 27 times and a good 'lower in peal.' Altogether 7,894 changes were brought round and the time spent in the ringing chamber amounted to over seven hours.

BELLS FIRED AT CANTERBURY

On Coronation morning the bells of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, were rung and fired at 7.15 a.m. for 8 o'clock Communion. In the evening the ringers all gathered in the belfry and heard the Queen's speech on a wireless set which the curate had kindly lent them, and immediately Her Majesty's speech was over and the strains of the National Anthem died away, the bells were once again fired and a few more touches ended the ringing for the day. The ringers then climbed to the top of the tower to watch the local firework display.

'A JOLLY GOOD RING' AT GLASGOW

On Coronation Day ten members of the Scottish Association, comprising three from Edinburgh, one from Paisley and six from Glasgow, met at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, and started for a peal of Grandsire Caters at 3.30 p.m. Great was their disappointment when, after three and a half hours' ringing, 'Stand' was called instead of 'This is all.' So once again Scotland will not appear in the peal columns, but, writes our correspondent, 'we did have a jolly good ring and no complaints from the public.' 'Long live the Queen.'

EASTBOURNE RINGERS HAD TO BE CYCLISTS

At Eastbourne, Sussex, where there is a shortage of ringers but not of enthusiasm, the available members determined to ring all the bells in the town between 6.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Coronation Day. Much cycling to and fro was involved, six of the ringers managing to perform at all four rings of eight. A peal attempt at each tower was arranged during Coronation Week.

THIRD PEAL IN 179 YEARS

Although Bath Abbey has had a ring of ten since 1774, the peal rung on Coronation Eve was only the third peal to be scored on the bells. The peal was rung prior to Coronation Day because the programme of concerts and other activities would not permit of a peal on the actual day. The composition was the work of one of the band.

YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR

Probably the youngest conductor of a peal for the Coronation was 13-year-old Donald L. Mills, of Bures, Suffolk. He called a peal of Plain Bob Major in his own tower.

NORTH MYMMS AWAKES TO THE BELLS

Streets were scarcely aired at North Mymms when a party of bell-ringers joyfully ushered in Coronation Day with a quarter peal at the Parish Church. But not before they had been fortified with breakfast at the home of Miss Mary Lawrence, their youngest ringer. The ringers sat down to a bumper Coronation breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes, fried potatoes, toast and marmalade.

CHESTER'S MISFORTUNES

Chester ringers were most unfortunate over their Coronation ringing. A peal of Grandsire Triples at Handbridge on Coronation Eve failed after a quarter had been rung, and an attempt for a quarter peal on the morning of Coronation Day also failed owing to a rope breaking. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the Cathedral in the evening of Coronation Day also came to grief after three hours' good ringing.

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RINGING FOR THE CORONATION

TWO BELL DEFECTS ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS

'Misfortunes never come singly,' runs the old saying. The Coronation peal at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on June 3rd, was lost after 2¼ hours' ringing through the tenor gudgeon cracking. 'Stand' had to be called to what promised to be an excellent peal of Superlative. If successful it would have provided Mr. Ernest J. Ladd with his 200th peal and his 25th peal on the bells.

To atone for this misfortune, an attempt was made by some of the band to ring a peal of Doubles in six methods at Ticehurst, Sussex, the next evening. This effort came to an early termination by the clapper of the fourth bell falling out after the first 120.

COUNCILLORS VISIT BELFRY

The Coronation peal at Warsop, Notts, concluded at 9.30 p.m. and the tower was immediately thrown open to visitors. The churchwardens conducted the first visitors up the tower and these included local councillors and the Town Clerk. Short touches were rung for their benefit and all were greatly interested in what they saw and heard. As the torchlight procession moved off from the church to light the local bonfire the bells were lowered in peal.

AT HAPPY HAMPSTEAD

At Hampstead a quarter peal was rung immediately after the Coronation and the bells were also rung on June 4th when the Queen visited the Town Hall. Unfortunately on the latter occasion the wind was in the wrong direction for the bells to be heard very well above the noise of the crowd! Mr. Joseph Hawkins was present and the company were able to congratulate him on his golden wedding anniversary. This was the second time in two days that he had climbed the 94 steps to the belfry.

GIRL GUIDES RING AT BROMLEY

When Her Majesty the Queen was a Girl Guide in her 'teens she laid the foundation stone of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley. It was appropriate that some of the ringing at this church on Coronation Day should be by Girl Guides. Ten Guides were present in uniform and they rang call changes. Mr. Isaac Emery has a young band at this church and they rang a good long touch of about 700 Grandsire Triples in capital style. The oldest and youngest, Mr. I. Emery, now 82, and little Helen, 12, were congratulated together by the Vicar (Canon Murray Walton). Mr. Emery rang for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 and at most of the royal occasions since.

IN A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VILLAGE

In recent weeks several young Buckinghamshire ringers have carried out various maintenance tasks on the heavy six at Wing, Bucks, in preparation for the Coronation. It is believed that the six had not all been rung in peal since before the war—for the two Victory Days the front five were rung and the 28-29 cwt. tenor was 'clocked.' As a result of cleaning and greasing the bearings the 'go' was much improved, the fifth now going about as well as the tenor should.

On Coronation Eve the local band and seven visiting change ringers assembled and the village echoed to the sound of the bells. The methods were not ambitious, but were fairly well struck. Firstly a 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, then two courses of Bob Minor and finally a 120 of Grandsire were successfully brought round, this change ringing being interspersed with rounds and call changes for the local ringers.

The following morning, Coronation Day, the bells were rung for both the 7.30 and 9 a.m. services, after which many favourable comments were heard.

CUMBERLANDS' TRIBUTE

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths were successful in their Coronation peal on June 6th, one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Associated with the peal was a special remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins, whose golden wedding was celebrated on June 4th.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON'S TRIBUTE

Many miles were travelled for Stratford-on-Avon's Coronation peal on June 6th. It was rung by a College Youths band drawn principally from Cheshire, with also a Yorkshire representative in the person of Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris. The peal was worthy of the occasion—No. 3 version of London Surprise Royal. It was Mr. John E. Bibby's 100th peal on ten bells.

'5,053' CHANGES AT BIRMINGHAM

Something of a novelty was introduced in the Coronation Day ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham, by a peal of 5,053 Stedman Cinques. It was composed by Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver and conducted by Mr. Albert Walker.

AN AUSTRALIAN TOWER'S PROGRAMME

Few English towers had a ringing programme to equal that of St. Jude's, Randwick, N.S.W. A quarter peal was rung on Sunday afternoon (May 31st) and another before the evening church service.

On Coronation Day a peal was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately was lost towards the end of the third quarter. Nevertheless, a quarter peal was rung before the afternoon service at 4.30.

Because of the difference in time the ceremony at Westminster Abbey took place at night. A portable radio was taken into the tower to enable the service to be followed. As the Queen entered the Abbey the bells were rung. When the actual crowning occurred the bells were fired, and these were followed by rounds. After the homage a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and there was more ringing as the Queen left the Abbey.

Recordings of the peal attempt were taken by the Australian Broadcasting Commission for about five minutes. This recording will be sent to England and will be broadcast by the B.B.C., probably in the near future.

BEGINNERS' TRIBUTE

As recently as May 17th the Sunday service band at Cuckney, Notts, first rang for public worship, all the members having learnt to handle a bell since Easter. For their Coronation Day programme they received help from the younger elements of the Warsop company. The ringing programme was 7–8 a.m. for service and 20 minutes after service; 1.15–2.30; 3.30–5; 7–8; and 10–10.30. No one can say that the bells of Cuckney did not fulfil their mission.

BALDOCK'S YOUNG TRIO

The bells of Baldock, Herts, have a reputation for being 'no lady's bells,' although Mrs. E. K. Fletcher rang a peal on them in 1925. Miss Patricia Hutton (16) is the first lady to have been successfully taught to ring on these bells, and the Coronation peal of Plain Bob Triples was her first peal. Only two other ladies have scored peal in this tower. There were two other first pealers in this peal, David Sutcliffe (16) and Colin Harwood (14), who were making their first attempt.

AND NOW FOR THE VETERANS

Mr. John Wood, who rang in the Coronation peal at the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Lancaster, has rung for four Coronations. The peal on June 2nd was by the regular Sunday service band.

One of the best known of London ringers, Mr. W. T. Elson, now 86, rang his first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Wimbledon on Coronation Day. This is an interesting if not amusing addition to his substantial ringing record.

Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association, better known to his many friends as 'Old Ted,' rang the treble to a peal at Willesborough on Coronation Day. He is in his 86th year. Is he the oldest peal ringer?

LEICESTER'S G.O.M.

In spite of his extreme lameness, Leicester's Grand Old Man, Mr. Josiah Morris (father of Ernest and George Stedman), managed to ascend St. Margaret's tower to take part in the Coronation ringing. He will be 86 on July 1st. This was the fourth Coronation festivities he has taken part in. He afterwards 'umpired' a peal.

In the Coronation quarter peal at Whitchurch, Glam, F. J. Bailey, sen., who is 81 years old, rang for the Coronation of King Edward VII. and each crowned monarch since. Incidentally, F. J. Bailey, his son, who called the quarter, celebrated his silver wedding on Coronation Day.

Mr. C. J. Gardiner, who took part in a Coronation peal of Stedman Caters at Swindon, is in his 82nd year and this is the fourth Coronation for which he has rung. After the peal he was congratulated by the rest of the band on his excellent ringing—not a misblow throughout the peal.

ALMOST A VETERAN BAND

Gorleston-on-Sea had almost a veteran band to ring for the Coronation. All the band had rung for at least two Coronations, and this was the fourth Coronation for Messrs. C. Parnell, J. G. W. Harwood and A. J. Crowe.

Mr. W. J. Meers, who conducted 1,950 Grandsire Doubles at Erdington, Birmingham, on Coronation Day, rang at this church for the deaths of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII., and a peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day of King George V., also on his Silver Jubilee Day.

Mr. G. W. Moss, of Mistley, Essex, has rung for four Coronations.

CORONATION DAY HIS 73rd BIRTHDAY

The quarter peal at Wollaston, Worcs, on June 2nd, was specially arranged to enable Mr. J. Bass, who celebrated his 73rd birthday on the same day, and who does not at present feel equal to a peal, to ring for Her Majesty's Coronation, he having rung on all royal occasions for over 50 years.

At Shilton, Warwickshire, Mr. H. J. Stanley rang his first quarter peal at the age of 77.

Mr. H. Rowley, of Horbury, Yorks, who is now 84, rang on June 2nd for his fourth Coronation.

By ringing on Coronation Day, Mr. Clement H. Taylor, of Chelford, has now rung for four Coronations and three Jubilees.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Alphege's Church, Solihull, on June 2nd, was the fourth Coronation for which Mr. J. Bragg (towerkeeper) had rung.

A LADIES' QUARTER

At Huntsham, Devon, on Coronation Day, a band of ladies rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Miss F. Norman.

Miss Joy Whitehead was among the youngest to score a Coronation peal. She rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of All Saints, Leicester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Dear Sir,—With reference to your query in 'Belfry Gossip'—'Has there ever been a member of the Council who has not reached the official age of discretion?' In this connection may I point out that I was elected to represent the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association eight months before my 21st birthday and therefore attended one meeting before attaining the official age of discretion.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

St. Albans, Herts.

FIRST SURPRISE PEAL AT MILTON ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the claim to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells of Milton Abbey, Dorset, I was there with a touring band in 1909, and on Thursday, September 23rd of that year, I called a peal of Superlative there in three hours and ten minutes which at the time was thought to be the first peal of Surprise rung in Dorset.

The company was: George Williams 1, Keith Hart 2, James Parker 3, Rev. A. T. Beeston 4, William H. Fussell 5, Henry Hodgetts 6, William Gefford 7, John Thomas (conductor) 8.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN THOMAS.

Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcs.

BIRTHDAY SHARING

Dear Sir,—The answer to Mr. Thomas Perry is 'Yes!' At St. Andrew's, North Weald, Essex; and, strange as it may seem, on the same date he mentioned, i.e., May 26th.

I calculate this is a 133,225 to 1 chance.

HARRY KING.

Brickwall House,
North Weald, Essex.

GREAT TOM, OF OXFORD

Dear Sir,—Reference the weight of Great Tom mentioned in a recent 'Ringing World' as being 9¼ tons. For centuries the weight of the bell has been reputed to be 7¼ tons. Opportunity has been taken to weigh it during the process of rehanging and it was found to weigh 6 tons 4 cwt. 2 qr. The bell was rung by members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers on Coronation Day for ten minutes at 12.33 p.m. and at intervals from 9.10 to 10 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

IN GLAMORGANSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Having recently spent an extended week-end in Glamorganshire, may I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' say 'Thank you' to the ringers of that county and over the border who gave me such warm welcomes in their towers, and an especial word of gratitude to Miss Jacqueline Evans (Chepstow) and Mr. Ronald Lucas (Rumney) for their help in making my stay so pleasant.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton,
Dorset.

RANG AT BETHLEHEM

Dear Sir,—Would I be in order by stating I was the first British bellringer to toll the bells of Bethlehem?

It was in March, 1918, during the first world war. I cannot state the exact date. At the time I was on patrol between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Hearing the bells ringing and being a bellringer, I rushed off to them and had a pull. I bade the ringers farewell, and explained to them that I was a ringer in England.—Yours faithfully,

H. GORTON.

Bolton, Lancs.

CLITHEROE'S LOSS, NEW ZEALAND'S GAIN

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday, June 17th, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. C. Wood and their two boys sailed from Southampton on the S.S. 'Captain Cook' for New Zealand. The ringers of Clitheroe wished them God-speed and good luck after practice on June 9th, as they were leaving at the week-end for a few days' holiday in Sussex before sailing.

Vic's departure is a great loss to the Lancashire Association in general, and the local band in particular. On the Saturday following the Coronation a local peal was attempted at Clitheroe, of Plain Bob Major, which, if successful, would have been the first by a local band. Unfortunately it came to grief, and was called round after 3½ hours' ringing. This was a great disappointment to us all, as it will be some time before we are strong enough for another attempt.

Since settling here after the war, Vic has been largely responsible for training many learners, calling their first peals and raising the standard of striking. On many occasions he has put a car at our disposal for peal attempts and meetings and organised many trips, including two to the Ancient Society of College Youths' dinners, and last March to the Henry Johnson dinner in Birmingham.

However, our loss is another's gain. We compliment the band at Christ Church Cathedral, N.Z., on acquiring such a fine ringer and true friend, and will watch 'The Ringing World' columns closely for further developments.

Good luck to you and yours, Vic, in your new life, and thank you!—Yours sincerely,

T. N. R.

Clitheroe, Lancs.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—There is an error (whether due to a slip of the pen on my part or a printer's error I cannot say) which makes the last paragraph of my letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 12th rather unintelligible. The phrase 'but names or numbers would still be **unnecessary** to identify them' should read, 'would still be **necessary**.'—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

ANY CLAIMANTS?

Dear Sir,—The following two Doubles methods have been rung at Stanwell on the dates given. Unless previously rung and named, the band would like to name them as shown:—

Bampton 1/5/53	Reverse Bampton 13/3/53
12345	12345
21345	21435
23154	24153
32514	42513
35241	42531
53241	24351
52314	24315
25134	42135
21543	41253
12543	14523
15234	14532
Bob	Bob
53241	12345
35214	21354

Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

The peal to which Mr. Francis Ward rang the sixth at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on June 5th was the first attempt since his last peal of Stedman Cinques 15 years ago.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at Melbourne Cathedral on Coronation Day, but unfortunately it came to grief after 1¾ hours when the tenor-man got cramp in one arm.

BELLS FOR THE BALTIC

Echo From Helsinki

Five minutes to go between the Litany and the Advisory Committee: just time to sort the cases which always come at the last minute; the Archdeacons in earnest talk: the Bishop on the stairs . . . the B.B.C. wants you . . . can't see them . . . must see them, says the Registrar . . . . have you seen the B.B.C.? says Canon Edwards . . . blow the B.B.C. . . . B.B.C. are looking for you, says the Subsacrist . . .%%the B.B.C. . . . O here they are . . . we want to see you urgently . . . can't talk now, Advisory due in 30 seconds and the Bishop is always punctual, see you at lunch at the Maids Head, OK? OK.

Lunch. . . What'll you drink? The usual. What do you want? Meet Mr. Killiacus. . . . Charmed—Middle West? No, Finland: seeing all England in a week; making records of English life, etc., for Helsinki Radio, want a six minute talk on bells immediately after lunch. . . . Will it really last six minutes? I've the Mothers' Union this afternoon. . . . Six minutes sure.

So the van draws up outside 67a, The Close, and immediately an embarrassing crowd of schoolboys, clergy, ne'erdowells, etc., collects. We string 8 handbells on a broomstick (lucky we didn't lose them when we moved in yesterday). 'Now I want you to talk into this thing for three minutes for the first record, then talk a minute and ring changes on the handbells for two minutes for the second one.' (well, if you can play yourself at football on a penny automatic machine on the pier, why shouldn't you impersonate six ringers?) Accept my Book. Thanks—how interesting! Well, here goes (Coo—look! from a schoolboy, loud enough almost to record itself). Wonderful how much rot one can talk in 3 minutes, and how many points one can forget. Yes, that'll do. Shall we play it back? Remarkable how well the Handbells come out. When and from where will it be Broadcast? Sometime from Helsinki—no idea when. Can you let me know? I'll try. Thanks. Thanks to you. Thanks for lunch—jolly good. See you some time—off to. . . . Now, where were we? O, the Mothers' Union.

GILBERT THURLOW.

THE LADIES' GUILD

In spite of two very pleasant rings of bells and ideal weather conditions, the annual meeting of the Central District for 1953, held on May 30th, will be remembered chiefly for the rather poor attendance by members.

Ringing commenced at Bushey Heath in the afternoon, and with the help of visitors from as far afield as Somerset and Birmingham, some good touches were enjoyed. A really first-class tea had been provided by the ladies of the parish and it was unfortunate that so few ringers arrived to do it full justice. However, those present rose nobly to the occasion and it was a case of an 'ill wind.'

Six members sat down to the business meeting after tea, and the vice-president (Mrs. Rawlings) took the chair. The secretary stated that notices of the meeting had been circularised to all members several weeks previously and that many letters of apology for absence had been received. Even so, the lack of support was surprising, and the choice of date had perhaps been unfortunate.

The report revealed a quiet, uneventful year with three very pleasant quarterly meetings having been held. The vice-president and secretary both felt that they had to tender their resignations owing to pressure of work, and elections for the ensuing year were as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lock; secretary, Miss Ann Salter; committee, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Rawlings, Mrs. Saveney and Mrs. Hodgson; general committee, Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Mitchell. A special tribute was paid to Mrs. Rawlings for having carried out her duties as vice-president so well for the District in the past years.

A. M. S.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD HAS 1,000 MEMBERS

Anniversary Gathering at Raunds

FOR the first time in its history the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Raunds on Whit Monday. The beautiful Church of St. Peter with its noble spire and fine ring of eight bells was a fitting setting for such a gathering.

The occasion was also a commemoration of the inaugural meeting, on Feast Monday, July 5th, 1883, of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association of Church Bellringers, held in this parish. This Association grew to become the Central Northants Association, and in 1924 the Diocesan Guild was formed.

The president of the Guild (the Venerable C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton) referred to the past three score years and ten in his address at the service. The Rural Dean (Canon A. M. Luckock, Rector of Tichmarsh) read the Guild Office, and the Vicar of Raunds (the Rev. A. Brown) read the lesson.

Tea followed in the Old Church School, now used as Parish Rooms, a good company of members and visitors from the neighbouring Guilds and Associations to the number of about 160 being present.

PRESENTATION TO MASTER

Immediately after tea the president, in a brief but apt speech, referred to the recent marriage of the Guild Master (Mr. E. E. Whitmore), and also to the work he had done for the Guild since taking that office. He then asked him to accept a Westminster chimes clock, suitably inscribed, and subscribed for by members as a token of their good wishes.

Mr. Whitmore thanked everyone for the gift, which was a surprise, and said it would be a constant reminder of the many friends in all Branches of the Guild.

The business then proceeded and among the apologies was one from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, whose Whitsun engagements took him away from home. The officers were thanked for their past services and were re-elected. These were Mr. E. E. Whitmore, Master; Mr. G. W. Jeffs, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. B. P. Morris, G. W. Jeffs and W. Rose, Central Council representatives; Mr. B. P. Morris, auditor.

The annual report recorded an increased membership with 119 new members having been elected during the year. The total membership was now 1,094, made up of honorary members 79, honorary life members 11, ringing members 1,004, of whom 67 were free life members. Twenty-two non-resident life members were elected during the year.

Sixteen members had passed away during the year, including Mr. B. J. Saddington and Mr. G. Basford, who were members of the Guild Committee for many years and whose names were frequently seen in the peal columns.

HIGHEST TOTAL OF PEALS

The total of peals rung numbered 81, which included 13 rung on handbells. This is the highest total yet reached in one year, but the methods rung had not reached the standard set in 1951. On the other hand, 24 members had rung their first peal.

The number of Doubles Methods rung in a peal had been stepped up from 18 to 21, and later to 42, in each case performed for the first time by the Guild. Mr. E. Nobles conducted both peals and he also heads the list of conductors of the year with 15 peals. He and Mr. B. O. Soden and Mr. P. Chapman recorded ringing their 100th peal and Mr. G. E. Watson his 100th peal for the Guild.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The General Account had a credit balance of £85 2s. 3d. This healthier state was due to the generous response of the Branches to the Guild Committee's Appeal for assistance, which resulted in £45 4s. being given to General Account. In addition, a gift of £3 5s. had been made by an anonymous donor. The Bell Restoration Fund had a balance of £404 16s. 1d. Two grants, each of £10, were made to Brafield and Roade.

MASTER'S COMMENTS

The Master (Mr. E. E. Whitmore), in his report, stated that whilst he could not report any spectacular progress, yet he believed that it had been a year of consolidaion and here and there steady progress.

'We seem to be reaching a stage where good ringing is confined to a particular tower here and there. To my mind this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. Whilst it may satisfy selfish ambitions and enable a select company to ring good peals together, it will not fill our towers on Sundays.'

A new venture during the year was the first summer festival. Although held in a small village in the north of Rutland, it was a great success and he hoped it would become an annual occasion.

The many who contributed to the success of the day were accorded a very warm expression of thanks. Ten of the surrounding towers were open during the day and were well patronised.

A WHITSUN SCRAMBLE

On Whit Saturday a mixed party set out from the Swindon area, heading westward with 21 towers in a three-day programme before us. Lunch time found us with Longbridge Deverill. Mere and Zeals behind us although it cannot be said that we had 'covered ourselves with glory' regarding our striking.

Refreshed, we enjoyed a full hour on Wincanton's delightful eight, and then on to West Coker and Crewkerne and so to Honiton, where some Stedman Triples went sadly astray after an excellent start. Up the hill to St. Michael's, where the spirit was still very willing but the flesh seemed to be getting a bit weak. Ringing here ended for the day and we were able to enjoy a nice run into East Budleigh, a stroll along the sea front at Salterton.

Sunday morning found three energetic ones up and about for ringing at 6.30 and Holy Communion, while the lazier types were content to 'lay on' until 7.30—in fact some just managed to scramble out in time for ringing at Otterton from 9 to 9.30. At East Budleigh we were joined by the local band and Preb. E. V. Cox. Some very good ringing and an excellent service followed. After lunch we joined the Cathedral band at Exeter and we are very grateful to them for this privilege. The rest of the day found us at Alphington, Sowton and Aylesbeare. Then came a beautiful drive back over Woodbury Common, where we saw Devonshire in all its glory, and, to give full measure, we made a detour to get a glimpse of Sir Walter Raleigh's birthplace, lovely old Hayes Barton.

Monday morning held a real treat with a visit to Ottery St. Mary's beautiful old church and a ring on these lovely bells. Ottery people surely have something there to be proud of. Then on to Cullompton, Tiverton and Uffculme; we were just getting into our stride and enjoying every minute of it.

At Taunton St. James we were lucky to find the tower captain, who, due to a misunderstanding, had not been informed. Three strokes of the rise and the third had jammed against the chiming hammer. Slight delay and off to a fresh start. Alas, half-way up and going well when the tenor rope broke just under the sally. All this must have disturbed John Arlott's efforts to broadcast from the County ground nearby, but at least it was not our fault and it gave him something to talk about between overs.

On to Bridgwater and Wedmore after which it was 'Home, James,' with a feeling that something had been accomplished. C. S.

DEDICATIONS

ST. MARY'S, MONMOUTH

Through a generous donation of 100 guineas on Coronation Eve by Mr. Trevor Bowen to supplement his previous gift of £50, the bells of St. Mary's, Monmouth, were able to ring out free from debt at the rededication service on June 1st.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings with new headstocks to the seventh and tenor, repairs to others and the frame, the contract costing £700 being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The rededication was performed by the Bishop of Monmouth (the Right Rev. A. E. Morris) in the presence of the Mayor and Corporation. In his address the Bishop said it was an extremely happy and suitable thought that prompted the Mayor of their ancient borough to conceive the idea of expressing the town's joy on the Coronation of their beloved Queen by seeing that the bells of their parish church were fit to be used for that purpose and ready to be rung on that august occasion.

'It is of particular satisfaction to us all that by the generosity of a son of the town, the bells have been rededicated and put to use without the burden of debt, as it were, spoiling the harmony that will peal forth from this church tower.'

After the Bishop had concluded his address, the Vicar (Canon E. P. Knight) expressed thanks to Mr. L. H. Jones (the leader of the bellringers) for all his work, and also to the firm (who were represented by Mr. A. P. Cannon) who had rehung the bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—'Peace and good neighbourhood. 1706. A. R.' Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr.

Second.—'Prosperity to all ovr benefactors. Anno Do 1706.' Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr.

Third.—'Abra Rydhall of Glovcester cast vs all. Anno 1706.' Weight 6 cwt.

Fourth.—'Rich Hipkiss and John Bylbrick, Gentlmn, Chvrch Wardens. 1706.' Weight 7 cwt. 2 qr.

Fifth.—'Prosperity to the Corporation of Monmouth. A. R. 1706.' Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr.

Sixth.—'Prosperity to this towne and all ovr benefactors. A. R. 1706.' Weight 11 cwt.

Seventh.—'Rich Hipkiss and Jon Bylbrick, Gnt, C.Wr. Habeo Nomen Gabriellis De Coe Lis.' Weight 14 cwt. 3 qr.

Tenor.—'Tho. Bellamy, Tho. Woodward, Gnt. Bailiffs. Hert Pye Vic 1706. Henry Barnes Esqr. Mayor.' Weight 18 cwt. 3 qr.

DURRINGTON, WILTS

On Sunday, May 31st, a new treble was dedicated at Durrington, Wilts, the ring having been recently augmented from five to six. The dedication, which was a simple affair due to the importance of the special Trinity Sunday services, was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. Clayton, during the morning service. The six were heard for the first time after the service, when they were rung by the local band under their captain, Mr. Alec Toomer.

In the evening a band of Salisbury ringers joined the local band in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor and the splice was voted perfect.

The bells, which are an old five from the Salisbury Foundry, were last rehung in a steel six-bell frame in 1916 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were responsible for the casting and installation of the new treble.

This bell is inscribed:—'On the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Jubilate Deo.' It bears the new E.II.R. cipher.

The band and their Rector are shortly to be elected to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and considering that, except for their captain, they have only been ringing since September last, are keen and making good progress.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*GERALD L. GADD	*Treble*	†FRANK H. BEENEY	4
*GEOFFREY E. AKEHURST	2	C. JOHN PIPER	5
GEORGE BEENEY	3	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. JOHN PIPER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two 120's of Bob Doubles, and ten 240's (Morris's Arrangement) and 20 six-scores (ten callings) of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. ROY HALLETT	*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	4
DONALD G. CLARKE	2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH	5
*DAVID T. F. JAMES	3	†NOEL CHALLENGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH	*Treble*	WALTER J. HOUGHTON	4
HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH	5
GRAHAM D. PRATT	3	ERNEST W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. ROBERTS.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Chester, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by RICHARD VALENTINE.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

R. JOHN SCOTT *	*Treble*	JAMES G. NEWMAN	4
ALAN J. BROYD	2	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	5
*DEREK BROYD	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BENJAMIN PETTY	*Treble*	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4
MRS. J. H. CRAMPION	2	JAMES CHALK	5
*HARRY CORNEY	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being four extents and 2,160 in one block. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MRS. LESLIE MILLS	*Treble*	*A. EDWARD LEGGETT	4
*DONALD L. MILLS	2	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
†LESLIE D. MILLS	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*BERYL REYNOLDS	*Treble*	†HARRY W. BROWN	4
†MARY W. BROWN	2	‡STANLEY W. BROWN	5
*VALERIE MEPHAM	3	*DEREK H. PAINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY W. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Doubles and first peal as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band. First peal since rehanging in 1948 and first for 25 years.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DAVID T. NORTH	*Treble*	PHYLLIS NORMAN	4
MARGARET ALDERMAN	2	FLORENCE NORMAN	5
AUDREY YARDE	3	JACK SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.
First peal for all except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*PAULINE A. NICE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	4
*ANNE V. LEWIS	2	†JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
†ALLEN W. CANSDALE	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE WITTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MARGARET EACHUS	*Treble*	†DONALD J. POTTER	4
*BERYL HOLM	2	FRED PUGH	5
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	*GORDON RAWLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford and two of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JUNE DEAR	*Treble*	JOHN HARLAND	4
DAPHNE J. HARE	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 32 extents of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*JUDITH D. SHEDEL	*Treble*	CHARLES E. HILL	3
*QUENDA A. DAVIES	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
		BRYAN E. SHEDEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells where all the ringers are members of the local service ringing team.

OBITUARY

MR. ROGER E. ATKINSON

Mr. Roger E. Atkinson joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1903. He had been a regular member of the band at St. Mary's, Whickham, until failing health prevented him from climbing to the tower. Of recent years he had been a complete invalid but he died suddenly on June 12th.

A peal of Minor was rung half-muffled to his memory on the bells of the church he had served so long as a ringer and chorister.

MR. ROBERT EDWARDS

By the sudden death in his sleep during the night of June 5th/6th of Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, the Kent County Association has lost one of its oldest members. The interment took place at Tenterden on June 10th, attended by several ringers.

Born at Tenterden on October 25th, 1865, and living there all his life, Mr. Edwards started work in his father's brewery, then took it over for 40 years until it closed down. He afterwards took to farming, retiring in 1939.

His first peal, Bob Triples, was rung at Tenterden on March 19th, 1888, and his last, Grandsire Triples, at Rolvenden on April 22nd, 1939. He was a good striker and very fond of Stedman. His peals totalled about 76, 14 of which he conducted. He was a regular service ringer until recently, when the belfry steps proved too much for him. He managed, however, to climb them to help with the knell when Queen Mary's death was announced. Half-muffled ringing took place during the afternoon and evening of the funeral, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the following Saturday. T. C.

MR. W. H. T. KING

The Derbyshire Association lost by the death of Mr. William Henry Thomas King, of 1, Firfield Avenue, Breaston, Derby, on April 15th, one of its most staunch members. His death followed an operation in Derby City Hospital.

Mr. King, who was 61 years of age, was a retired Customs and Excise Officer. A keen churchman, he had been a ringer at St. Michael's Church, Breaston, for many years.

A full company of his fellow ringers was among the large congregation at Breaston Church for the funeral service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Pemberton, D.D.).

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The summer meeting of the Western District was held at Collingham on Saturday, June 13th. In spite of the uncertain weather conditions about 60 members and friends were present, representing over 20 towers. The light, musical octave, which, although rather noisy in the tower, sound very beautiful across the adjoining fields, were rung to several touches during the afternoon.

Tea was taken in the Memorial Hall, served by some of the young lady ringers of Collingham assisted by their mothers.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway in the absence of the vice-president. Votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities and the local company for their arrangements.

Discussing the proposed adoption of an Association badge, the meeting was informed that few orders had yet been received. Tower secretaries were urged to let the District secretary know, as soon as possible, the number of badges required by their respective towers.

Members were sorry to hear that Mr. W. Barton, of Pudsey, was in Bradford Royal Infirmary awaiting an operation, and the secretary was asked to convey to him their sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

Members then returned to the tower.

FORTY YEARS AGO

ERITH, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in 3 hours.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

5,040 CHANGES

Davies' Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Isaac Emery	Treble
Thomas H. Colburn	2
Louis J. Attwater	3
Hubert J. Blackwell	4
Frank Bennett	5
Thomas King	6
Thomas Jakeman	7
Walter Rowe	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Bennett

It was intended to have rung this peal by all blacksmiths, but unfortunately Mr. Wightman, through meeting with an accident, was prevented from taking part. The conductor took his place at short notice

[All the band, including the casualty, lived in or near London.]

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Tuesday, June 30th, 7.15 p.m., Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Monday, July 6th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2800

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Norton-sub-Hamdon, Saturday, July 4th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 2801

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Upton St. Leonards (8), July 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at King's Head, must be booked July 1st certain. —Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote. 2802

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent, by July 2nd. 2797

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 6th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2798

NOTICES

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BIRTH

CARPENTER.—On June 20th, 1953, at 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry, to Marjorie and David, a daughter (Anne Hazel). 2799

ENGAGEMENT

GUY—BROWN. — The engagement is announced between John Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Guy, of Zerka, Jordan, and Susan Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. H. Brown, of Boghall, Milngavie, Stirlingshire.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of handbells, about two octaves, required for a school of retarded senior girls where music is appreciated and found to be a real help in their social and educational life. Details and price to Miss Weekley, Royd Edge School, Meltham, Huddersfield. 2767

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Arthur Tomlinson is now 370, Whalley New Road, Blackburn, Lancashire. 2772

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

CORONATION Peal and Quarter Peal Cards. —Special design in patriotic colours. Set of 12 (minimum) 5s. Order and remittance must be sent with report. Duplicate copy required with quarter peals.

BROMLEY (KENT) PARISH CHURCH.—On and from July 7th the weekly practice will be held on Tuesdays **(not Wednesdays)**, thus reverting back to the old practice night at this church, 7.30 till 9. 2803

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING. — Members taking part please note: Byfield 6.50 a.m.; Charwelton 6.55; Newnham 7.10; Flore 7.20; Harpole Turn 7.25; Lower Heyford via Bugbrooke 7.40; Weedon, main road, 7.50; Daventry 8.—F. W. Hancock. 2791

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—First Wednesday every month, commencing July 1st, between 8 and 9 p.m., practice will be reserved for 11- and 12-bell ringing; methods rung being dependent upon ringers present. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested. 2745

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Long Eaton (8) on June 27th at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** 2759

DEVON GUILD. — Buckfastleigh, Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements.—A. F. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2779

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton (6) June 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 2757

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 27th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. As Mr. Vine is ill, numbers should be sent to Mr. Horley, The Chimes, Newdigate. 2732

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Great Hormead, June 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Anstey also available after tea. Special method: Double Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2730

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hurst (8) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. 2743

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Lavenham Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 27th, at Preston. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Day, 20, Shilling Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. 2696

THAMES VALLEY RINGERS' FESTIVAL. —Will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service in Egham Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome. The following eight-bell towers are available: Hampton, Sunbury, afternoon only; Old Windsor, Wraysbury, Staines, St. Mary and St. Peter's, Egham, afternoon and evening: Windsor Parish Church, 6 p.m.: Walton-on-Thames, 7 p.m. Notifications for tea would be appreciated by Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., Guildford Guild, Chertsey District; F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County and London Diocesan Guild; A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Oxford Diocesan Guild, East Berks and South Bucks Branch; R. Lathbury, Hon. Sec., Surrey Association, North Western District. 2742

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday June 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—John Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 2746

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. 2713

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, June 27th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2760

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bromley Parish Church, Kent, July 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 1st to Mr. Isaac Emery, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley.—A. B. Peck. 2763

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Todmorden, Christ Church (8), Saturday, July 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at moderate cost. Business meeting to follow. Bells afterwards. 2774

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Woolavington (new treble), July 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea important.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2781

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Meeting at Ashwick, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Chivers. 2778

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 4th, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at 5 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. All welcome. 2768

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL, BLANDFORD.—Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30; preacher, Rev. A. S. Bryant. Ringers requiring tea please notify Town Clerk, Blandford. 2776

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 30th, to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 2764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield. 2753

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting, July 4th, South Weald (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to F. J. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood. 2749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), July 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 1st Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2789

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morebath, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. No names, no tea.. 2729

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, July 4th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2780

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingly, Leeds, July 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by June 30th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6. 2747

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Ribchester, July 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2770

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, on July 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30–8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to E. Procter, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 2794

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall Parish Church on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. —W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2784

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Sleaford (kindly note change of venue), July 4th. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 2783

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Llantrisant, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Monday, June 29th, to R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Quarterly meeting, Halvergate, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 1st, to T. W. De Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Great Tew (8), July 4th. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Duns Tew (5).—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Combined meeting at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, July 4th, at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by June 30th. — H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2788

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Barrowden, July 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 30th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 2728

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Kelmarsh, Saturday, July 4th. Names for tea before June 30th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2769

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Next meeting at Eckington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Robinson, 13, Peveril Road, Eckington, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 2775

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).— Joint meeting, Colston Bassett (8), July 4th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea 5. Please take own food.—C. Glenn and J. H. Cook, Dis. Secs. 2766

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Meeting, July 4th, Southwold (8), 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea, by July 31st, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), July 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Albans, July 4th. St. Peter's 2.30-3.30; St. Michael's 3.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Abbey Institute, 5.30. Cathedral bells available after meeting. Names for tea, by July 1st, to Mr. T. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2741

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, July 11th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 7th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2785

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Wellington (8), July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea. —A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2787

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Combined practice at Witley, Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 2796

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Lower Heyford, July 11th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furness Lane, Lower Heyford, by Saturday, July 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 2790

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, July 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 6th. Rampisham tower after 6.30 p.m. — J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2792

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Shifnal, July 11th. Rehung eight. Tea, you **must** advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, by July 1st. 2795

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Stratton, Saturday, July 11th, beginning 2 p.m. Service, Stratton Church, 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Towers: Stratton (8), Marhamchurch (6), Week St. Mary (6), Poundstock (6), Jacobstowe (6), Launcells (6), Bridgerule (8), Whitstone (6), Poughill (6), Kilkhampton (8), Morwenstowe (6), Welcombe (6). Replies by Monday, July 6th. — H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 2777

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover and Winchester Districts. — Combined meeting, Longparish and Barton Stacey, July 11th. Bells available, Longparish 2, Barton Stacey 6.30. Service at Longparish 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2786

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest, Heptonstall, July 18th. Entrance fee 10s. per company to: A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. For teas please notify, by July 4th, F. Greenwood, Springfield Terrace, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.—A. Farrand, Sec., 2735

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Quarter Peals for Queen Elizabeth II

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Coronation Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Banks 1, Miss C. A. West 2, Miss S. K. M. Knight 3, F. G. Barron 4, E. A. Jurd 5, R. C. Beal (first quarter on 8) 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. A. Jesson 1, Jeanette M. Simpson 2, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 3, J. B. Bennett 4, J. Hill 5, A. Disney 6, D. S. Harris 7, J. E. Cook 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Littlewood 1, E. Lomas 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, H. Bell 5, A. Thompson 6.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Alderman 1, Miss J. Lewis 2, Miss A. Yarde 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, Miss D. Lewis 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): R. Alderman 1, Miss A. Yarde 2, R. Yarde 3, D. Alderman 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. First in more than one method for all except conductor.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Parsons 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, R. I. F. Parsons 3, D. N. Layton (cond.) 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, M. F. Layton 6, A. J. Adams 7, H. J. J. Smerdon 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's with St. Paul's, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Hobbs 1, L. W. Moses 2, Miss B. Russell (first quarter) 3, E. Naylor 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. G. Davis 6. First quarter by the recently-formed resident band.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, N. E. Smith 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, W. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, H. Keeley 2, M. Poole (first quarter in method) 3, H. Gaylard 4, G. Morris 5, J. Barrett 6, E. Morris (cond.) 7, W. Godfrey 8.

BEENHAM, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Wallace 1, J. Downham 2, F. Wilcox 3, L. Nicholls 4, B. Richardson 5, A. Arlott (cond.) 6.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Single Court): E. Lewin 1, J. Wadkin 2, R. Dytham 3, C. T. Whitman 4, J. G. Geary (cond.) 5, A. N. Geary 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Norton 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, J. Wadkin 4, A. N. Geary 5, H. Townsend 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On June 2nd, at Halesowen, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. Clissett 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, D. Morton 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. H. Harris 8.

BISLEY, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Liddicot 1, T. Bailey 2, N. Nation 3, C. Jordan 4, W. Dean (cond.) 5, S. Brunsdon 6.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird 2, J. Weeks 3, H. Wren 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8

BOSTON, LINCS.—On June 2nd, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brian 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mantle 1, A. S. Tomkins 2, F. J. Bedford 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, Audrey Castell 2, F. Castell 3, J. O. Berry 4, A. Jarvis (first as cond.) 5, E. Bucknell 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,280 (Ilkeston) Kent and Oxford: Miss E. Cansdale 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. First quarter in Ilkeston combination by all. Also on June 7th, 1,264 St. Clement's College Bob Major: E. R. Cansdale 1, S. T. Hume 2, Mrs. L. D. Mills 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. First quarter in the method for al lthe band.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Allen 1, Mrs. G. Burgess 2, J. Harmsworth 3, A. Atkins 4, W. J. Johnson 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. Rung by local band

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Barnes 1, C. A. Harrison 2, A. Tomlinson 3, W. B. Bray 4, P. Barnes 5, G. W. Moody 6, J. Bray (cond.) 7, W. Atkinson 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Michael Swift (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Lucy Badcock (first 'inside') 3, T. W. Taylor 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, K. C. Vickers 6.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Double Oxford Minor: A. E. Ling 1, P. G. Bailey 2, D. M. Randall 3, B. W. Cracknell 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5. First in method for 2 and 6.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pike 1, A. Dunn 2, J. Foot 3, G. Eagle 4, A. Hart (cond.) 5, W. Trevitt 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sergt. L. Dixon (R.A.F.) 1, J. Hope 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, A. Painter 5, V. R. Williams 6, H. L. Cooke 7, E. H. Jefferies 8, W. H. Hayward 9, S. Eastbury 10.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Immins (first of Minor) 1, K. Wright (first of Minor) 2, B. Chapman 3, E. Chapman 4, R. Dudley (first of Minor) 5, R. Hubbard (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Armstrong 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, L. S. Woods 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, I. Campbell 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, Miss M. Reed 2, G. F. Newton 3, T. Cooke 4, T. Hill 5, T. Senior 6, R. D. Airey (cond.) 7, D. R. Airey 8. Also at Holy Trinity Church, on June 2nd, 1,296 London Surprise Minor: G. W. Park 1, F. W. Cooke 2, R. T. Simpson 3, R. Busby 4, W. N. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6.

DERBY.—On May 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. B. Stennit 1, Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson 2, A. E. Thompson 3, G. Freebrey 4, H. Taylor 5, S. Walklate 6, G. A. Halls 7, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 8, P. H. Whitaker 9, J. F. Wilkinson 10.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, R. Thorne 2, R. Morgan 3, W. Gulley 4, P. Keevil 5, H. Smith 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, R. C. Westney 5, D. Chapman 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. McCluskey 8.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,680 Doubles (2 extents Stedman, 2 extents St. Bartholomew's, 1 extent Old, 1 extent Norfolk, 2 extents April Day, 2 extents Plain Bob, 3 extents Canterbury, 1 extent Grandsire): D. Barnwell 1, Miss S. Howard 2, B. Holden 3, P. H. Barnwell 4, J. Stuart (cond.) 5, C. Osborne 6. First in 8 methods for all except the conductor.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Bishop 1, Pamela Webb 2, M. Bishop (first as cond.) 3, B. L. J. Brown 4, W. White 5, G. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb 7, A. Woodley 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: O. Street 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, Miss D. Wear 4, H. Webb 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Miller 1, A. Eilbeck 2, G. Tembey 3, J. Mossop 4, J. A. Haile 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, S. Richardson 7.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Burr (first quarter) 1, R. Huckle 2, J. Norton 3, F. Webb 4, G. Goodwin (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. Stephens 6.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 31st, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Harris 1, J. McDonald (cond.) 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, A. Ager 5, G. Wood 6. First quarter for 1 and 6 (treble ringer aged 14 years). Also at St. Barnabas' Church, on June 2nd, 1,950 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Conduct 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. Silk 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, G. Pemberton 5, W. T. Shelton 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Smee 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard 3, J. E. Beams (cond.) 4, W. Parrott 5, R. C. Spittle 6, F. Oakshott 7, T. A. Cross 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—On June 2nd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Wills 1, Rev. J. G. Scott 2, Miss M. Mundy 3, F. Wreford 4, C. V. Edwards 5, F. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, W. A. Wills 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Mrs. R. Pearson 1, Mrs. W. Godwin 2, Miss J. Morse 3, R. Wenban (cond.) 4, B. Myles 5, W. A. Godwin 6, G. Burge 7, R. Pearson 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. L. Joyce 1, R. H. Mills 2, G. S. G. Joyce (cond.) 3, C. Turner 4, R. E. ▲ Woods 5, L. Knott 6.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Mitchell 1, A. Lewis 2, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 3, K. Mitchell 4, G. A. Andrews 5, G. N. Orman 6, R. Duesbury 7, A. G. Button 8.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Tyler 1, Mrs. D. F. Goodhew (first quarter 'inside') 2, B. Elliott 3, G. Schleuter 4, H. W. Smith 5, Dr. Castleden 6, A. T. M. Perry 7, G. Saunder (cond.) 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first in method) 2, P. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, D. Jones 5, W. Croft 6. Also on June 7th, 1,440 Westminster and London Surprise Minor: W. Todd 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, D. Gullick 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Darch 1, W. Kerrison 2, C. J. Gibson 3, Miss M. R. Thompson 4, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 5, E. J. Thurlow 6, C. Ainger 7, R. S. Payne 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Baycock 1, J. E. Lofty 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Miss M. Lawrence 4, T. J. Lock 5, Miss A. E. Salter 6, P. J. Coles 7, A. R. Sherlock 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hatto 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, R. Diserens 3, F. Lewis 4, A. Street 5, C. Pullen 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—For a United Service, 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Bob and Single Oxford): R. A. Bywaters 1, Miss J. Dear 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, G. Mayes 4, J. Harland 5, G. Dear 6, F. S. Beaumont 7, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 8.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Bob Doubles: O. Norman 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, E. J. Parish 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Alderman 1, Miss J. Lewis 2, Miss A. Yarde 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, Miss D. Lewis 6.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. George 1, E. C. Gobey 2, Dorothy Templeman 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. Fletcher 5, H. Beardsley 6, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 7, B. Thompson 8. First quarter for 4 and 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. Sprackling (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, E. Fossberry 3, D. H. J. Body 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Hammond (first quarter) 1, H. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, B. Hammond 4, W. Berry 5, K. Brown (cond.) 6, Also on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pearce (first quarter) 1, E. Bishop 2, W. Perry 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. Brown 5, H. King (cond.) 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on May 31st, 1,260 Bob Royal: Tom Greenacre 1, G. W. Critchley 2, Claudia Harding 3, E. Greenacre 4, S. Elsey 5, E. Barker 6, R. Greenacre 7, E. Mastin 8, W. Rose 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. W. Felce (first quarter 'inside') 2, B. E. Frost 3, F. Joyce 4, J. Payne 5, F. Benfield (cond.) 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Dorothy Morgan 1, A. Morgan 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, F. Jukes, sen. (cond.) 5, H. Morgan 6, D. Griffiths 7, H. Dodd 8. Also 1,260 Gandsire Doubles: M. Wright (first quarter) 1, C. Peakman 2, F. Jukes, jun. (first 'inside') 3, A. Peakman 4, F. Jukes, sen. (cond.) 5, A. Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, H. Morgan 8. 7, 6, 8 behind.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. Mortlock 3, F. Day 4, S. Smith 5, L. Offord 6, R. W. M. Clouston 7, L. Pryke 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, S. Smith 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, F. Mortlock 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Jarvis 6, L. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8.

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LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts, on June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton 3, V. Briggs 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe (cond.) 6.

LISS, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Angela Tice (first quarter) 1, C. Pound 2, J. Newman 3, P. Wenham (R.E.M.E.) 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, D. Holbery (R.E.M.E.) 6, D. Wheeler 7, K. Wright 8.

LITTLE WENLOCK, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones 1, R. Evans 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, J. Hanley 4, B. L. Jones 5.

LLANELLY, CARMS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, L. Hurren 2, S. V. Rees 3, G. Francis 4, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. Hurren 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hales (first of Major) 1, G. A. Parsons 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, M. Sinden 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, C. E. Willmington 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. H. Woods 1, Miss R. Thompson 2, P. Robinson 3, W. H. Collins 4, E. C. Garrett (cond.) 5, D. Robinson 6.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. Jones (first quarter) 1, E. Catlin 2, H. Hunt 3, J. Daughtry 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, J. Baker 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Eldridge 1, G. Lister 2, J. Eldridge 3, Mrs. K. North (first quarter 'inside') 4, E. Eldridge 5, B. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, T. Holmes 8.

MALVERN, WORCS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion F. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, G. Morris 2, R. S. Bastable 3, J. Lewis (first quarter) 4, G. W. Halford 5, R. H. A. Carter 6, I. E. Lawrence (cond.) 7, J. V. Morley (first quarter) 8

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Angel 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, Miss M. Kennelly 4, S. R. Cockell (cond.) 5, C. F. Andrews 6, W. C. West 7, H. Cockell 8.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Fagg 1, Miss D. G. Dobbie (cond.) 2, J. Sills (first quarter) 3, F. Fagg 4, J. Judd 5, A. E. Blundy 6.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Chilcott 1, M. Chilcott 2, D. Smith 3, H. Commins 4, R. Winter (cond.) 5, W. Baker 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Moss 1, W. Stiff 2, A. E. Honeywood 3, N. Foakes 4, W. D. Bailey 5, C. A. Andrews (cond.) 6.

MONMOUTH.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor, with 7, 8 covering: A. Ball (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, E. Malsom 7, E. Goodwin 8. First in method by all except the conductor.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Lampert 1, Ellen Chandler 2, D. Neville 3, I. Taylor 4, A. Ham (cond.) 5, J. Neville 6.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Locke 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, W. Lewis 4, E. Morris 5, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 6.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Scattergood 1, W. F. Woodward 2, F. Sharpe 3, A. Yates 4, G. W. Hair (cond.) 5, S. T. Scattergood 6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,279 Stedman Caters: J. E. R. Keen (cond.) 1, H. P. Cliff 2, J. Anderson 3, C. McGuiness 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, J. Hedley 7, K. Arthur 8, D. A. Bayles 9, R. W. Leighton 10.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Chittenden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, M. J. Martin 3, W. C. Chandler 4, J. R. Cooper 5, C. A. Wratten (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 3. First of Treble Bob Minor for 2 and 4.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ridgman 1, G. Cole 2, G. S. Luxton 3, E. G. Cork 4, S. Sharland 5, W. G. Whiddon 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, J. Leach 8. First quarter for all except 3 and 7. First quarter on the bells.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: I. Scott (longest length) 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, Elise Brentnall 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Fernley (cond.) 5, Molly May 6 B. Jones 7, J. Worth 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barnes 1, Miss S. Thursfield 2, Miss J. Hoodless 3, B. Buswell 4, E. Elson 5, A. Simpson 6, W. Nichols (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On June 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Moores 1, A. Taylor (cond.) 2, J. Cardwell 3, H. Barlow 4, J. Walmsley 5, F. Pritchard 6, E. Jenkins 7, T. Hartley 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sheppard 1, C. Turner 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tallis 1, R. G. Morris 2, M. T. Bartlett 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, A. A. Upton 6.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, F. Lasbury 2, J. Evans 3, J. Edwards 4, J. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, H. Hartnell 7, H. Crabb 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Henden 1, C. Baker 2, F. Cherryman (cond.) 3, Eileen Turner (aged 15) 4, J. Avenell 5, F. Creagh (aged 16) 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On June 2nd, at the Parish Church of St. John, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 1, R. J. Nash 2, L. F. Clarke 3, E. Cowperthwaite 4, S. J. Philbrick 5, G. A. Dimmock 6, W. H. Clarke 7, K. Hall 8, E. R. Martin 9, A. W. Lloyd 10. First quarter for 2 and 3.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Doubles Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Sadler 1, W. S. May 2, Mrs. C. Woodgate 3, D. Coombes 4, F. C. May 5, P. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8.

RAINHILL, LANCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cummins 1, Miss G. Hennin 2, Miss F. Hennin 3, H. Ashton (cond.) 4, R. Latham 5, J. Hennin 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on June 1st, quarter peal of Doubles in 11 methods consisting of 120 each St. Andrew's, New Rugby, St. Simon's, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman and 60 Gandsire: E. Hunt (first in 11 methods) 1, G. Peck 2, D. Pitstow (cond.) 3, J. Underwood 4, C. Underwood 5. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Rugby Slow Course, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Morgan 1, W. Vann 2, J. Underwood 3, D. Pitstow 4, A. Barlow (cond.) 5.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On June 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, L. W. Fisher 5, A. Clements 6, W. Ransom 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

ST. KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harding 1, H. W. Chygwiddon (first quarter) 2, P. Harding 3, F. James 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, A. Locke 6.

SANDY, BEDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Daniels 1, F. Daniels (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Blain 3, H. Gurney 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, D. Munns 6.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Timm (first quarter) 1, N. Fenn 2, H. Howlett 3, A. Dickerson 4, J. Aldis 5, D. Poyntz 6, J. Grey (first quarter) 7, T. Simmons (cond.) 8.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lockyer (first quarter) 1, F. Skinner (cond.) 2, H. Smith 3, N. Stevens 4, E. Skinner 5, V. Barnett 6.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. Knight 1, E. Hill 2, L. Oliffe 3, J. Cossins 4, G. Wright (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): R. Woolley (first quarter) 1, P. Nutt 2, E. Whitmore (cond.) 3, H. Chambers 4, C. Whitney 5.

STAUNTON, NEAR COLEFORD, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6.

STAVELEY, CHESTERFIELD.—On June 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss R. Dickinson (first quarter Major) 1, H. Paddison 2, W. Allwood 3, W. Thyne 4, F. Adams 5, R. E. Moon 6, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, W. Dickinson 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): R. J. Brocklehurst (cond.) 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, Miss J. M. Midgley 3, A. A. Jaques 4, J. G. Brocklehurst 5, F. W. Dixon 6.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Sibley (first on 8) 1, F. E. Pervin (cond.) 2, R. D. Hayne 3, A. Roberts 4, H. Folwell 5, T. Hastings 6, H. E. Sibley 7, R. Rouse 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 7th at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Cookson 1, A. D. Fellows 2, C. W. Cooper 3, G. C. Cookson 4, F. V. Nicholls (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Watson 6, R. Smith 7, R. Cooper 8. All are local service ringers.

SUNBURY, MIDDLX.—On May 31st 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, Janet Bailey 4, W. H. Coles 5, J. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Shepherd 8

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Davis 1, W. Webb 2, F. Mooring 3, G. Allam 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, P. Deadman 6.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Union, 780 Grandsire): Mary Crew 1, Jean Nilkshem 2, D. Thorn (cond.) 3, D. MacDaniel 4, W. Starr 5, W. Joghill 6.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Matthewman 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, Miss J. A. Brooks 3, H. M. Payne 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Chidgey 1, G. Sage (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, A. Partridge (first quarter on 8) 4, G. Uglow 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Sparks 1, Miss D. Webb 2, F. Hazzard 3, T. Marks 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, T. Setter 6. First of Surprise Minor for 4 and 6.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Gilder 1, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 2, J. Bull 3, Rev. J. Putterill (Vicar) 4, R. Bassett 5, J. Bassett 6, T. Bassett 7, M. R. Caton 8. First quarter peal by a Sunday service band.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Triples: G. Peck (first quarter) 1, W. Bowers 2, T. Stagg 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, S. Atkins 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, W. Rickwood 8.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Single Oxford, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob): R. Duesbury 1, J. Mitchell 2, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 3, A. Lewis 4, G. N. Orman 5, A. G. Button 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On June 2nd, a quarter peal (from the Clavis) of Grandsire Triples: R. Leask 1, John Thorley 2, James Thorley 3, C. Leask 4, E. Thorley 5, T. D. Leask 6, C. Thorley 7, D. Thorley 8. Also a quarter peal (from Parker's) of Grandsire Triples by the same band in different order, both conducted by C Thorley. Followed by Queen's and firing.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, P. Mayne 2, L. H. May 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Smith (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Vine 2, Beryl Churchill 3, B. Vine 4, R. G. Perry (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Brown 1, Miss J. Cudby 2, Miss P. Holloway 3, Miss W. Hunt 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, A. R. Vaughan 6, H. Smith 7, W. Hunt (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 31st, 1,440 Little Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. First in the method for 3 and 4. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. A. Hales 7.

WALMER, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Woodcock (first quarter) 1, A. C. Rye 2, F. R. Hawkins 3, J. Penfold 4, F. A. Rye 5, G. Ruck (cond.) 6, H. E. Axon 7. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Hawkins (first quarter) 1, F. A. Rye (cond.) 2, Janet Wells 3, J. Penfold 4, F. Lawrence 5, T. Wickens 6, G. Ruck 7, E. Dixon 8.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Murray (first quarter) 1, R. F. Diserens 2, F. Lewis 3, T. Tilley 4, L. Hall 5, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marlow 1, H. Tudgay 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, J. Titt 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Freda Robinson 1, A. E. Dobb 2, Doris Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On June 2nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, R. Ellis 2, K. Clarke 3, J. Cooper 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. A. Partridge 6, A. Mills (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8.

WEST KNOYLE, WILTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ralph 1, D. J. Gay 2, J. Gray 3, J. Powlesland 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on the bells for at least 20 years and probably the first ever.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Monk 1, A. Lawrence 2, Mrs. W. M. Beese 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, G. Lawrence 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

CORONATION QUARTER PEALS

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WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Green 1, J. J. Webb 2, E. J. C. Davis 3, H. Powell 4, R. T. Jones 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1 and 3.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ebbutt 1, J. Walker 2, J. Rye 3, R. Stafford 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, A. Amos 6. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ebbutt 1, R. Stafford 2, J. Walker 3, H. Palmer 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, R. Stafford (first quarter) 6.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Hall 1, R. Chafer 2, B. Freeman 3, J. Freeman 4, B. Cuthbert 5, H. Hall (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by local band.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Mellin 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, Miss J. Sims 3, D. Portway 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. W. Bright (cond.) 6.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Sparling (first quarter) 1, J. E. Gould 2, Miss A. Lewis 3, F. G. Oliver 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, G. N. Orman 6.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. B. Bicknil 1, W. Hill 2, T. Hill 3, E. Marlow (cond.) 4, H. Howl 5, E. J. Tyler 6, J. Cotterill 7, N. Hadley 8.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. Bass (cond.) 1, B. R. Sutton 2, H. Perrins 3, H. V. Cooper 4, S. Thompson 5, S. G. Thompson 6.

YATE, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's and 660 Grandsire): W. Taylor 1, Miss J. Shellard 2, G. Virgo 3, C. Watts 4, J. Cox (cond.) 5, H. Shellard 6.

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ATMOSPHERE

CHURCH towers are like houses, they consist of four walls, but what a variety of atmosphere there is inside those four walls. Some church towers are not pleasant places to ring in and some houses are not homes.

We all know the towers where there is 'Welcome' on the 'mat.' Usually at this type of tower the ringing room is well appointed, there is a place for everything and everything is in its place; the ringers are a happy crowd, they take a pride in keeping the place clean and tidy. There seems to be no dearth of recruits at such a tower, the atmosphere encourages them to stick it and they are not afraid of going well dressed. Needless to say, they are proud of their tower and give visitors a hearty welcome.

Then there are those towers which do not have 'Welcome' on the 'mat,' yet you are received pleasantly. Unfortunately, the atmosphere is not like the former type of tower. The ringers are keen enough, but somehow or other they do not take a pride in their ringing room; there is dust everywhere. A few clothes pegs adorn the walls, but you think twice about hanging up a good coat; sundry pieces of old bell rope hang on nails driven into the walls and, in short, the place does not look inviting. Youngsters have to be keen to stick it, for such a ringing room is not much of an inducement to those who have a bit of pride.

At the other end of the scale we have the tower where complete indifference reigns, there is certainly no 'Welcome' on the 'mat' and the ringing room is a place to be avoided unless one has on an old suit or overalls; everything about the place reeks of neglect. There are no hat pegs, yet perhaps an old rule board states, 'He who rings in spur or hat shall surely sixpence pay for that.' Yet what can one do with one's hat? You cannot put it on the floor; that is too filthy. Often an old worm-eaten form serves the purpose of 'cloakroom,' so you think twice about placing your clothes on it. What ringers there are have no pride at all and no wonder youngsters are frightened off after the first visit.

'Atmosphere' certainly is a large contributory factor in the encouragement of the right sort of recruits to the ringing Exercise. If a youngster feels he or she is lowering his or her dignity you cannot blame them for packing in, but if they feel the tower is a pleasant place, then they look forward to visiting it and they are not ashamed of taking their friends to it.

J. P. F.



Peals Rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	EDWARD T. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	H. LESLIE PARK	11
HERBERT LOWMAN	6	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	NORMAN H. COOMBS	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	7
JOHN M. STALLARD	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	9
WILLIAM H. PARKER	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	MICHAEL G. MORTON	Tsnor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	6
RICHARD LONGDEN	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	8
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	9
PETER CROOK, SEN.	5	ROGER LEIGH	Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb in E.

WILLIAM ALLMAN	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
BASIL JONES	2	*JOHN WORTH	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
HENRY O. BAKER	5	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* 100th peal on ten bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS	Treble	THOMAS BOREHAM	6
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	2	GEORGE KILMINSTER	7
PETER BAKER	3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	9
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5	A. LESLIE BARRY	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Caters.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	Treble	B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	6
CHARLES J. GARDNER	2	REGINALD G. TOWNSEND	7
PAULINE MANNING	3	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	8
E. JOHN BERRY	4	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	9
BRIAN BLADON	5	ELI VINCENT	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOHN MCDONALD	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER	Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS	Treble	*DEREK W. STONE	5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	*FREDERICK SCOTT	6
*JEFFREY C. BIRT	3	*MICHAEL HATCHETT	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	*WILLIAM BUTLER	Tenor

Composed by J. PAGET. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*KENNETH MITCHELL	Treble	ALFRED T. WORTHINGTON	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	W. ARCHIBALD REED	6
BRENDA M. SMITH	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	LAURENCE MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal away from the tenor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*PETER A. RUCH	Treble	JOHN B. SANSOM	5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	6
WILLIAM A. LEWIS	3	†WILLIAM J. WINTER	7
*BRIAN A. ROSE	4	*JACK E. RICKETTS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*M. JOY WHITEHEAD	Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
†DEBORAH WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	7
CHARLES V. CATTELL	4	JOHN E. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 27½ cwt.

REGINALD LOWE	Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
*MARGARET PAGE	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
JEAN M. HARRIS	4	EDWARD J. DOEL	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

JOHN COOKE	Treble	WILLIAM DEAN	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	2	CHARLES WILTSHAW	6
*ROBERT MADDOCK	3	H. STEWART BAILEY	7
STANLEY D. SUTTON	4	FRANK T. PARRY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
* First peal of Major.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*KATHLEEN NORTH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY H. LISTER	5
†BRIAN T. LISTER	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	6
ERNEST E. GOSLING	3	E. DENNIS POOLE	7
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4	JOSEPH YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Treble*	CLIVE BARBER	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
MRS. F. A. PENN	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
FRANK A. PENN	4	JACK LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

THOMAS GWILT	*Treble*	LEONARD TUFFREY	5
EDWARD T. LLOYD	2	ARTHUR MORRIS	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING	7
*MRS. KATHLEEN WATTS	4	†BARBARA BAYLISS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN HOBBS	*Treble*	WALTER STEVENS	5
*STEPHEN D. CLARK	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOHN S. WALTON	7
JOHN BURROUGH	4	F. BENJAMIN COMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. WALTON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN.	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
CAROL F. JONES	2	H. STEWART BAILEY	6
ERNEST T. CARVELL	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
THOMAS SMITH	4	THOMAS ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ROY C. HURST	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	4	JAMES E. DANIELS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
First peal of Major as conductor on tower bells. Mr. Mitchell has now 'circled the tower.'

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	6
*PETER J. CAME	3	LEONARD DAY	7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* 25th peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
NORMAN R. PHILLIPS	2	CLIFFORD C. EDWARDS	6
RONALD J. GALE	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS	4	GEORGE E. ROWBOTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KEVERAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	HERBERT W. PERKINS	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
GORDON WALFORD	3	JAMES P. BLOND	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	HERBERT E. ELLIS	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
GEORGE W. CECIL	4	JOHN B. SANSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
JEAN DAWSON	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
KENNETH HARTLEY	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	*JACK R. WORRALL	6
*LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*GEORGE L. GROVER	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET SOFTLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD WALKER	5
EDMUND P. CROWDY	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

TERRY SENIOR	*Treble*	JUNE S. STARLING	4
MRS. H. W. MOORE	2	TERRY EARLE	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	4
DEREK W. STONE	2	*JEFFREY C. BIRT	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

NESTA L. SMITH	*Treble*	*MICHAEL LUKIN	4
*ROSINA PITTAWAY	2	RICHARD SMITH	5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3	RICHARD M. CURRIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD M. CURRIE.
* First peal of Plain Bob.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Primrose Surprise, (4) Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Spliced Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
(The Lord Mayor's Chapel),
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4
*EMLYN F. HANCOCK	2	*ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
†JOHN M. STALLARD	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 six-scores (10 callings).
Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*HERBERT FARMER	*Treble*	JAMES LEWIS	4
YOLANDE ELOIE	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
†FREDERICK E. MANNS	3	JACK MERRIFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising eight extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and nine extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*ARTHUR W. BIRD	2	†JAMES BROOKS	5
†ROYSTON P. PURCHASE	3	GORDON C. HERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in five methods. The first peal to be rung in the tower by an entirely local band.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*M. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*A. N. CHURCH	4
C. S. BENNETT	2	*A. H. ROGERS	5
*MISS M. FRAY	3	*N. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. S. BENNETT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	4
TOM SAUNDERS	2	DOUGLAS F. DRIVER	5
MAVIS COOMBER	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (10 callings) and 240 Morris's.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

M. H. KETTELL	*Treble*	A. BROUGHTON	4
HY. MEASURES	2	G. BROUGHTON	5
J. WOODWARD	3	H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. BROUGHTON.
First peal of Doubles to be rung on the bells and first peal by a local band.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

R. CHAMBERS	*Treble*	D. ALDERTON	4
W. SHORTER	2	F. DAY	5
F. HUNT	3	H. HOLLOCKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. DAY.

THURLBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores: Three of April Day, three of Canterbury Pleasure, four of Old Doubles, six of St. Simon's, six of St. Martin's, ten of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	3
BERNARD WADE	2	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

RUNG FOR HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Sun., May 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the School.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Francis Kirk	1—2	Walter Ayre	5—6
*Thomas J. Southam ..	3—4	Derek E. Latchford ..	7—8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair.
A Coronation peal for the village; the church only having two bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Joe Hobbs	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	5
Herbert Gates	2	Reginald Sheppard	6
*Keith Good	3	Edwin J. Upton	7
Pamela A. Martin ..	4	Derek E. Latchford ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Major.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., June 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Joe Hobbs	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good ..	5
Walter Ayre	2	*Derek E. Latchford ..	6
William C. Hughes ..	3	†Edwin J. Upton	7
William Wenban	4	†Geoffrey W. Seaman ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Oxford. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*William Taylor	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good	4
Joe Hobbs	2	Edwin J. Upton	5
William C. Hughes ..	3	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Jane M. Plumbe	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good ..	4
Joe Hobbs	2	William C. Hughes ..	5
Edwin J. Upton	3	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, Netherseale, London, York, Cambridge and Norwich.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Joe Hobbs	*Treble*	William J. Puddifoot ..	4
Edwin J. Upton	2	Terence G. Morton ..	5
*Augustin V. Good ..	3	*Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* 125th peal together.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 40 six-scores (10 callings) and 240 of Pitman's.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

V. Rawlings	*Treble*	A. Webb	4
H. T. Price	2	T. Bound	5
W. C. Williams	3	R. Farmer	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. T. Price.



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WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK	*Treble*	LESLIE C. SMITH	4
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	*Treble*	LEONARD WALSH	4
CHARLES J. ABRAHAMS	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
BRIAN H. WOOD	3	GORDON WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*FRANK H. HOLLAND	*Treble*	*BRUCE A. CRITTEN	4
*TERRY OWEN	2	THOMAS SMITH	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	STANLEY D. SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS SMITH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire (14 different callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD COX	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
CECIL MATTHEWS	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being an extent of Single Oxford, and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

GEORGE CHERRY	*Treble*	PETER W. CROFT	4
*MICHAEL ORME (15)	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	PETER J. WOODGYER	4
FRANK C. PRICE	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	5
BROOKE K. LUNN	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN W. BROWN	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
JUNE S. STARLING	2	ANTHONY B. STOCK	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

ST. WENN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENNA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores (10 callings) and four 12 scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD R. TRESTAIN	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	4
PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	2	EDWARD V. WILLIAMS	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	*GEORGE F. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 11 cwt.

LUCY E. SLADE	*Treble*	E. BAUGHAN	4
RUTH GREY	2	G. J. HEARNS	5
W. A. GREY	3	C. BAUGHAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. J. HEARNS.

First peal by all the band.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 36 extents (10 callings) and three 240 Morris's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANN PANNELL	*Treble*	JOHN PARKER	4
BRIDGET COX	2	JOHN CARPENTER	5
JOHN PANNELL	3	VICTOR WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CARPENTER.

First peal by all.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER WILLIS	*Treble*	*LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
*DONALD L. HOOPER	2	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
*JOHN W. HOVEY	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. HOVEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*JOHN BREESE	*Treble*	*HAROLD MONKS	4
*JAMES PETERS	2	*CLIFFE SHAW	5
JOHN ASHCROFT	3	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal in two methods.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4
DONALD COOMBES	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILLIP SADLER	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 300th peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE	*Treble*	HARRY HARDACRE	4
STANLEY WALMSLEY	2	LAURENCE WALMSLEY	5
WALTER MANSLEY	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 39, 28, 29, 55, 34, 37, 35.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. T. CHEW	*Treble*	*THOMAS SOUTHWICK	4
JOHN B. IBBOTSON	2	JAMES A. PARKER	5
JAMES V. DAVIES	3	HAROLD PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

J. RANFORD	*Treble*	J. WARD	4
C. W. NUTT	2	F. MERRICK	5
R. LEWIS	3	W. RANFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. NUTT.
W. Ranford has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953. in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: One each of Carlisle, Rossendale, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Ipswich and York. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT	4
CECIL WADE	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two of Single Oxford.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOYCE ROGERS	*Treble*	VIVIAN T. BOASE	4
JOAN M. WEBSTER	2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER	3	JOHN A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. WEBSTER.
* First peal.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DOICESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents of Plain Bob, six of April Day, 24 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT ABSOLOM	*Treble*	JAMES GODMAN	4
WILLIAM ABSOLOM	2	FRANK ABSOLOM	5
FREDERICK S. SMITH	3	*WILLIAM FAULKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK ABSOLOM.
* First peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The unexpected home-coming on 14 days' leave from Germany of Mr. F. W. Grocott has resulted in some very successful peal attempts for the North Staffordshire and Midland Counties Associations. Fred demonstrated by his conducting of London Surprise Major from an 'inside' bell that he had not completely forgotten how to handle and strike his bell. The high-speed booking-up of extra towers was only made possible by the helpful co-operation of local ringers foregoing practice nights, and the clergy. There was a farewell party prior to Fred's departure. This is Mr. Grocott's last leave prior to his demobilisation in February.

Congratulations from a wide circle of friends will be extended to Mr. F. Bennett on ringing his 1,600th peal on June 21st. We understand that the occasion was a family peal.

Because of the giving of precedence to Coronation peals we have in our files ten pre-Coronation peals which we will endeavour to publish next week.

The veteran Manchester Cathedral ringer is Mr. Arthur Ridyard and not Mr. Anthony Ridyard, as appeared on page 396. Please accept our apology.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas W. Lewis, of Worcester, will like to know that he is out of hospital and progressing favourably after his operation. It is hoped before long that he will be back in harness, this time on the light end temporarily.

What is believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung by an all-ladies band was at Penhow, Mon, on June 13th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was scored by Pat H. Jones 1, Audrey Stephens 2, Jean Powell 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, Jacqueline S. Evans (conductor) 5, Dorothy Atewell 6. It was rung for the Coronation.

To celebrate Mr. Albert Ward becoming an octogenarian a handbell peal was rung at Chesterfield on June 24th. Other ringers in the band with Mr. Ward were Mr. William J. Thyng, Mr. Clement Glenn and Mr. Sidney F. Palmer. All four ringers have been associated together for half a century and their average age is 77¼ years, which they claim is the highest for a handbell peal.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major rung at St. Peter-de-Merton's, Bedford, on June 4th, is the first quarter of Major rung by an all-ladies' band of members of the Bedfordshire Association.

The first peal of Maximus on the recast ring of the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was rung on June 20th. It was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and was the conductor's (Mr. Edward Jenkins) 400th peal of Surprise.

Mr. Herbert Rye, of Colchester, celebrated his 78th birthday in real style on June 23rd, by taking part in a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at St. Peter's. It had been arranged to ring Double Norwich Court Bob Major but owing to the unavoidable lateness of one of the ringers Minor was rung instead. The average age of 'the youngsters' on the first three bells was 77 years!

St. Margaret's, Leicester, selected some good towers for their outing in May with visits to Warwick, Evesham, Worcester Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral. 'Uncle Ernest' had some anxiety as to how the youngsters would perform but by picking out each team carefully a good impression was created. A party of 47 sat down to tea at Hereford and a short stay was enjoyed at Stratford-on-Avon on the way home.

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CORONATION RINGING

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PEAL AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

A peal attempt was permitted at Winchester Cathedral for the Coronation. It was rung on June 10th conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin. The peal, one of Grandsire Cinques, enabled Mr. R. W. Rex to complete the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.

CINQUES AT PAINSWICK

A representative band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for the Coronation a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on June 20th. The peal was conducted by Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester.

GUILDFORD'S TRIBUTE

The only Coronation peal in Guildford was on the bells of S. Nicolas' on June 11th and was called by the Master of the Guildford Guild, Mr. Albert Harman. Miss Anne Cox, a Guildford County School girl, was one of five who were ringing their first peal of Royal.

ANOTHER BRISTOL EFFORT

Peals are rare on the ten at Christ Church-with-St. Ewen, Bristol. In fact, the Coronation peal, on June 13th, of Stedman Caters, was the first on the bells since a peal for the declaration of peace at the end of World War I.. Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, who rang the seventh, is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

BOLSOVER'S SECOND ATTEMPT

Bolsover ringers' attempt for a peal on Coronation Day came to grief in the last four courses after nearly three hours of excellent ringing. Shift work and other reasons prevented the band from meeting for a second attempt until June 12th and this time they were successful.

THE DEANERY CHURCH, BOCKING

Twice the Sunday service band at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, tried to score their Coronation peal. On June 2nd Plain Bob was lost after 35 minutes, and on June 6th Double Norwich Court Bob Major after two hours. Success came on June 13th when 72-year-old Mr. Frank Claydon put up an outstanding performance. He had previously only rung one plain course of York Surprise Major, but he went through the peal without a fault. A compliment should also be paid to Miss Hilda M. Snowden, aged 14, the treble ringer.

WINDSOR'S GREETINGS

On the occasion of the state entry into Windsor by H.M. the Queen following her Coronation, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells of the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On the same day a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Clewer.

TOTNES' FIFTH PEAL THIS CENTURY

Among the peals rung for the Coronation was one of Grandsire Triples on the fine ring of eight at Totnes Parish Church, Devon. Peals at Totnes are very few and far between owing to so many business houses being close to the church.

The Vicar kindly gave permission for the attempt on Saturday, June 6th, with a 5 o'clock start, and a well-struck peal was rung under the conductorship of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins. This is only the fifth peal which has been rung at Totnes during the present century as far as can be ascertained, and it is interesting to recall that the father of Mr. J. E. Lilley, the 2nd ringer, the late Mr. C. N. Lilley, called the first peal on Totnes bells in October, 1901.

APSLEY 'CROWD'S' FEAST OF PEALS

Some weeks before the Coronation the Apsley 'crowd' commenced fixing up so that, as far as possible, a peal attempt should be made at every tower in the district during that week. The various clergy were contacted, and permission readily obtained, in those we could fit in.

A handbell peal was rung at Leverstock Green, as there are only two bells.

As usual, Apsley would make an early start, at 5.45 a.m. Later it was realised that Hemel Hempstead would be unable to field a band of their own so 'the old man' suggested that the 'second eleven' and himself went along to assist. This was done, and a decent peal of Bob Major resulted. Sad to say, the Apsley effort failed after two hours, to the dismay of the others, but more to that later.

From now onwards the Western District 'Taxi' came in useful to pick up some of the band for the different places.

Wednesday—to King's Langley, where, with the help of two friends from Watford and Stanmore, a very good peal of Oxford Treble Bob was accomplished.

Thursday—Berkhamsted, where some excellent Loughborough Bob came adrift after an hour. What a disappointment!

Friday—Redbourn, for a peal of Minor, with two local ringers taking part. The first peal on the recast, rehung bells was the result.

Saturday.—A very busy day for two peals were on the books. In the morning four Minor methods at Great Gaddesden, which succeeded at the second attempt. Lunch for four at the Cock and Bottle, then on to Flamstead to meet two others for seven Surprise Minor. After the successful completion of this the Vicar met us and suitably rewarded us.

Sunday.—A rather hastily-arranged peal attempt for Grandsire Triples was not worthy of that fine peal, with the inevitable result. Meanwhile the wife of the conductor was very concerned that no peal had been rung at Apsley, and practically insisted that a further attempt should be made, so this was set in motion, but the same band as previously not being available, others kindly filled up and a very good peal of seven Surprise resulted. The band were delighted to offer a rope to the President of the Central Council and, as usual, he put his bell where it should be.

To finish off this spate of ringing, the writer was informed that June 17th was the anniversary of the president's first peal, so at once offered to fix up a handbell peal for him to celebrate it. A band accordingly met, with the president at the helm, but as the ringing was not up to standard it was not regretted when a shift occurred. All's well that ends well, so it is pleasing to record that the band met the next night and finished the job. A. W.

A DARLINGTON VETERAN

Mr. G. W. Park, now in his 81st year, rang in the quarter peal of London Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity, Darlington, on Coronation Day. Mr. Park has rung for every major 'Royal' occasion, including the four Coronations, since the bells were installed at Holy Trinity, Darlington, in 1891.

Mr. T. W. Bond, of Eynsham, Oxon, has rung for each Coronation since Edward VII.

EAST NORFOLK RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY

Presentation to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood

On Saturday, June 20th, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, some 45 members of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, including a large number of friends from other branches, enjoyed a garden party at the White House, Caister-on-Sea. Officers of the Association who were present included the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; the general secretary, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden; and the Branch chairman, Mr. Edwin R. Goate.

After a splendid tea on the lawn, for the afternoon was fine and sunny and not unduly marred by a stiff south-westerly breeze, the opportunity was taken to express in tangible form the appreciation and esteem which the Branch felt for their former secretary, Mr. J. G. William Harwood, who relinquished office in February after 21 years' service.

Making the presentation of a fireside chair to which many Association members and friends subscribed, the president said how grateful they all were for the good work Mr. Harwood had done and hoped he had many years ahead to enjoy the gift.

Mr. Harwood, who was also secretary of the former St. Nicholas Company of Ringers, Great Yarmouth, and whose bells were blitzed eleven years ago, suitably responded; a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Harwood.

In lighter vein the members present disported themselves in divers fashion. Some rang handbells, many spectators being particularly amused and intrigued by the exhibition of 'lapping.' Others played bowls, younger members trying this for the first time declared it was not 'an old man's game,' and yet another blamed the breeze rather than his inability to master the intricacies of bias.

Certain notable ringers conspicuous by their sudden absence were discovered in George's workshop examining a 'secret weapon' which, advance propaganda has it, will revolutionise peal ringing! As, however, there is still a security blanket over Caister and patents are not applied for, the Exercise must be patient a little while longer.

Altogether a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all and loud were the praises and thanks on all sides for the kindness of host and hostess and their bevy of charming helpers. Mrs. Fletcher was the recipient of a plated tea-strainer and stand in lieu of the customary and in this case inadequate vote of thanks.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Though a little off the beaten track, East Drayton, Notts, possesses a good ring of six bells. It was here on June 13th that the contest for the Crawford Silver Cup took place. Five teams competed, the test piece being 360 changes of any method.

The judges were Mr. C. Glenn, of Nottingham, and Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster. A real good tea in the schoolroom being disposed of by 40 ringers, the result of the contest was eagerly awaited. Mr. W. E. Critchley declared it as follows:—1 Gamston, 159½ faults; 2 East Retford, 111; 3 Shireoaks, 165½; 4 Ordsall, 69½; 5 Warsop 62. This is the fifth year in succession that the Warsop ringers have held the Cup.

The presentation of the Cup was made to the winning team by Mrs. R. G. Cornwell, wife of the Rev, R. G. Cornwell, Rector of Warsop. Mr. H. Rooke said in reply it had been a matter of drawing who should ring and who should be left out, also that two of their ringers were only 14 years of age.

Four new members and one non-resident life member were elected. Everton was selected for the next meeting on July 11th. The Bell Fund collection came to £1 3s.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BOURNEMOUTH

AFFILIATION FEES INCREASED — PEALS NOT TO BE CHARGED — RADIO BROADCASTING OF BELLS: A MATTER FOR GUILDS — NEXT COUNCIL AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

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AFFILIATION FEE INCREASE

The Council next considered a motion that the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased with effect as from January 1st, 1954.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood: I do not think it is necessary to say very much on this motion. We all know that increases have occurred in all direction making the affiliation fee look very ridiculous. It would appear that we spend five or six times more than we receive in affiliation fees. I therefore propose, on behalf of the Standing Committee, that the affiliation fee as from January 1st, 154, shall be 10s. per member.

Mr. A. Walker seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: In view of the fact that the amount is not stated in the motion we can only decide this year to put the affiliation fee up the following year.

The secretary disagreed and pointed out that the notice was given at Lincoln.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

COUNCIL AGAINST PEAL CHARGES

Mr. H. Miles then moved that on and from January 1st, 1954, a charge of 1s. should be made for every peal and quarter peal published in 'The Ringing World.'

Submitting the motion, Mr. Miles said the year 1952 had been one of intensive effort on behalf of 'The Ringing World.' Every possible economy had been continued and in spite of that, expenditure was greater than income. He thought the time had come when 'The Ringing World' should be placed on a sound financial basis and not have to appeal to the well-wishers of the paper.

Most ringers had to pay 3d. a rope and in some cases 6d. for the report of their peal to be published in the Guild's annual report. 'The Ringing World' gave far wider publicity and he suggested it should be paid for. He felt it was one way of getting sufficient revenue to meet the cost of publication. Last year donations came to £257 7s. 10d. He counted up the peals and quarter peals and if a flat charge of 1s. was made it would produce £227 14s.

Mr. W. Chaddock seconded and supplemented Mr. Miles' qualities to the help given by the voluntary contributors. Over a period of three weeks he found that the income from quarter peals was 1s. 1d. per quarter published and from peals 1½d. It seemed that the quarter peal ringers were doing very well but as regards peals, some had slipped. He did not like the idea of 'The Ringing World' going cap in hand to make ends meet.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee considered this motion last night and recommended that it be referred to 'The Ringing World' Committee.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said he looked on the motion in a degree as a vote of censure on the committee and that was the last thing that was wanted. What was wanted was bigger circulation. There were 25,000 ringers in the country and only 5,600 subscribed to 'The Ringing World.' It was insufficient. Ringers as a class were not amenable to compulsion. He doubted if all would send in their peals if there was a charge.

Mr. A. H. Pulling was strongly opposed to the motion. When a thing was voluntary, he said, it was quite all right, but don't make it compulsory. He supported referring the matter to the committee. Quarter peals contained news of where ringers were.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: With special reference to the Society of Roving Ringers

Mr. P. Johnson said if they carried the motion they would find that the man who conducted the peal would pay 'the bob.' As to the prospects of the paper, most of them would remember the fate of all the ringing newspapers. The whole problem was one of circulation. He wanted to suggest that peal ringing was the life blood of the Exercise. If they stopped peals they took all interest out of ringing. He agreed that much of the publicity of peals was personal advertisement. He implored them not to let other people read their copy of 'The Ringing World.' They could buy it.

Mr. Harold Poole thought it would be inadvisable to accept the motion.

A member said the voluntary contribution was one of the most cheering efforts he had seen in the Exercise. 'Don't let us destroy that very lovely voluntary effort,' he implored.

Mr. J. E. Lilley asked individual members to do their utmost to get new readers. He got seven the other day at a meeting.

Mr. N. Chaddock denied that he was 'getting at "The Ringing World" committee.' He would be quite satisfied if the motion went to that committee.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: Instead of referring it to the committee I would like to see it rejected. You never expect people who provide the news to pay for it.

The motion was defeated by a very large majority.

RELATIONS WITH B.B.C.

The third motion was: 'That an effort should be made by the Central Council to establish closer relations with, and recognition by the B.B.C.'

Proposing the motion, Mr. C. W. Pipe said it was not a criticism of the Press, Literature and Broadcasting Committee. His idea was that a small representative body from the Council should interview the B.B.C. The long and short of the matter was that the Suffolk Guild thought that ringers were not getting a square deal with the B.B.C. The B.B.C. knew very little about bells or ringers or what were good bells and good ringing. He thought it was time an approach should be made to them. There should be representatives up and down the country who would give advice. It was deplorable, as Mr. Edwards had said, that after all the hard work that was put into a broadcast only a few rounds should be heard. It had been said that day that there were 26,000 ringers: he thought the number was nearly 40,000. In addition, there were those who had given up and did not ring on account of age who listened to bells, apart from the ordinary public. He thought there must be a quarter of a million people listening to these broadcasts and it was a great disappointment to them when they only heard a few rounds.

There was, at two minutes to eight on Sunday mornings, an admirable recording of Evercreech bells. He would like to put it to the B.B.C. that these records be changed once a month. On the occasion of the death of Queen Mary they heard the tenor tolled from Raveningham. He thought ringers and the public would like to hear the great bells tolled from other parts of the country.

Mr. J. E. Lilley said that broadcasts varied in different parts of the country. Through certain efforts in the West Region they got one and a half to two minutes' ringing and they were told that if ringing was cut down to half a minute they should write to the authorities. It was only by bullying that they got results.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said they ought to keep in their minds what was in the minds of the B.B.C. He took it that the B.B.C. looked on bells as the curtain-raising item. What they had to do was to establish a friendly relationship with the incumbents of churches from where broadcasts took place. When a broadcast was to take place the first person approached was the incumbent. If the local ringers could get him to support two minutes' ringing then the B.B.C. would cut them down to one minute. They had to get at the incumbents and they would get at the B.B.C. He thought that any general approach would meet with better success if it went through regions. They wanted a sleuth in each region of the country to find out particulars.

Mr. H. G. Sanger said it was his privilege to belong to the Evercreech band and, rather contrary to some of the opinions expressed that day, they were approached by the B.B.C. to make bell records. They made a number of records. He had a letter, dated May 8th, which stated that they would be using Stedman Triples and Double Norwich for the following Sunday and Stedman Caters for Coronation Day on the Light Programme. As far as the Western Region was concerned they found a personal approach to the Religious Director had very good results and over the years it had borne good fruit. If any bells were to be used Mr. Dyke was approached as to the suitability of the bells and ringers. He thought the solution to the problem was for the various Diocesan Associations to approach the Region. Do underground work and find out who were the people responsible.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said a few weeks ago his Provost asked him to ring the Cathedral bells for ten minutes for a broadcast. The service was not broadcast in this country but for the Forces overseas. They were to ring from 7.30 to 7.40 and he heard from their friends that they were on the air just under two minutes. Although they gave them a good example of change ringing, they on their part, felt that just under two minutes was not long enough and they had had a raw deal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis mentioned recording at St. George's, Stockport, where the bells were heard before and after the service. The incumbent there just put his foot down and he got what he wanted from the B.B.C.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody said after years of patience, in 1946 they established in Northern Ireland that there would be no broadcasts of bells without consulting the District secretary. That had been faithfully carried out. He hoped that nothing would be done to upset that arrangement by an approach to headquarters.

Mr. Harold Poole: I feel this is purely a territorial matter. I move that it be left to the respective Associations and Guilds to deal with.

This course of action met with the approval of the Council and was carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee considered the meeting place for the next Council meeting and left it to the meeting.

Mr. F. Perrens moved that the 1954 Council meeting be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne. For the last two or three years, he said, Newcastle had been in the picture and for some reason or another a meeting there was put off.

Mr. W. C. West advocated the next meeting being held in London.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded Newcastle.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thought it was a big mistake to break with old tradition. For the last 40 or so years it had always been the

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custom for the first meeting of the new Council to be held in the Metropolis.

Mr. F. Ainsley, speaking on behalf of the Durham and Newcastle Association, said they would welcome the Council at Newcastle. They were bitterly disappointed at the decision last year.

There was an overwhelming vote in favour of Newcastle.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported that 22 Associations were fully represented, 24 partially and eight not at all. The total membership of the Council was 120, 105 representative members, 11 honorary members and four life members. There were present 73 representative members, eight honorary members and three life members.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Methods Committee and the discussion arising therefrom will be the subject of a special article.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the room in the Town Hall and for entertaining the Council to tea. They also desired to thank the Rev. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. A. V. Davis for the local arrangements; the Vicar of St. Peter's for his welcome, taking the service of Holy Communion and for the use of St. Peter's Hall for the Standing Committee meeting; Canon Carew Cox for his welcome on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. A. Martin Stewart for the invitation to his nursery and his welcome and charming hospitality on Sunday afternoon; and to all incumbents for the use of bells.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. R. S. Anderson thanked the president for the able way he had presided (applause).

Mr. G. W. Fletcher: I congratulate the secretary on the way he has faced up to that big ordeal, his first meeting (applause).

The Council was afterwards entertained to tea by the Bournemouth Corporation, the guests being received by the Deputy Mayor.

The appreciation of the Council was expressed by Mr. G. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mr. W. C. West (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

In the evening a social was held at the Devonshire Hotel with Mr. Harold Poole as M.C.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch

The spring meeting was held at Wendron on May 23rd when 60 members attended, including Miss S. Symons (president), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (vice-president), Mr. R. G. Clemens (Truro branch secretary) and Mr. Alan Carveth.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Wendron (the Rev. F. G. Smith) and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary). Invitations to hold the autumn festival at Gulval and the spring festival at Mullion were accepted. Tea was afterwards served.

Ringing took place on the six at Wendron and eight at Helston during the afternoon and evening, and some who particularly wanted to ring at St. Hilary made their way there before going home, and enjoyed the visit, despite a rope having first to be spliced and a stay falling off without, apparently, being bumped.

LETTERS

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY CANCELLED

Dear Sir,—I wish to express my regret to any ringers who may have journeyed to Saffron Walden for the Great Ringing Day Festival, which was to have been held last Saturday. The Festival had been cancelled owing to the death of the Mayor of the borough, who was also a churchwarden, and whose funeral service was held in the church that afternoon.

The Vicar had expressed the wish that the festival should be cancelled and only half-muffled ringing should take place for the funeral service.

We endeavoured to have a notice published in 'The Ringing World,' but found it was already in print.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD E. PITSTOW.

23, Highfields, Saffron Walden.

GOOD RINGING IS WHAT MATTERS

Dear Sir, — The prolonged harangue over legitimate and illegitimate methods and names for methods prompts me to quote the enclosed couplet that is in the belfry at Canford, Dorset, with the thought that it does not matter what is rung so long as it is rung well. The couplet, which was placed in the belfry by the Vicar of 1739, is as follows:—

It is not good to hear men wrangle,
It is not good to hear bells jangle.

Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, Isle of Wight.

CHANGE RINGING AT GREAT BOWDEN

Dear Sir,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I read of the progress made by the band that has taken up change ringing at Great Bowden, Leicestershire, and I offer the ringers my heartiest congratulations on their achievement of recently ringing a full peal.

This is my native village, and where I first learned to pull a rope some 65 years ago.

I well remember with what pride the old ringers took in their striking of call changes and particularly the raising and falling, which used to take from 10 to 15 minutes, and often with not a blow out of place. I shall always feel indebted to them for the instillation of what I consider the groundwork and backbone of good ringing.

It was the custom at that time to practise for a few weeks before Christmas, when the bells were rung immediately the clock struck the hour of midnight, and again on New Year's Eve, when the bells were rung from a quarter to twelve to a quarter past without a break, as this was then considered the correct way of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

Unfortunately, owing to the age and occupations of the ringers, no regular ringing could be maintained, and it was only at the several church festivals that the bells were raised for service ringing, but in order that the bells should not be silent my father and I used to chime the full ring of five between us on Sunday mornings, and again with the help of one or more in the evening.

As regards the mystery of change ringing, this was quite foreign to us, and it was not until I emigrated to Sheffield 52 years ago that I took up the art in its proper form.

In conversation with the old ringers I learned that nothing but 'stoney' had ever been rung in this tower, and the present band are to be highly commended on their step forward, and I sincerely hope to see in the pages of 'The Ringing World' more of their efforts in the future. SIDNEY F. PALMER.

Sheffield Cathedral.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Bucks Branch Has Same Chairman for 25 Years

The Central Bucks Branch held its 25th annual meeting at Granborough on June 13th, 46 ringers attending representing 21 towers with visitors from Northampton and one from Canada.

After touches on the five bells the service was conducted by the Branch chairman. The Master of the Guild read the lesson, and the Vicar of Granborough (the Rev. R. B. Stockdale) gave the address. Mrs. Stockdale was at the organ.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Village Hall by the local ringers' wives and lady members of the Church Council. The Branch chairman presided at the business meeting. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, said that at the inaugural meeting at Granborough and in that hall Canon G. Dixon was elected Branch chairman, a position he had held ever since, not missing one annual meeting and only missing six quarterly meetings in his 25 years as chairman. Mr. Wigg presented the chairman with an inscribed Parker pen and pencil in case, from the members of the Branch in appreciation of his services to the Branch.

The chairman was then re-elected and Mr. F. Gibbard, who was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, reported that the Branch had over 100 members: progress had been made in most towers.

The general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, gave the members a few words of advice. The hon. librarian, Miss M. Cross, also spoke.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 70 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Guild which was held at the Church of St. Ellyw, Llanelly, on June 13th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and members came from Pembroke, Tenby, Llanstephan, Burry Port, Llandilo, Carmarthen and the local tower.

The Vicar (Canon Dr. H. Islwyn Davies) officiated at the service assisted by the Rev. G. H. Jones and the Rev. H. G. Jenkins. A very nice tea was given to the members at the Parish Hall, which was provided by local ladies.

The Rev. W. R. Nicholas, Vicar of Lamphey, presided at the business meeting. Before the meeting was opened, the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins) extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild to Llanelly. The members stood while the chairman said a prayer as a token of respect to the late Vicar of Llanstephan (the Rev. G. T. Morris), who was a vice-president of the Guild.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandilo), Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea) and Mr. Chris Hawkins (Llanelly). An apology was given by the chairman for the absence of the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and a statement of accounts was given by the treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage, of Burry Port. A report of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. A. Hoare, and all the officers were re-elected for another 12 months. The Ringing Master is now Mr. Williams, of Carmarthen. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 18s. 6d.

The competition for 1954 will take place at Llandilo on the second Saturday in May, instead of the first Saturday in May, and the quarterly meeting in September will take place at Llanbadarn Fawr.

The meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Llanelly, to the Rev. W. R. Nicholas for presiding, to the ladies for the excellent tea, to Mr. Albert Hall and the organist, Mr. V. Thomas. The Vicar of Llanelly, responding, gave a welcome to the Guild to come to Llanelly if ever they were in difficulty in finding a place for their meetings.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

TIVERTON RINGERS ON TOUR

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, set out by coach on June 20th on a wet and dreary morning for their annual outing.

Down the valley of the Exe and over the hills to the first tower, Okehampton, a good octave by Gillett and Johnston. After finding all entrances to the tower locked the verger was found. All had a pull even if it was somewhat hurried.

Next to Holsworthy, where an hour's good ringing was much enjoyed on another Gillett and Johnston ring. Then to Bridgerule, another octave, tenor 10 cwt., and a very old and interesting church, where the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Kingdon (94 years old), welcomed the party and showed all his well-kept church. Lunch was much enjoyed at Bude, then to Stratton and a ring on the finest octave in Cornwall, tenor 22 cwt., by Taylors. Here we were met by the Rector (the Rev. T. L. Gilbert).

The last call of the day was Bideford, another Taylor octave, where an hour's good ringing was much enjoyed.

BLAXHALL

The ringers of Blaxhall, accompanied by wives and ringers from nearby parishes, held their annual outing on June 13th. Essex was the county chosen. Ringing at Widford, High Ongar, North Weald, Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Dunmow and Rayne made a very enjoyable day. The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Gordon Keeble, who made all the arrangements.

IPSWICH COMBINED OUTING

On Whit Saturday some of the ringers from each of the towers of St. Laurence's, St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower and Rushmere St. Andrew (Ipswich) combined, and with their wives and friends made up a party of 23.

Leaving the town at 8 a.m. by coach, the first stop was at Kelvedon (6), a fine heavy ring; next on to Witham (8), where they were met by the churchwarden, as the ringers were on their outing also. At the next stop the bus had to remain on the main road and the party walk the half-mile down a narrow lane to the church at Margaretting. It is seen daily by thousands travelling to London as it stands beside the main line from Norwich to London, but to reach it the level crossing must be used to enter the churchyard. Here the Rector and helpers were decorating the church, a very old one, and the display was the special interest of all. The four pre-Reformation bells were soon in use and it is hoped some day the empty pit will be filled.

Ingatestone (6) was next stop. Owing to difficulty in providing dinner here, this was taken in picnic style. After ringing, a move was made to Fryerning (6), a nice light ring. Then on to Brentwood, which was reached on time, and after some good ringing, including Cambridge Major and Double Norwich Major, the party met again for an excellent tea at the Nority Cafe, High Street.

On return a call was made for ringing at Shenfield (6), a nice light musical ring but awkward ringing chamber with two heavy steel girders supporting the tower across the belfry floor so that the ropes fall on top of these instead of the floor. The tower being of wood with a low spire, entry to belfry has to be by crawling between the side braces of woodwork. But here some good ringing of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise took place. The last call was at Widford (8), where the long draught and springing ropes made it difficult to control, but fairly good ringing was obtained. Thanks are expressed to the organiser. A.C.1 Max Page, R.A.F.

WARSOP, NOTTS

On Whit Monday a very full coachload of ringers and friends from Warsop fully enjoyed a long excursion into Yorkshire. An early start was made to collect friends from Bolsover, Heath, Barlborough, Worksop and Bawtry, and some amusement was experienced watching the Rev. R. G. Tyndall, assistant priest of Warsop, endeavouring to partake of a late breakfast whilst the coach was travelling at speed on the Great North Road.

The first call was at Campsall, where the light but musical ring were set going at 9,30 a.m. and rung to a variety of methods until 11 a.m.. There was some doubt as to whether certain of the more weighty members of the party would be able to negotiate the rather narrow aperture at the top of the short ladder to the tower, but all went well.

A satisfactory lunch was enjoyed at a cafe in Selby, and the organiser (Mr. W. Rooke) assumed the role of slave driver to ensure that after-lunch naps did not take precedence over the ringing of the glorious ten at Selby Abbey. The weather was extremely hot, and the younger members found some difficulty in handling the bells, especially as they are normally accustomed to ringing Minor. The Abbey authorities benefited financially from the visit, as an ever-increasing number of visitors were attracted by the ringing to ascend the tower at sixpence each. The audience was somewhat disconcerting to many of the novices.

The Minor experts were much more at home on the light six at Hemingbrough. The highlights were well-struck touches of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and a touch by an all-ladies' band with Joan Smith ringing the tenor (to the surprise of the local ringers). Three of the Hemingbrough ringers joined the party at a substantial tea at the Crown Hotel. After the meal Mr. Rooke thanked all who had helped to make up such a happy party, and Mr. Cooper expressed the appreciation of the visitors for the opportunity to accompany the Warsop band.

During tea a heavy thunderstorm, which had threatened all the afternoon, made conditions rather difficult and a power cut caused a hitch at the last tower, Howden. Mr. Ernest Preston saved the day and the bells were rung up in the light of six candles. The heat was oppressive and several of the heavy-enders were seen to lose an unusual amount of perspiration. The light was restored and the glorious octave was rung to a variety of methods until shortly after 8 p.m. The day was concluded very appropriately with Evensong, conducted by the Rev. R. G. Tyndall in the choir of the church at Howden. The unaccompanied singing of the Office Hymn for Whitsuntide and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis revealed surprising talent amongst the ringers.

A tired but happy party eventually reached home at about 11.30 p.m.

ASHTEAD, SURREY

On May 31st the ringers of St. Giles', Ashtead, together with two or three friends, paid a visit to Sussex. The first stop was at Crawley, where the visitors were in time to ring for a local wedding. After an hour's ringing on this very handy octave a move was made to Billingshurst. The unusually long draught proved almost too much for some of the visitors, but the tone of the bells left nothing to be desired. After tea at Ye Olde Six Bells Inn (a little out of date with an eight-bell tower), a move was made to Warnham for the last ring of the day. This very handy octave was much enjoyed and the well-preserved peal book a source of great interest.

TOURING SITTINGBOURNE AREA

On Whit Monday a party of young ringers spent a very fine day touring the Sittingbourne area of Kent. The party used cars and motorcycles for transport and numbered about 26, with other ringers joining for a tower or two. Ringers were present from all parts of Kent and also from Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire.

The first tower was Bredgar, with five bells, followed by Borden and Tunstall, each with eight. At the latter, methods up to Cambridge Major were rung. Before ringing at Stockbury (5) a picnic lunch was enjoyed. Three six-bell towers followed—Hartlip, Bobbing and Milton Regis. Methods ranged from rounds and 'Churchyard Bob' to Ipswich Surprise Minor, with many Doubles methods which had better be nameless.

After tea ringing took place at Teynham (officially a six-bell tower, but having one out of action), on the genuine five at Lynsted, and then finished at Sittingbourne (8). Despite our exertions, ringing at Sittingbourne was the best of the day, one touch of Stedman being voted the day's best.

Congratulations are extended to Terry Barton, who did most of the organising, proving an able deputy to Geoffrey Waters, who had arranged previous tours.

Finally, we must say that even this strenuous day did not exhaust everyone. Right to the last touch (Double Norwich, which was brought round in spite of its conductor), there was plenty of energy left The next day two of the better-known ringers were to be seen exercising their shoulders by rowing round the Serpentine. From their course we should imagine they were also practising some complicated method. They certainly made places on the bank very successfully. MILES.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON

Members and friends of the Holloway Society spent an enjoyable day in Kent on June 13th. The first church to be visited was Westerham St. Mary and this musical eight was soon set going to the well-known methods. At the war-damaged church of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, Messrs. Gorringe and Billiness were waiting for the party. After lunch the ringers left for SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn, where Mr. G. W. Grant was waiting with everything ready.

Tea over, the party left for the last tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, West Malling (a light eight which was much enjoyed).

Reaching home about 10 p.m., everyone voted it a most successful trip. R. N.

WALTON-ON-THAMES

A coachload of 32 ringers and friends and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Crichton Melville) took a trip on Whit Monday to Kent and visited Chatham, Faversham, Ashford, Maidstone and Westerham. At each tower they were met by the respective tower captains and given a warm welcome.

A lovely summer's day concluded with a grand finish at Westerham with some of the ringers doing the hornpipe on the village green where the annual fair was being held.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 13th and the attendance was below the average. The arrangements were as usual—ringing, service, tea—and methods up to Cambridge Major were run.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth and it was decided to hold evening meetings at Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Highworth during July and August with the quarterly meeting at South Marston in September. Visitors attended from Banbury and Chippenham. W. B. K.

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Quarter Peals for Queen Elizabeth II

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. W. Taylor 1, D. A. Carpenter (first of Surprise as cond.) 2, H. G. Summers 3, F. E. Pervin 4, F. W. Perrens 5, E. H. Sibley 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8.

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Joan Brandon 2, F. G. Vickers 3, I. Towns 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Gardner 1, R. Davis 2, Miss E. East 3, H. White 4, C. Lay (cond.) 5, A. Stone 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Mills 1, F. Price (Bournemouth) 2, D. J. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, A. C. V. Gasson 5, J. H. G. Gardner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 7th, 1,290 Coronation Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, R. G. W. Soars 3, F. K. Thompson 4, K. E. Lovett 5, P. Soars 6. Composed and conducted by F. K. Thompson. First quarter in method by all.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter-de-Merton, on June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Marjorie Cowley 1, Miss Miriam Pettitt 2, Miss Daphne Hare 3, Miss Mary Stephens 4, Miss Evelyn Steel 5, Miss Sheila Duffin 6, Miss Susan Osborn 7, Miss Joan Ashton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mantle 1, A. Tomkins 2, J. Bedford 3, T. Clements (cond.) 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Ringer of 2nd has rung for four Coronations.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on June 4th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sprackling 1, B. E. Ll. Roberts 2, H. J. Tesson 3, A. P. Cave 4, D. Marshall 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Coronation Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Lister 1, A. R. Bates 2, M. Hatchett 3, E. E. Gosling 4, W. Birmingham 5, C. A. Burgess 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, G. W. Limmer 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On June 2nd, at the Church of Great St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ridgeman (Queens', cond.) 1, P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn) 2, C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 3, E. C. Bates (Caius) 4, R. B. Morris (Clare) 5, R. D. Edge (Queens') 6, J. H. Fielden (St. Catharine's) 7, F. E. Roberts (Selwyn) 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Pattison (cond.) 1, Miss M. Stephens 2, J. B. Long 3, D. Brazier 4, C. D. Mann 5, B. F. Sims 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat Jones 1, M. K. King 2, Miss Jacqueline Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. L. Bryant 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. E. Chittenden 3, W. C. Chandler 4, M. J. Martin 5, J. Soles 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, W. C. Chandler 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, M. J. Martin (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. R. Cooper 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, J. Soles 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hodges 1, R. Dale 2, R. Daniels 3, C. Clark 4, I. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. Whiting 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.—At St. Stephen's, on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Marrington 1, Miss D. Maidment 2, Miss E. Kiernan 3, J. Rea 4, J. Tonkin 5, G. Lucas 6, B. Braine 7, T. Tyers 8.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: H. W. Skinner 1, R. A. Davison 2, Miss Gill Stanton 3, D. J. Parr 4, J. Crawley (first as cond.) 5. First in method by all, and first quarter for 2, 3 and 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On June 9th, a quarter peal of Minor, being 720 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: J. Hedley 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, C. McGuiness 3, R. W. Leighton 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Steere 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, G. H. Humphries 3, E. Razzell 4, W. Oatway 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, H. G. Pratt 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Major.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy O. Cockshead 1, Janet E. Dicks 2, M. Angela Carter 3, C. G. Calcutt 4, Mrs. A. E. Lock 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, M. S. Cloke 7, J. R. Gerring 8. First quarter in the method by 1 and 2.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Downing 1, A. A. Price (first in method) 2, R. W. R. Percy 3, G. Beeney 4, W. Rogers 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary P. Longhurst 1, F. Verney 2, M. J. Martin 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. R. Cooper 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, J. H. Verney 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, R. Crago 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. March 4, J. Nicholls 5, D. Lee 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss H. M. Snowden 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, Miss R. Seabrook 3, S. Twitchett 4, F. Bensley 5, J. R. Leeming 6, A. R. Syder 7, T. Earle (first in method as cond.) 8.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mitchell 1, H. Baker 2, G. E. Taylor 3, G. W. Grant 4, F. W. Tomlin (first as cond.) 5, Miss F. M. Tomlin 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Parnell 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, P. G. W. Newstead 3, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 4, A. Fulcher 5, A. W. Bird 6, R. C. Garwood 7, A. J. Crowe 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. White (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, P. Walker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,272 Minor (240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 144 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): D. Hatfield 1, E. D. Tune 2, G. W. Burt 3, H. S. Morley 4, F. Terry 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen M. Ricketts 1, W. W. Webb 2, F. Blondell 3, B. A. Rose 4, W. A. Lewis 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 7th, on the back six, 720 Cambridge and 552 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Hare 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 2nd, 1,372 Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Whitehead 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Wootton 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, A. Nix 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. W. Massey 5, G. Peters 6, W. Newberry 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, T. Chinery 3, E. Ambrose 4, F. Boreham 5, S. Smith 6, F. A. Poulson 7, A. J. Haynes 8.

LUTTERTON, LINCS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Bishop 1, Miss R. Brown 2, A. Young 3, D. White 4, E. Fisher 5, H. E. Flatters 6, R. Brown 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Norgrove 1, B. Giddings 2, R. Squires 3, J. Hope 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, C. Goodwin 6. First quarter by the Lady Hawkins' Grammar School Society.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Watkins 1, Miss M. Hart 2, E. Baughan 3, C. Smith 4, L. Fogg (cond.) 5, D. Drayton 6.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Gibson 1, Joan Brandon 2, R. Scott (cond.) 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand 5.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Cocking 1, Miss S. Brown 2, F. D. Livesey 3, D. E. Lodge 4, S. A. Jaine 5, W. Hansom 6, D. B. Carter 7, H. R. Clegg 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker), who is leaving for Newlands-with-Redbrook.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 2nd, a date touch, 1,953 Grandsire Doubles: G. Peare 1, E. Peare 2, H. Falkner (longest touch) 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day 5, N. Peare 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Ridgwell 1, R. Coles 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, F. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. F. Penfold 1, T. A. Wickens 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, Miss J. R. Wells 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, E. A. Dixon 6.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lewis (first quarter) 1, F. Hooper 2, F. A. Barley 3, A. Muddell 4, W. Midwinter 5, S. Barley 6.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Lewis (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. E. Darmon 2, S. E. Darmon (cond.) 3, G. Morris 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough, jun., 1, Miss M. Hall (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. S. Hough 3, I. Jenkins 4, R. Boardman 5, E. Houldsworth (cond.) 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Parkin 1, R. Taylor 2, D. Surman 3, Miss J. M. Bray 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, B. Lewis 6, F. Pendry 7, A. Elliot 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Cook 1, H. C. Fordham 2, R. Francis 3, C. V. Orves 4, A. E. Cook 5, J. R. Bailey (cond.) 6.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): J. F. Penfold 1, F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, T. A. Wickens 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, B. Spiers 2, T. Bennett (first as cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, K. Spiers 5, P. Bennett 6.

ST. MELLONS, CARDIFF.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Hulbert (first quarter) 1, G. Chouls 2, W. Williams 3, G. Monk 4, L. Hulbert 5, R. Addis (cond.) 6.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. Davis 3, C. C. Turner 4, J. Arbury 5, J. L. S. Glanvill 6, E. W. Rowe (cond.) 7, J. Briggs (first of Triples) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Butler 1, A. Rivers 2, W. Wolstencroft 3, W. Judd 4, W. Birmingham 5, E. Hudson 6, J. C. Birt (cond.) 7, J. M. Ellwood 8.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, R. Brooker 2, Mrs. E. Wakeling 3, E. Wakeling 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob Doubles and Minor: A. Cooke 1, Doris Thompson 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. A. Smith 5, K. Frith 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two 120's each of Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and four and a half 120's of Grandsire): Mrs. D. J. Porter 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers (first in four methods) 2, Miss M. J. Lawrence 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, C. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, F. W. Hancock 3, S. G. Ivens 4, P. J. Isom 5, J. E. Barnes (first quarter) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Moores (first quarter) 1, J. Wheadon 2, Dorothy Kidd (cond.) 3, M. Jillian Brierley 4, A. Rhodes 5, S. Sage 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich: E. S. T. Farr 1, A. Pink (cond.) 2, F. Scott 3, J. Birt 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, W. Butler 7, B. Taylor 8. Also June 2nd, at the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, K. Buckingham 2, W. Birmingham 3, A. J. Glass 4, A. Pink 5, B. Taylor 6, W. Butler 7, J. Painter 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Whalley 1, W. Fitchford 2, G. Whalley (first in method) 3, D. Whalley 4, W. Massey 5, E. Kettle 6, E. Edge 7, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 8.

WROCKWARDINE, SALOP.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Williams (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Dias 2, C. Davies (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Savage (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. Savage 5, B. Jones (first quarter) 6.

DEDICATION

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX

On June 1st the Lord Bishop of Lewes rededicated the ring of five at St. Nicolas', Itchingfield.

The bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on ball bearings as part of the Coronation effort of the parish and on this fine June evening the 12th century church was filled to capacity.

During the hymn 'Ye holy angels bright' the clergy and Bishop processed to the tower preceded by the churchwardens, where the Rector (the Rev. J. Martin) petitioned the Bishop to bless the bells. This he did, using the following words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do now bless the work of the restoration of the bells of this parish church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.'

As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by: W. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, F. L. Weller 3, E. Fossberry 4, D. H. J. Body 5.

After the service the Bishop talked with the ringers, who included the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong, from Brigton) and visitors from Horsham, Thakeham and Slinfold.

The ensuing ringing ranged to Itchingfield Slow Course by the local band, Stedman, St. Simon's and other Doubles methods.

The ringers of St. Nicolas', Itchingfield, would like to take this opportunity of extending to all ringers a hearty welcome to the tower—Friday being the practice night.

OBITUARY

MR. P. W. SMITH

His many friends in the Canterbury area will be sorry to learn of the passing, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Percy W. Smith. He will be remembered by many as a popular District secretary, holding office from 1927 until increasing business ties compelled him to resign in 1936.

Born in the village of Littlebourne, he remained there until a few years ago, when he took over a business in Chatham. At Littlebourne he was Clerk to the Parish Council for several years, was a churchwarden, a member of the choir and did much to keep the ringing going at the church.

He had been in poor health since March, 1951, and entered hospital for an operation early in June. The operation was carried out, but he failed to respond to treatment and passed away on June 17th.

The funeral service was held at Charing, this being followed by cremation. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow and young daughter.

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ODD CHANGES

Some new recruits have come into the ranks of the ringers at Vancouver, British Columbia, and a new start has been made with change-ringing. At the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary on June 8th, two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for service by F. Jones 1, A. C. Limpus 2, G. W. Foster (conductor) 3, G. Pearce 4, F. Taylor 5, A. Thomson 6, H. Doddington 7, S. A. Pope 8.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford on Saturday, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part. Miss Bennett cycled from London—a distance of 30 miles—before the peal. Not a bad performance for a lady.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

PARFREY.—To Betty (née Hannam) and Harold, of 28, Lower Farm Cottage, Corston, near Bath, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, on June 22nd, 1953, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. 2814

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

THRELFALL—EDGAR.—The wedding between Brian D. Threlfall and Frances A. Edgar will take place at St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, on Saturday, July 11th, at 2 p.m. All friends will be welcome at the church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ralph G. Edwards is now 40, Beeches Drive, Erdington, Birmingham 24. Telephone No. Erdington 4311. 2812

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'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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DON'T MISLAY THIS JOURNAL.—The 'Delight' Ringing World home binder. 8s. and 12s., postage 1s. 3d. (add 1s. if year and volume number required).—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2120

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual ringing week, South Devon, August 31st to September 5th. Any member who has not received a notice should write to E. M. Atkins, Rock Cottage, Woodland Avenue, Teignmouth, Devon. 2831

ST. MICHAEL'S - BY - THE - SEA, TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—During the summer, Sunday evening ringing is at 8.15 p.m. for the special late holiday-makers' service at 9 p.m. Also Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m., and Tuesday practice at 7.30 p.m. 2832

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The 1953 Ringing Week, Oxford, August 14th–22nd. Reservations now being confirmed. Interested members are invited to write to the secretary immediately. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2825

SILSOE, BEDS.—There will be no weekly practices during July and August. 2841

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bromley Parish Church, Kent, July 4th. 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2763

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting at Ashwick, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Chivers. 2778

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, July 4th, Claverdon (6). All welcome. Arrangements for tea being made.—R. J. E. 2811

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 4th. 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at 5 p.m. Business 6.15 p.m. Committee 4 30 p.m. All welcome. 2768

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield. 2753

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting, July 4th, South Weald (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to F. J. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood. 2749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), July 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2789

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 4th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent, by July 2nd. 2797

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 4th, St. Chad's (8) and St. Michael's (8), Headingley, Leeds. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2747

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Combined meeting at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, July 4th, at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2788

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury (8), Saturday, July 4th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, Hon. Sec. 2805

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett (8), July 4th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea 5. Please take own food.—C. Glenn and J. H. Cook, Dis. Secs. 2766

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, July 6th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2800

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Special meeting at Meltham, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Earnshaw, 107, Huddersfield Road, Meltham, near Huddersfield, not later than July 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, July 11th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 7th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2785

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Wellington (8), July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2787

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gooding, 2, Rose Cottages, Bathampton. 2773

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Kelso Surprise. — L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2808

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick, July 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th, to the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 2816

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting at Bidston, Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by July 8th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2839

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth, by July 9th. Deposits (of 13s. 6d.) for the annual outing are payable at this meeting. 2834

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Combined practice at Witley, Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 2796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting. July 11th, Welwyn, 3–4.30 only. Tea 5 p.m. Tewin from 6.30.—W. Southam, E. Buck, Dis. Secs. 2838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 8th to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans, Herts.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2821

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Leeds (10), Saturday, July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2824

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, July 11th. No tea arrangements. Cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 2804

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, July 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 8th, to Mrs. Willamett, St. Barnabas' Vicarage, Shore, Littleborough. — F. Pritchard. 2765

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch. — Practice meeting at Hawkshead (6) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Field Head, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, July 11th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at cafe 5 o'clock. Please notify by July 7th Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 2840

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Markfield (6), Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th, to J. Wardle, Main Street, Markfield.—J. Smith. 2819

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Prestwold (8), July 11th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea, bring own food. Bus leaves Loughborough Rushes 2.45.—C. W. Hall. 2813

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Saturday, July 11th, meeting at Billesdon. Names for tea to Mr. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, by the 8th, please.—B. Stedman Payne. 2810

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, July 11th. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Lowe, 12, The Highfield, Croxton, near Eccleshall, Stafford.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2806

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, July 11th, Bradfield (6) and Englefield (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Butler, Melba, Bradfield, by Tuesday, July 7th.—N. E. Swann. 2835

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Rothwell, July 11th. Bells (8, 21 cwt., recently rehung) at 2.30.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 2817

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warmington, July 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, Hon. Sec. 2697

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, July 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 6th. Rampisham tower after 6.30 p.m. — J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2792

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Shifnal, July 11th. Rehung eight. Tea, you **must** advise W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, by July 9th. 2795

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting. King's Norton (10), July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 6th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2798

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, July 11th. Buses from Bawtry and Retford. Be sure of tea. Send card to Mrs. D. Bunney, Sun Inn, Everton, near Doncaster, by 7th. — H. Denman. 2830

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Giles', Ashtead. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify Mr. J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, for tea by July 9th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division—Practice meeting at Milland (afternoon) and S. Harting (evening) on July 11th. Tea **only** for those who notify by the 7th W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex. 2828

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Stratton, Saturday, July 11th, beginning 2 p.m. Service, Stratton Church, 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Towers: Stratton (8), Marhamchurch (6), Week St. Mary (6), Poundstock (6), Jacobstowe (6), Launcells (6), Bridgerule (8), Whitstone (6), Poughill (6), Kilkhampton (8), Morwenstowe (6), Welcombe (6). Replies by Monday, July 6th. — H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 2777

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover and Winchester Districts. — Combined meeting, Longparish and Barton Stacey, July 11th. Bells available, Longparish 2, Barton Stacey 6.30. Service at Longparish 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2786

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements. Notify J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, for tea. 2827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Sandon (6) will be available 7–9 p.m. 2836

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest, Heptonstall, July 18th. Entrance fee 10s. per company to: A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. For teas please notify, by July 4th, F. Greenwood, Springfield Terrace, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.—A. Farrand, Sec., 2735

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Minster, Sheppey, Saturday, July 18th. Tea by invitation of local ringers. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 14th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2842

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Glam. July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by July 14th to Mrs. T. M. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 2822

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Co-operative Hall. Names to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, by July 15th, please.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2826

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 18th. Service 11 a.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorchester). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Application for tickets (5s. 6d.), **accompanied by remittance**, to the General Secretary not later than July 13th. Mr. F. Sharpe is arranging the choir as usual, and ringing will be given at lunch time. Important business. Make effort to attend.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2807

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, on Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea by Saturday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 2818

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 18th. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2815

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Knoyle, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Also Hindon (6) open 2.15–3.30 and in evening. Names for tea, please, by July 14th to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2820

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton (6), July 18th, 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; take own.—P. N. White. 2829

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern and North-Western Districts) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined meeting at Betchworth, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Buckland (6) also available after tea. Notifications, by July 14th, to C. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Betchworth.—C. Champion, R. Lathbury, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2833

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ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, M. Bagg (first "inside") 2, C. Norton 3, K. Prime 4, W. Cavell (cond.) 5, R. Burnell (first quarter) 6.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Appleyard 1, Miss A. Brough 2, P. Wintaker 3, W. Bellerby 4, R. V. M. Manning 5, L. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to W. Bellerby.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arbury (cond.) 1, P. Davis 2, C. J. Turner 3, Betty Smith 4, R. C. Woodley 5, E. W. Bowe 6, E. Marks 7, R. J. Wood 8.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss D. Charley 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams 3, L. J. Malings 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. Rung for service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Margaret Mills (first on 10 bells) 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, P. Coote 3, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 4, T. C. Ryder 5, R. Fisher 6, C. Wright 7, W. L. Robinson 8, A. Firth 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryder on their 31st wedding anniversary. Both have been ringers at this church for over 41 years. Mr. Charles Wright was best man at their wedding.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: L. E. Boam 1, I. M. Holland 2, H. D. Holland 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, R. Hall 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Audrey Smith and Derek Holland.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): P. Horwood 1, D. Broyd 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. Knox 4, A. Broyd 5, J. Sinfield 6.

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A SURVEY OF CORONATION PEALS

MAGNIFICENT seems to be the only word that adequately sums up the tribute of the ringers of the British Commonwealth for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. While our columns have had to limit the record to peals and quarter peals, there were many hundreds of occasions when the bells rang out joyfully. Indeed, it would be accurate to say that in almost every tower where a Sunday service band operates regularly the bells were gladly heard by the people. In connection with this Coronation there was a new feature in our English life by the television service of the B.B.C., which enabled millions of people in their homes to watch the historic ceremony at Westminster Abbey. Indirectly this great innovation affected ringing. Many towns and villages expressed the wish that there should be no ringing during the actual service and ringers accordingly respected these wishes.

According to the records compiled in our office the number of peals rung for the Coronation was 352. This must not be taken as the final figure, or an accurate figure, as there were peals rung at the time of the Coronation for other purposes which were specified as such, but which perhaps in guild or association reports or even in the locality were regarded as rung in honour of the Coronation. These 352 peals came under the following categories: On 12 bells 11, ten bells 32, eight bells 154, five and six bells 155 and handbells (in a village where there were only two bells in the tower) one.

A more detailed analysis of the peals gives the following information:—

On 12 bells: Spliced Surprise Maximus (12 methods) 1, Little Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 6, Grandsire Cinques 3.

On ten bells: Surprise Royal 3, Plain Bob Royal 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 10, Grandsire Caters 13.

On eight bells: Surprise Major 16, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob 17, other Treble Bob Major methods 3, Plain Bob 40, Little Bob 2, Stedman Triples 15, Grandsire Triples 51, Bob Triples 4.

On five or six bells: Minor 88, Doubles 67.

The low ratio of Surprise ringing was not unexpected. A Coronation peal is not, unless the band is very experienced, a time for experiments. It is difficult to explain failures to the lay mind, and with few exceptions they do not worry whether a peal attempt is successful or not providing the bells are rung with a good rhythm. On eight bell ringing the ratio of 16 Surprise to 138 other peals principally in the four standard methods was lower than we expected. Grandsire, or as a West Country ringer called it, 'Ringer's Ruin,' with 50 peals was outstanding. There is this also to be borne in mind about Coronation ringing: the bands are invariably raised in the locality, although there were noted exceptions such as a ringer travelling from Cornwall to ring at St. Paul's, London, and others from Yorkshire and Cheshire to ring at Stratford-on-Avon.

Every peal in its own district rung at such a time is an 'occasion,' but there were certain of the peals which might be regarded as national. There was genuine regret in London ringing circles when it was learnt that the peal attempt at Westminster Abbey immediately after the Coronation was not successful, and great satisfaction when the peal was successfully brought round three days later. Similarly peals at St. Paul's are very rare, and it was at the second attempt that the efforts of the Ancient Society of College Youths were crowned with success. The 'go' of St. Paul's bells is far from satisfactory, and experienced ringers had previously expressed doubts whether such a performance would have been possible. The peal is proof that we have ringers of this generation of the stamina of their sires of old.

Our readers will note with great satisfaction that a peal of Royal was rung on the bells of Edinburgh Cathedral in connection with the Queen's State visit to Scotland, though not by a band of all Scots. The Coronation peal attempt at Glasgow was lost after three hours' 'good ringing.' Windsor also can put up a new peal board to record the Queen's entry after her Coronation into the Royal Borough. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths can record a peal of Cinques at their headquarters, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the good feeling that happily to-day exists between this Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths was shown by the peal of Cinques at Shoreditch by six members of each Society. The record also contains two peals from Ireland, three from Australia and one most precious by the Cape of Good Hope Society. We have yet to hear from our friends in Canada.

While our records are not complete, it is interesting to observe how the peals we have received so far are divided. The Essex Association and the Lancashire Association have each rung 22, followed by the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 19. Then follow Kent County Association 18, Nor-

wich Diocesan Association 15, Leicester Diocesan Guild and Chester Diocesan Guild 14, Hertford County Association 13, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Worcester and Districts Association and Bath and Wells Diocesan Association 11, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Yorkshire Association 9, Ely Diocesan Association 8, Sussex Association 8.

One of the most gratifying features of Coronation ringing was that 165 ringers rang their first peal. We hope that, encouraged by this initial success, they will try to advance in the art. At the other end of the scale was the peal on Coronation Day by Leicester Cathedral band of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods. This is a new stepping stone on the path of progress, and we feel sure they will receive the congratulations of the Exercise on a really wonderful achievement.



Peals Rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN AND THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	3	REGINALD W. REX	9
LESLIE A. TREMEER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	10
*GEOFFREY N. DODD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	11
*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6	*JACK A. C. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First 12-bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and by all except ringers of 2, 4, 7, 11.

LONDON, E.C.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	7
HORACE BELCHER	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	11
JOHN PHILLIPS	6	JACK A. WAUGH ! CYRIL J. WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5104 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

THOMAS PRICE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	†GEORGE KILMISTER	8
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	†THOMAS BOREHAM	9
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	‡WILFRED HAYWARD	10
EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5	LESLIE BARRY	11
JOHN M. STALLARD	6	*W. FREDERICK SCUDAMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First peal of Cinques 'inside.' First peal of Cinques as conductor.

LONDON, E.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28¾ cwt. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	A. RONALD LING	7
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORN	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	10
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*ANNE COX	*Treble*	†ROLAND MORANT	6
FREDERICK MUNDAY	2	*RONALD KENWARD	7
WILLIAM ROBINSON	3	*REX CORKE	8
*JOHN WELLS	4	ALBERT HARMAN	9
*WILLIAM MOREY	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. EWEN,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	P. LESLIE PEARCE	6
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	2	B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	WILLIAM H. PARKER	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
JOHN M. STALLARD	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. WILSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*COLIN P. WALKER	7
JOHN HILL	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
HARRY POYNER	4	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
*JOHN E. COOK	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal on the bells as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BUTLER	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	7
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	8
*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	4	TONY PRICE	9
ROBERT G. LAY	5	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Treble Ten.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. MALE	*Treble*	*CLARENCE R. STEED	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
FRANK W. PERRINS	3	FRED C. LYNE	8
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	4	*HAROLD HUXLEY	9
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	5	*FRED G. KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRED C. LYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor.

EDINBURGH.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt.

*KATH. M. H. BRANSON	*Treble*	*CHARLES R. RAINE	6
JULIA M. PRESTON	2	JACK N. BROWN	7
*THOMAS C. WINDERAM	3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT	8
THOMAS C. LARKEY	4	JOHN E. SPICE	9
*ERNEST A. STAFFORD	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during their State visit to Scotland.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5216 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part No. 11 in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	*DONALD A. LONG	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES E. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALLEN M. JONES	5
HERBERT G. CHILDS	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	6
JAMES E. FOX	3	*HARRY EDGE	7
*LEO EVANS	4	†RONALD WINWOOD	*Tenor*

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

JAMES FIELDING	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
PETER CROOK, SEN.	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	ALAN PENDLEBURY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN PENDLEBURY.
* 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY HARPER	5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
*GLYN F. JENKINS	3	PETER BORDER	7
*JOHN H. SMART	4	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Grandsire.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
*PATRICIA BOURNE	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*REV. PETER G. L. COLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	5
EDWARD J. BRAGG	2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
DAVID H. B. WILLIAMSON	3	TOM PAGE	7
SHIRLEY J. CORKE	4	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON.
* First peal on tower bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	A. WIGMORE	5
J. G. W. HARWOOD	2	J. KINDRED	6
WM. BIRD	3	A. COLEMAN	7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Treble*	DENNIS COOPER	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	6
LEONARD COE	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
MISS B. MOSS	4	STANLEY SLANEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by STANLEY SLANEY.
First peal as conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	HENRY O. BAKER	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
WILLIAM ALLMAN	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	*HARRY P. FLOYD	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	*CYRIL H. KINCH	7
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

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BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*RICHARD A. HARBOUR	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
ALBERT J. ADAMS	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	7
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	4	*MICHAEL F. LAYTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	HARRY MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
First peal in the method by the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION & NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	*Treble*	*JOHN H. LOTT	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
ALAN F. THIRSK	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS BEAUMONT	5
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	2	HARRY SPRINGATE	6
BERT W. MAY	3	LEONARD MANNERING	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.
Charles E. J. Norris has 'completed the circle' of this tower.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BASIL JONES	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
ALEX RICHARDSON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Treble*	THOMAS E. TAYLOR	5
PETER F. BORER	2	ALBERT E. BEANEY	6
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brook's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	†JACK ROACH	5
*NORMAN H. HEWETT	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	‡ERIC N. HARRISON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN HEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(North-Western District.)
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

MRS. C. C. MAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE CURTIS	5
*MRS. V. LATHBURY	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
MRS. F. CLAYTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	†WALTER ALDERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN F. WOOD	*Treble*	STANLEY ANDERTON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	HERBERT RAINFORD	6
JAMES W. METCALFE	3	PETER CROOK, JUN.	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	4	RICHARD P. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ROBERT ARNOTT	*Treble*	†REGINALD TUCKWELL	5
*WILLIAM ABSOLOM	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
FREDERICK S. SMITH	3	HARRY BADGER	7
JAMES GODMAN	4	SAMUEL ARNOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	5
A. JAMES GLASS	2	BRIAN L. TAYLOR	6
KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	3	RONALD I. SHEPHERD	7
†THOMAS G. HAWKINS	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung for the State entry into Windsor of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II., following her Coronation.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	REGINALD W. WORRALL	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	CECIL RADDON	7
*ETHEL WISE	4	JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE LAND	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	BERT GOGLE	6
WILLIAM LOVE	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	*ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. First peal by all in the Single Triples method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*CHARLES G. WOODGATE	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	2	†DONALD COOMBES	6
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	3	GERALD FROST	7
RODERICK W. CROUCHER	4	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES A. HALES	*Treble*	FRANK WILLS	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

LONDON, W.C.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., June 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, HOLBORN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Five-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
WILLIAM H. COLES	2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	CHARLES F. NEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE	*Treble*	GEORGE BISHOP	5
RICHARD WHITE	2	GEORGE HOLLIFIELD	6
MICHAEL BISHOP	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	BERTRAM L. J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL BISHOP.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JAMES E. BURLES	5
*ALAN CAPSTICK	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HIGHWEEK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
'Barrabool' peal. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	6
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	3	*WILLIAM J. HARVEY	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	JAMES E. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD P. BURTON	*Treble*	*FREDK. J. JACKLIN	5
FREDK. J. PLUMMER	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	6
ARTHUR J. SMITH	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	ARTHUR DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal 'inside.'

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GERALD A. POWELL	*Treble*	†VICTOR A. JARRETT	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	PETER F. BORER	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	4	KENNETH H. J. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal away from the tenor and in the method. † 125th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE BAKER	*Treble*	*CLEMENT BONNETT	4
*HAROLD J. WILDE	2	DAVID CORNFORD	5
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3	*ERNEST CONSTABLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 24 of Grandsire and three 240's. Tenor 9 cwt.

DONALD G. WHEELER	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
BERNARD C. COLLINS	2	HARRY C. JONES	5
ARTHUR J. WHITE	3	JOHN T. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

KIRK ELLA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORINA BOND	*Treble*	F. R. PEARSON	4
VERA G. ALLEN	2	JOHN W. HOBSON	5
G. RICHARD HESSEY	3	TREVOR W. PEAT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RICHARD HESSEY.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

BERT W. MAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
*FRANK E. FAGG	2	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal 'inside.'

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Martin's, New, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PAMELA J. E. LUMBERS	*Treble*	LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3
BERTRAM F. LUMBERS	2	JOHN SHATFORD	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal in seven methods. The ringer of the second has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, York, Netherseale, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE HOLMES	*Treble*	MARY FULLER	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	RALPH BIRD	5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER	3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 16½ cwt.

Ronald Bounds	*Treble*	Wilfred Norgrove	4
Mrs. E. Chandler	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
Leslie Evans	3	Arthur Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 different callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*James Davies	*Treble*	Charles Haylings	4
Bernard Spiers	2	Kenneth Spiers	5
Thomas Bennett	3	Peter Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Haylings.
* First peal (aged 14). By the Sunday service band.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Ernest J. Gower	*Treble*	Chris. M. P. Johnson	4
*Charles Clegg	2	†Patricia M. Bourn	5
*Arthur Tomlinson	3	*Victor J. C. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Victor J. C. Wood.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Evelyn Killington	*Treble*	Stanley W. Copling	4
Charles Bailey	2	Arthur G. Bason	5
F. Charles Goodman	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 8¼ 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of Original, 240 of Plain Bob, and 2,400 of Grandsire, rung in alternate quarters. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

William R. Manser	*Treble*	Alexander Waddington	4
*Katherine Stisted	2	†Mark H. Couchman	5
†Mary Tapley	3	‡Edward J. Clifton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(East Devon Branch.)
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Mary and Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

Brian Pidgeon	*Treble*	Joseph A. Broadhurst	4
*Robin J. Bakke	2	*William Webb	5
Raymond M. Broadhurst	3	Francis H. Parr	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Pidgeon.
* First peal.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. W. M. White	*Treble*	Michael Mason	4
John Mason	2	Peter Mason	5
Charles E. Fennell	3	Albert Fleet	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Fleet.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Wed., June 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Andrew J. H. Scott	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	4
*Terry Owen	2	Thomas Smith	5
Stanley D. Sutton	3	Alexander J. Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal in seven methods.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Arthur Cuthbert	*Treble*	Harry Hall	4
Henry J. Vince	2	Joseph W. H. Preastner	5
George R. Berry	3	Alan S. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph W. H. Preastner.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Mary Downes	*Treble*	G. Kenneth Williamson	4
Ernest Gardner	2	‡Rex J. Corke	5
†Myrtle A. Cass	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

THORNTON CURTIS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon, 16 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. approx.

John Tomlinson	*Treble*	Walter Goddard	4
*Norman Bell	2	Arthur Crowder	5
*Ronald Naylor	3	Martin Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Goddard.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal in this tower for 32 years.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

Ronald W. Treasure	*Treble*	Alan A. Hilliar	4
*Kenneth Cobb	2	Leslie B. Coles	5
Francis C. Mogford	3	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis C. Mogford.
* First peal.

STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Clive H. Legg	*Treble*	A. Leslie Barry	4
D. Mary Drew	2	Charles Rouse	5
†W. Mervyn Malpass	3	*Albert V. Malpass	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Rouse.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Ann Vine	*Treble*	*John F. Penfold	4
Janet R. Wells	2	Frederick W. Lawrence	5
Thomas A. Wickens	3	George E. Ruck	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Ruck.
* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.'

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., June 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GEORGE F. ROOME .. *Treble*	*KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 4
*†JOHN HARROLD 2	*‡ALAN C. COZENS 5
*IVOR J. DICKIN 3	ERIC NOBLES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor in five methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First extent of Oxford Treble Bob.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODSTOCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN RILEY .. .. .. *Treble*	†WILLIAM J. SMITH 4
CLARENCE GARDINER .. 2	ROBERT H. STICKLEY .. 5
ALFRED GARDINER 3	JOHN ERNSTZEN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT H. STICKLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in Southern Hemisphere.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL .. *..*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
*C. ANN WEST 2	JAMES BROOKS 5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. Stilwell has now 'circled the tower.' Rung for the State entry of H.M. the Queen to Windsor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise. Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. *..Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
ERNEST BRITTAIN 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CHARLES E. BLACK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Charles E. Black has now 'circled the tower.'

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising: Two extent of Stedman, 16 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.

D. BARNWELL .. .. *..Treble*	P. H. BARNWELL 4
MISS S. HOWARD 2	J. STUART 5
B. HOLDEN 3	C. OSBORNE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. STUART.

First peal as conductor. First peal for all except conductor.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

PETER W. CROFT .. *..Treble*	ALFRED C. HARRIS 4
*MARION JACKSON 2	LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. 5
*ALAN JACKSON 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal.



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WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Spliced Double and Plain Bob, (6) Spliced Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob, and (7) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, with 51 changes of method.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4
CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	5
*ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in ten methods. First peal in ten methods on the bells.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of: Wells, London, Durham, York, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

S. HAW	*Treble*	R. REED	4
W. YOUNG	2	T. A. BEVIS	5
H. GOAKES	3	G. A. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 3 qr.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	†JOHN E. SPICE	8
BASIL JONES	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	9
JAMES FERNLEY	4	WILFRED F. MORETON	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
*JOHN E. BIBBY	6	*EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* 200th peal together. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells and first peal of Surprise Maximus. The conductor's 400th peal of Surprise. First peal of Maximus on the recast ring.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
*TOM CHAPMAN	3	JOHN WORTH	8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	FREDK. W. ROGERS	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. The 50th peal in the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	6
*HAZEL CLOSE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung on the eve of St. Werbergh's Day as a farewell peal to Bishop N. H. Tubbs, Dean of Chester, who has recently retired.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*†EDWARD MILSTED	*Treble*	*JOHN RUSSELL	6
HENRY T. WILSON	2	*WILFRED PALIN	7
*†ALBERT DADDS	3	*ERIC EADES	8
*NELLIE BRIDGES	4	*THOMAS HOLMES	9
*†HERBERT LUCK	5	*LESLIE EVEREST	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE EVEREST.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to the wife of John Tumber.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*WALTER FERN	*Treble*	JACK BERRY	5
JACK JARVIS	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
FRED SMITH	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
*THOMAS BOWLES	4	ERNEST GARRARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Dorchester, Oxon.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	COLIN HARRISON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ERIC A. DENCH	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	WALTER AVERY	5
DR. W. R. WINTERTON	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
JEFFERY C. BIRT	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
DOROTHY FLETCHER	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.
Arranged and rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*EDWARD WEBSTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM CATHRALL	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
FRED EVANS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Budd.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	J. LEONARD GLYDE	5
JACK W. DREW	2	ARTHUR J. SCOTT	6
*GORDON GAYLARD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
HARRY GAYLARD	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., June 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE GILBERT	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. BURTON	5
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	ROBERT J. EDDEN	6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	4	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by B. H. SWINSON. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	GEORGE E. LARGE	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHOLMONDELEY BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H, RANDLES	6
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
*JOHN W. BEST	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 28 Plain Bob).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 52 A).
Rung to the memory of James Swindley.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

BRO. HERBERT C. BOGGIS	*Treble*	BRO. REGINALD H. DRANE	5
BRO. E. AUSTIN HEAD	2	BRO. LIONEL A. LESTER	6
*BRO. JOHN S. WYBREW	3	BRO. RONALD W. STEWARD	7
BRO. ROBERT E. LESTER	4	BRO. RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by BRO. RUSSELL W. CURSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung by members of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. A compliment to Bro. and Mrs. Robert E. Lester on the 15th anniversary of their wedding.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

There was a pleasant ending to the day's celebrations of the 124th anniversary of Lavenham Ringing Festival on June 20th. The famed Leicester Cathedral band, headed by Mr. Harold J. Poole, who were spending their annual outing in Suffolk, made their appearance. They were accorded a hearty welcome and the freedom of the belfry was extended to them. Many towers were represented at the Festival and methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Mr. J. G. Clay, of Otford, Kent, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang on the old bells of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong. The provision of a new octave shortly to replace the original four damaged by the Japanese is reported in our news columns.

To the list of ringing Mayors must be added the name of Ald. John B. Hidderley, who has twice been Mayor of Macclesfield in the past four years. When he was installed as Mayor for 1953, ringers of Christ Church, his old tower, rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Northfleet, Kent, scored their Coronation peal on June 24th. The Coronation Day attempt for Stedman Triples was lost after 2 hours 14 minutes. Another attempt was planned for the following day but the band met short and when another ringer was found it was too late to start a peal. A quarter was attempted but this came to grief owing to the organist putting out the lights and coming into the ringing chamber to look for the Vicar, who is a ringer, but was not ringing on this occasion.

On June 28th an exchange of vicars, organists, choirs and bellringers took place between the Parish Church of Wednesbury and Claverley, Shropshire. Before each service the ringers rang a quarter peal. Details of this delightful exchange will be published in a later issue.

We are asked to state that Llandelo were placed fourth and not sixth in the St. David's competition.

A correspondent suggests that a good method of encouraging honorary members is to invite them to participate in annual outings of towers. Many towers, we are afraid, neglect this practical method of getting 'well-wishers' of bells and ringing together.

The bells of All Hallows', Twickenham, which will be available for ringing to-morrow week at the Middlesex Association meeting, and the tower, were formerly situated in Lombard Street in the City of London. The tower and a good deal of the church furnishings, including a magnificent organ, were removed to Twickenham before the war. The blending of old and new has been skilfully done and visitors should make a point of seeing the church as well as ringing on the melodious ten.

Regarding the Coronation peal at Totnes (see page 433), Mr. W. Shepherd writes that the first peal was scored on December 28th, 1901. 'I well remember the streets being thronged with people, the cheers which greeted us after the peal, the hastily-prepared banquet presided over by the Mayor, also the old draughty railway carriage for the journey home.' Abraham Rudhall, he adds, cast the original six in 1732 but no peal was ever rung on them. Warners added the present fifth and tenor in 1863 but it was not until 1901 that the first peal was rung. The bells thus went 169 years without a peal.

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CORONATION RINGING

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JOINT CORONATION PEAL IN LONDON

In his speech at the Ancient Society of College Youths' dinner last November Mr. George H. Cross, Master of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths, sugested that the two Societies should ring a joint peal for the Coronation. This took place at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 27th, when six members of each Society rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. The peal itself was not without incident. A rope parted at the fourth course end but this was speedily repaired, a fresh start made and the peal brought round without further trouble. It was regretted that Mr. George Cross was not feeling well enough to stand in the attempt. The peal was rung for the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

After the peal the usual rites were observed at a nearby hostelry. The happy relationship between the Societies was further exemplified the following Sunday when several members of the band stood in a further quarter peal.

SCOTLAND'S WELCOME

Her Majesty's visit to Scotland was marked by the ringing of the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's Parish Church by the local companies at the time of the state entry into Scotland. On June 27th a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, conducted by Dr. J. E. Spice. It was the first peal of Royal for four of the band.

EARLY RINGING ON CORONATION DAY

Probably the earliest ringing on Coronation Day was at Dursley, in Gloucestershire, where a start was made at 5.25 a.m. and continued until a special service at 8 a.m. Ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and call changes. All the ringers were under 21.

The whole company, numbering 21, assembled again at 11.30 a.m., with one visitor, and ringing continued throughout the day. A good supply of refreshments was provided out of the funds.

Were these the first bells to be rung on Coronation Day?—Ed.

AT KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET

After having established a record in 1911 by ringing up at 3.28 a.m. for King George V.'s Coronation, the ringers took it easy this time and heralded Coronation Day with ringing and firing at 7.15. The bells were rung again during the Queen's return in state from the Abbey and in the evening before a thanksgiving service in a field, when the instrumental music was provided by one violin, eight handbells and three tambourines. The bells were heard once more at 10 p.m. as a bonfire blazed up on a lofty hill.

ALL IN THE SAME TOWER

Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire rang his first peal for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee on June 22nd, 1897, and has rung at the Coronations of Edward VII., George V. and George VI., and rang a peal for the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II.. He lost a peal for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. after ringing just over one hour and a half. All these peals were rung at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Manchester.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, has rung for every Royal occasion, both joyful and sad, since Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, when he rang his first quarter peal at the age of 12. At the express wish of the then Rector it was rung immediately after midnight.

HONG KONG AND THE CORONATION

To commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, through the Chief Manager, Mr. M. W. Turner, Hong Kong, have presented to St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, a ring of eight bells (tenor 27 cwt.). This will replace the old original ring of four bells which was damaged and put out of action when the Japanese made a direct hit on the tower in the assault on Hong Kong in the beginning of the last war. Owing to climatic conditions tower ringing is out of the question, so this chime will be operated from a hand clavier, and, in addition, a motor-driven chiming machine is being added.

The ring is being cast and shipped by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, who, in 1906, installed in the tower of the Bank's offices in Peking, North China, a clock and ring of five bells (tenor 4 cwt.). This chime still rings merrily every quarter of an hour in the old Legation quarter there.

The Bourdon will be cast about July 17th, when a Coronation 5s. piece and a silver Hong Kong dollar will be dropped into the molten metal, and it is expected that the bells will be shipped to Hong Kong by S.S. 'Corfu' on September 16th.

CORONATION RINGING AT YORK MINSTER

The York Minster Society, in its centenary year, played a full part in the Coronation celebrations. After the Abbey ceremony the Minster bells were rung for 40 minutes before Evensong, after which the Society's chaplain, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, conducted a brief belfry service.

Having regard to the special nature, of the occasion the Dean and Chapter had readily given permission for a peal attempt on the middle eight and a start was made for Bob Major. Shortly before the half-way mark, however, it became apparent there was some doubt as to the peal being brought to a successful conclusion so it was decided to bring the bells round at the half-peal end. The majority of the band are not experienced peal ringers, but on this occasion did very well.

The Society was honoured by being invited by the B.B.C. to ring a short touch for inclusion in the programme 'World Round-up of Coronation Celebrations' on Coronation night. Grandsire Caters were rung from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. and the bells were on the air for a few minutes about 9.30. The concluding rounds, having been recorded, were included in a North Region programme the following evening. The Coronation Night ringing was also included in an overseas broadcast on the following day.

A telegram of loyal greetings was sent to Her Majesty The Queen and this was suitably acknowledged.

NORTHAMPTON

The bells of the churches of All Saints, Holy Sepulchre, St. Edmund, St. Giles, St. John-the-Baptist, Kingsthorpe, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, and St. Peter heralded Coronation Day at 7 a.m.. For 16 minutes the bells of these churches were rung at the same time and it is believed the first time to be recorded.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Special Coronation Year Report to be Published

THE annual meeting of the Society of Change ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on June 20th. The attendance of 75 was not as large as on previous occasions. Well-known visitors attending were Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers and a former secretary of the 'Staffords,' and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar, Prebendary H. S. Cresswell, who also gave the address. Prebendary E. V. Cox read the lesson.

After tea, in St. Mary's Schools, the business meeting took place, the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) occupying the chair. In his remarks the chairman stressed the importance of obtaining new recruits. The Archdeacon also thanked the officers of the Society for their services during the past year.

Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed an increase in the balance in hand of £5 17s. 11d. This was very satisfactory after the losses in recent years.

The committee's report, given by Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, gave pride of place to the Coronation and the seven peals rung by members of the Society in celebration of this important national occasion.

It had again been a good year for peal ringing and the previous year's record total for the Society of 81 had been exceeded by four, making the total for the current year 85.

Mr. Bennett referred to the increase in the Society's balance occasioned chiefly through the saving in printing costs in omitting the peals from the annual report. There had naturally been criticism of the committee's decision to omit the peals, but the improvement in the Society's finances justified the action taken.

The attendances at meetings during the year had again been very satisfactory.

The officers of the Society were all re-elected as follows:—Ringing Master, Mr. Maurice Turner; hon. treasurer, Mr. Frank Brotherton; clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; lay secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett; hon auditor Mr. Eric E. Speake. A new appointment was Mr. Eric E. Speake as peal secretary.

Mr. C. Wallater was re-elected as one of the Central Council representatives and Mr. B. G. Key was appointed as the second representative to take the place of Mr. Herbert Knight, who asked in a letter to be released.

Meetings for the next twelve months were provisionally arranged as follows:—August, Codsall; October, Wombourn; January, Stafford; March, Cannock; May, Yoxall; June (annual), Lichfield.

It was again decided to hold a dinner in the late autumn.

A further discussion then took place on the omission of peals from the annual report. It was finally recommended by Mr. B. G. Key that a special Coronation Year report including peals be published, such report to be sold to members at 2s. per copy.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for taking the chair, and Prebendary Cresswell for conducting the service and allowing the use of the schools ended the meeting. F. B.

20 pp. AGAIN THIS WEEK

The Editorial Committee confidently present to its readers another 20 page Coronation issue this week. The three large issues have absorbed the gifts of our readers during this period, but we are conscious that the goodwill of the Exercise is behind the journal, and we shall not be let down.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

Threat of Demolition

Dear Sir,—No doubt this news will shock many throughout this land. The Leicester Diocesan Reorganisation Committee have drawn up a proposal to close, demolish and sell the site and fittings of St. John-the-Divine Church, Leicester, which, as many ringers are well aware, possesses one of the finest rings of ten bells in the country.

Their reason for this, so they say, is to provide funds for churches on the new housing estates on the outskirts of the city.

The procedure of this step is this: The Church Council have been informed that if and when the proposal passes the Bishop (who, by the way, is to resign in September), it will then pass to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who will forward to the Church Council a form on which to register its protest (if any) and, believe me, we do mean to protest. After the formal protest has been received, then the Commissioner will give judgment accordingly by either accepting or rejecting the plan.

This beautiful church, which has been embellished throughout the years by valuable gifts from generous donors, was consecrated in 1854. The living was then only £73 a year, which had to be made up by setting aside 400 of the 950 seats for pew rents varying from 8s. to 20s. per sitting annually.

Some years ago the congregation of those days subscribed a huge sum of money amounting to several thousands of pounds which, when invested, augmented the stipend, thereby making all seats free by abolishing pew rents. Many of those who subscribed to this scheme are still with us to-day and actually attend the church.

To take away these endowments whilst the church is still in a healthy condition would cast a shadow of dishonour on the memory of those whose efforts made it possible, and grievously hurt those still with us to-day.

We have good congregations and are financially strong, apart from the balance on the cost of demolishing the spire two years ago (£800). We have already raised £300 off the loan of £1,000, the whole cost being £1,320. We have a strong following of youth, which can be proved by the various youth organisations here. Its team of ringers is the youngest in the city, the majority being under 18 years of age.

The back eight bells were given as a memorial to Queen Victoria by the late Samuel T. and Sarah Bunning in 1902, being augmented to ten in memory of these donors in 1928 by gift of the late William Willson, for many years Master and steeplekeeper of St. John's. If the proposal goes through it provides that £100 per year be added to the stipend of the neighbouring Church of Holy Trinity, and £50 per year to the Cathedral Benefice, the rest to go to the Diocesan Stipends Fund.

We have already consulted an eminent architect, who informs us that the demolition of this lovely church would cost £10,000. It is here, sir, that I want to appeal to all ringers for their help by sending to me their protests, particularly those who have had the pleasure of ringing here.

The local Press have dealt very fairly with us. We are having grand support through their efforts (the evening congregation last Sunday was in the region of 250). The time has now come when we must make an all-out stand to fight what, in our opinion, is an act of sacrilege and desecration.

These protests, when received, will (if the circumstances are such that a formal protest is necessary) be sent to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in support of our cause.

Protests and correspondence may be sent to my address: S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester: or Mrs. J. F. Walley, 1, Upper King Street, Leicester (Churchwarden).

May I add that we have been without a regular Vicar for six years now, and still going strong.—Yours sincerely,

S. HARRISON.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Visit to the Forest of Dean

The clock in the tower of Sketty Church was striking 7.30 a.m. on June 20th when this year's outing was 'off' to the Forest of Dean. With Mr. and Mrs. 'T. M. R.' aboard, South Wales was well represented by four Central Council members.

The 'Coffee Pot' was the first stop and between tea and biscuits the ringing of handbells could be heard coming from the inner room. The sun had not shone on the party as yet but now there were signs of it breaking through.

St. Mary's Church, Usk, was the first tower visited with a lovely ring of eight (tenor 14¼ cwt.). We were met by Mr. Luff and the party made the bells speak for nearly an hour. Then on to Monmouth for lunch.

After leaving Monmouth we were well and truly in the Forest of Dean, and the spire of St. John-the-Baptist's was soon seen, at which church a nice eight was made ready by Mr. Beard.

Next came St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Briavels, another eight (tenor 11 cwt.). Mr. Reynolds met the party and before going into the tower the beautiful view of the Wye Valley held the visitors' attention. The bells were soon kept going to rounds and various methods—until someone started to dodge with the movable oil lamp in the centre of the tower.

The last tower was St. Mary's, Chepstow, a ring of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.). After a good tea Miss Jacqueline Evans met the party at the church and soon had the bells going to various methods, and finished off with a course of Cambridge Major.

During a short stop at a wayside cafe Mr. 'W. M.' was thanked for arranging such an excellent lunch and tea. The day was all too soon nearing its end and with 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' 'Goodnight, Sweetheart' and 'Auld Lang Syne' sung by the youngsters, the coach rolled into Sketty at 11.30 p.m. J. A. H.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Pleasant Village Meeting

After a period of five years the Guild again visited Lullington, on June 20th, and the members who ventured to this picturesque Derbyshire village received a warm welcome.

This unspoilt village is situated on the extreme border of the county and a meeting at such an isolated tower is always a doubtful venture, with transport being the most difficult proposition.

Special efforts, however, were made, and the result was most gratifying as touches in a number of methods were brought round during the visit.

During the afternoon a short service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. J. Veness), with Mr. W. G. Soar at the organ.

Following tea in the Colville Arms Mr. W. H. Curson (chairman) opened the business meeting and on behalf of the Vicar welcomed the members to Lullington. Two new members, one from Ashby and the other from Swepstone, were elected members. The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) gave a report of the Central Council meeting recently held at Bournemouth and the meeting expressed thanks for the brief but interesting account. The next meeting will be held jointly with the Derbyshire Association at Melbourne on July 25th.

Thanks were expressed by the secretary to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service at short notice, to the organist, and lastly to the chairman of the Guild (Mr. W. H. Curson) for having the bells in readiness and arranging tea.

HERTS RINGERS AWHEEL IN THE CHILTERNS

A cycle tour was held on June 3rd around a few of the villages in the Chilterns. Nine hardy ones were lined up at nine o'clock at Baldock, only two having failed to put in an appearance, but one could not blame them with such a strong wind and driving rain.

The first stop was made at Wallington. Here some of the youngsters came in contact with a single rope at the tail end and sallies round their knees: they did not think much of it.

Our next halt was at Rushden, a pretty village with thatched cottages. Then on to Sandon, where we were joined by D. P. Jones. Here the youngsters found the length of rope a little difficult. Lunch was provided by Mrs. Ambrose at the Six Bells (only five in the tower). Afterwards we met the Rector (the Rev. David Bickerton), who is in charge of all three parishes and showed great concern at Rushden bells sounding so out of tune: maybe we shall see six there one day.

Next we visited Kelshall (5) and Therfield (6), both with bells hung dead. D. P. Jones showed us how Stedman Doubles should be tapped: probably the first on the bells. We then made the five-mile trip to Ashwell (6), with a grand old tower and commanding view. The bells are heavy going but they make up for this in tone: the tenor is reputed to be 19 cwt. The only touch of Cambridge was rung here and Mr. D. P. Jones bade us farewell, as he was due at Hitchin for a peal attempt in the evening.

After a well-earned tea at the Three Tuns we pushed on to Hinxworth (6). Here the ropes were lower still and one ringer found it more comfortable sitting on a form to ring than standing up. The last call was at Stotfold (6), just over the border. What a pity these bells are not rung more often as one could not wish for bells to go and sound better.

After some light refreshment we made our way home with the hope we had done some good and that our young people had learned something. Towers represented were Baldock, Hitchin, Norton and Stotfold. E. G. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The five-bell tower of Piddington and the eight at Ambrosden were selected for the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch on June 27th.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse), and the lesson read by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the Rev. J. Elkerton preached an excellent sermon. Mrs. Bayliss was organist.

Tea was served at the Seven Stars and the Branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) took the chair at the business meeting. Miss B. Johnson, of Charlton-on-Otmoor, was elected a member, and the next meeting fixed for October 17th, at Launton.

Votes of thanks were passed to those who assisted at the service, the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch), Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Jones.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE AT GRENDON

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World is the report of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor with a footnote claiming it as the first peal of Surprise on the bells of Grendon.

On Saturday, October 6th, 1923, six members of the Warwickshire Guild rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 2 hours 58 minutes. The peal was conducted by Mr. Wilfred Hooton and I had the privilege of ringing the tenor.—Sincerely yours,

A. ROBERTS.

Stoke, Coventry.

MINOR FIVES

Dear Sir,—There are several fives like those referred to by Mr. Sharpe tuned to the minor scale in Northamptonshire. Besides ours at Weston Favell, there are minor fives at Ashton, Everdon and Nassington (Northants), North Kilworth (Leics) and, I believe, at Roxton and Everton (Beds). Besides Lillingstone Lovell (Bucks), where the bells have just been made a minor five by the addition of a treble, Wappenham (Northants) has a first five of eight. The five at Everdon are possibly the heaviest of their kind—tenor approximately 18 cwt.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

AN EXPLANATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to explain the reason for the notice which appeared in 'The Ringing World in the issue of May 29th (No. 2654) to all it may concern.

It was to correct the wording of the notice in 'The Ringing World' issue of May 22nd (No. 2637), which did not follow correct procedure insomuch:—

(a). A body—namely, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild—was invited to attend (not procedure for private meeting notice).

(b). That no name of authorisation—i.e., tower captain or secretary—appeared.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

DELIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Poyner's letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 12th, in which he states that Delight methods are of such simplicity that they do not warrant a conductor's attention, I should like to point out Chelsea Delight as a method that will disagree with this theory.

In my opinion this Minor method is even more difficult to ring than London Surprise, which is generally considered as the most difficult of the standard Surprise methods and also possesses the same callings as these.

The figures are as follows:—

123456	624513
213546	265431
125364	256413
215346	526143
251436	251634
524163	256143
521436	521634
254163	512364
524613	152346
542631	513264
456213	153624
465231	156342
642531	

Yours faithfully,

G. K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Farr 1, F. Marchant 2, R. Bath (first as cond.) 3, H. Everett (first quarter) 4, H. Noakes 5, E. Hunt 6.

THE TOWER CAPTAIN

A Cornish Viewpoint

Dear Sir,—Some time ago you published a leading article on the necessary attainments of the tower captain. In my opinion you are wrong, wrong, out of the hunt and wrong.

The first necessary attribute needed by this august personage is, surely, that of attracting learners to his tower. Then, having attracted them, partly by his personality and approachability, he must see that they receive instruction from his ringers, which brings the second necessary attribute, namely, that of engendering team spirit.

Now, having got his learners to handle a bell in rounds, he needs tact and the persuasive powers of the devil to get his ringers to leave their Superlative and Surprise so that these learners can be taught to ring Grandsire and Stedman. He must at the same time hold the balance between the peal ringing crank who uses practice periods in the tower to further his own ends, and the regular, reliable service ringer who is actually the foundation of the band.

Next, he must encourage the young conductor by allowing him opportunity to make mistakes constantly and to sort them out by himself.

Also, he must keep at bay the petty jealousies which are liable to infect any tower: he must see that the atmosphere of the tower is kept cool, calm and philosophical—proof against all acrimonious or self-satisfied post mortems.

He must be ready to see that visitors have the first choice of the ropes, and how better can he do this than by the personal example of standing back for them, thus encouraging his own ringers into similar courtesy.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Will quarterly and half-yearly postal subscribers note that their subscriptions are overdue? These should be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates, six months 11*s.* 8*d.; three months* 6*s.*

He must work in close, almost brotherly, co-operation with the ecclesiastical authorities and must disregard all external bodies, because the incumbent is in sole charge of the bells.

He should combine his captainship with the post of steeplekeeper so that he knows his bells as he would know his wife, and their fittings and necessary parts equally as intimately. His ringers he must know as himself.

Finally, it is not necessary that he be an expert in any branch of ringing provided he has the type of personality that can stand as itself and not as what it does. He need not be rich and educated, for I call to mind William H. Sleeman, some time captain of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Truro, who was a simple, unlettered workman always teaching youngsters, or the present captain at Wendron, who, before the war, was the dullest of the band then learning to ring: on his return from the Army he found that he was the only one who was left of the original band but, undaunted, he set to to teach another band.

These men, and others like them, may not scintillate in the ringing firmament, but they are among the salt of ringers and their example of tenacity—in the creed of tower first, ringers second, captain last— leaves little to be desired: and if all ringers adopt the creed of tower first, brother ringers second and self last the ringing fraternity will be a better company of men than heretofore.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Bodmin, Cornwall.

POSTPONEMENT OF SAFFRON WALDEN GREAT RINGING DAY

Following the sudden death of Councillor Phillip Lewis Allen, Mayor and churchwarden, on Tuesday, June 23rd, the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Sinker, M.A.), decided to postpone the ringing festival

By the death of Phillip Allen the borough has lost a much-loved Mayor and councillor. The Parish Church has lost a churchwarden who had served in that office for over 25 years.

It is ironical that his first memory of the day he came to Saffron Walden, just 49 years ago, was of the church bells. When he was made Mayor, 12 months ago, he said, 'The church bells were ringing a merry peal and I really thought I had come to Fairyland. The church bells did not say "Turn again," as Bow Bells did to Dick Whittington: there was really no need because I had no thought of turning back. I realised at once that I was amongst friends, and so it has turned out to be.'

Many people gathered to pay their last respects at the funeral at Saturday afternoon and as the cortege drew slowly away from the church the back eight of the grand old ring added their homage in half-muffled tones, expressing the grief that the citizens and ringers felt in their hearts.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

On June 13th a most enjoyable meeting was held at Wadhurst. The Vicar (the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp) met the ringers as they arrived, the first one being William Stote, of Coventry, and, later, Mr. Stedman, from Wyke Regis. Mr. E. J. Ladd saw that everyone had a ring and methods ranged from Doubles to London Minor.

After tea the business meeting was held in the tower. Three new members were elected, viz., Stanley Jenner, of Edenbridge, and Mervyn Potter and Colin Hyder, of Ticehurst. Balcombe was chosen for the August meeting and then Mr. Bassett gave an account of the proceedings at Bournemouth.

With the meeting over, the Vicar conducted a short service, with Mr. S. G. Ponting at the organ. As the ringers went back to the tower they heard the lovely music of Wadhurst's fine set of handbells being guided through a course of Grandsire Triples. Ringing until 8.30 rounded off a very good meeting.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Great Hormead

An iced cake in the shape of a bell was a feature at the tea table when the Northern District met at Great Hormead on June 27th. The tea, which was free, had been provided by the local ringers and their wives. Gratitude was expressed by a collection among those present towards the cost of repairing the local band's handbells: this amounted to £2 14s. Forty members and their families did justice to a fine spread.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Hancock) was elected to the chair for the business meeting. Two new members were elected, viz., Miss P. Dodds (St. Ippolyts) and R. Castledene (Baldock). A joint meeting will be held with the St. Albans District at Welwyn and Tewin on Saturday, July 11th, and a District meeting at Aston on August 15th, with the special method of Sandal Treble Bob.

The Vicar, who conducted the service, and the local band were thanked. In reply, the Vicar hoped the District would soon visit the tower again. In the evening Anstey bells were also available and many enjoyed their first ring at this central tower, where the ropes hang in the chancel.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 11th, 1913

London.—On April 13th, for a special Oddfellows' service, at St. James', Bermondsey, 1,131 Stedman Caters in 45 minutes: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. J. Kemp 4, R. N. Runham 5, R. W. Green 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, A. D. Barker 8, F. J. Hardy 9, C. S. Burden 10.

[The existence of a ring of ten in Bermondsey is probably unknown to many ringers. The bells have been unringable for many years, and the above must have been one of the last performances of consequence upon them, although Mr. C. H. Kippin and his band from the Croydon area did accomplish a peal of Grandsire Caters ten years later.]

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District at Bridport

On June 13th the Western District of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting at Bridport. A coachload of ladies and their escorts journeyed there from the Bath–Bristol district and having started off well by getting lost in Keynsham, eventually arrived at Bridport, after enjoying a ring at West Coker and Axminster and partaking of lunch at Lyme Regis.

An enjoyable service was conducted by the Rector of Bridport (Canon G. C. Clare) after which the ladies held a short business meeting, in the course of which it was decided to hold the June meeting next year at Twerton, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

After the meeting the ladies rejoined the gentlemen at the tower for further ringing and on the way home a stop was made at Martock where the day's ringing was brought to an end.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

The traditional good weather for the Pilgrimage excelled itself this year with a most glorious day, so hot and sunny that it was found impracticable to ring handbells on the site of the tower in which before 1539 hung the bells of the Abbey. However, a suitable shady spot was found only a few feet away, and at 10.25 a.m. the bells were rung to a few rounds and then fired 25 times to commemorate the 25th Pilgrimage to the Abbey by the West of England Pilgrimage Association.

The bells were suitably amplified so that the vast congregation who were assembling could hear them as they made their way up the nave to the chancel, where the Solemn Eucharist was to be celebrated. The St. Ambrose ringers Guild had been invited to provide the ringing for this service and were happy to ring a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major as a fitting prelude to the offering of the Holy Sacrifice, which was attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, wearing cope and mitre, who gave the Blessing at the end of the service.

After the service followed spliced handbell ringing — Plain Bob, Little Bob, Crayford Little Bob and Wellington Little Bob being the methods rung. It was estimated that over 4,000 pilgrims attended the service, and a great crowd watched the ringers in action at the end of the service, many taking photos of a rather difficult subject. The St. Ambrose ringers feel privileged to have been chosen to perform the first change ringing in the Abbey and it is recalled that two of the band rang in the first handbell peal to be scored in Bath Abbey on June 13th, 1952.

The quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Major was rung by Eric Sutton 1-2, Frederick J. Sampson 3-4, Reginald G. Hooper 5-6, John F. Pedler (conductor) 7-8.

F. J. S.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. E. J. AVERY

The monthly practice meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Churchill on June 27th. The meeting was well attended by members of the Axbridge and neighbouring branches of the Association.

At seven o'clock the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Pagett) conducted a short service which included the hymn 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow,' the lesson being read by the president of the Axbridge Branch (Prebendary C. S. L. Alford). The Vicar, local ringers and officers then processed to the belfry, where a memorial tablet to the late Mr. E. J. Avery, a ringer in the tower and an officer of the branch for many years, was dedicated.

After the dedication ringing was continued until nine o'clock when the six bells were lowered in peal. The tablet with the lettering in Roman and the name in block capitals reads: 'Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. In memory of Edward John Avery. Died Sept. 12th., 1952. Ringing Master of the Axbridge branch 1937-1941. Hon. Secretary of the branch 1941-1952. A regular ringing member of this tower.'

BAN ON SCIENTIFIC RINGING

During Whitsun week permission was given by the Vicar of South Brent to Mr. A. L. Bennett for a meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to be held in his tower. A fortnight later Mr. Bennett received the following letter from the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Vesey):

'Dear Mr. Bennett,—Since seeing you last week I have heard from the Lord Chief Bellringer of the parish that there would be scientific ringers at the proposed meeting on June 27th. I am very sorry to appear unfriendly, but I am afraid we have a rule here against scientific ringers in this tower as it is felt that an extra strain is placed on the ropes.

'I very much regret having to go back on my invitation which I gave to you last week, but I feel it is only right I stand by the rule which we have in this Church.'

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting and annual shield contest was held at Royston on June 13th. The draw took place at 3 p.m. The result of the draw and the ringing was:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Friezland	89	0	89
Sandal	174	0	174
Silkstone	71	0	71
Shelley	79	0	79
Cawthorne	68	10	78

Silkstone were the winners and hold the shield for twelve months and each ringer of the band received a glass goblet, which was also a Coronation souvenir. Mr. H. Chant (Felkirk) and Mr. T. Hilton, jun. (Darfield) were the judges.

At the short business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Leavey) presided and also presented the shield and prizes to the winners. He assured all of a very hearty welcome and he said it was the first time he had ever had the opportunity of meeting a society of ringers, but he had enjoyed it very much and hoped to meet them again before long. Thanks were accorded the Vicar, the local company for the splendid tea, and to the judges.

FOR BEGINNERS—

And a Word to the Older Hands

XXXV.

A SIMPLE LESSON IN CHANGE RINGING

When you begin change ringing the fewer bells you use at the start, the easier, obviously, will it be to observe and understand what you are doing. For that reason some instructors prefer to start their young ringers on four bells only and others on five.

For the sake of the public it is often best to confine the four-bell practice to handbells, if they are available, for the necessarily slow ringing which changes on four bells involves is not always appreciated. Nevertheless, changes on four bells only are a valuable means of starting a beginner, because unless he is very dense, an explanation with paper and pencil, coupled with the practical demonstration, should quickly enable him to grasp what is required of him and to see something of the principles of change ringing.

In the previous article of this series dealing with progress from call changes to half-pull ringing, we showed how plain hunting was effected: namely, how, with six bells, by changing first all three pairs and then the two middle pairs successively, a 'course' of twelve changes was produced, which brought the bells back to rounds.

On any number of bells this method of procedure will produce twice as many changes as there are bells employed. So that if you reduce your change ringing at the start to practice on four bells, your 'course' will be eight changes. But having thus rung a 'course' until you can definitely see your way up and down—starting from the lead, first over one, then over two and next over three bells until you are 'behind,' and then over three bells, over two bells and over one bell respectively until it is again your turn to lead—you will quickly want to go on to ring the rest of the 24 changes of which four bells are capable.

To do this, each time the treble leads, the bell which led before it, and then immediately strikes over the treble, has another blow in 2nds, making a 'whole pull' over the treble and then leads again. That is called making 2nds place and it causes the other two bells to make a 'dodge'; that is, instead of continuing their course, after passing one another, they step back a place before going on.

If, for instance, at the end of the hunting course no 2nds place is made you will have the bells striking in order in each change as shown in A, but if 2nds place is made you get a new succession of rows as shown in B:—

A	B
3 4 1 2	3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2	3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4	1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4	1 3 4 2
2 1 4 3	3 1 2 4
2 4 1 3	3 2 1 4

In B, the 2nd is said to dodge in 4-3 (sometimes described as 3-4 down) and the 4th in 3-4 (otherwise 3-4 up). The one is **after** a whole pull behind, the other **before** the whole pull behind.

This work does not interfere with the 'plain hunting' of the treble, and it is cyclical for the other three bells. Each makes 2nds, and dodges in 4-3 and 3-4 in turn, but they begin the cycle at different places. It comes in this order after leading:—

	2nd bell	4th bell	3rd bell
First lead	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4	2nds place
Second lead	dodge 3-4	2nds place	dodge 4-3
Third lead	2nds place	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4

Remember when dodging over another bell you must 'hold up' a little, and when dodging under you must cut down just a little. Unless you do, you will break the rhythm. Your ears can tell you whether you are too close or too wide. Use them.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK H. CROOK

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mr. Frederick H. Crook, of Watford, Herts, on June 18th, at the age of 60.

He learned to ring in his native county (Norfolk) and came to Watford Parish Church in 1930 from London, where for some years he had been associated with the bands at Hammersmith and St. Andrew's, Holborn.

A capable ringer, he had rung about 65 peals in most methods up to Surprise Major. He possessed an amiable and unassuming disposition and was well liked by all who knew him. Sympathy goes to his widow, son and daughter in their loss.

A peal of Grandsire Caters, half-muffled, was attempted at Watford on June 30th and although not completed, three and a quarter hours' good ringing on these fine bells was a fitting farewell to one whom it was a pleasure to know.

MR. ROBERT EDWARDS

An Appreciation

This most excellent ringer, who was 87, resided at Tenterden, Kent, and the writer had known him over half a century. Bob Edwards was about the best ringer Tenterden ever had. A bold assertion to make, but the writer believes it to be true and without fear of contradiction.

Away back in the late Victorian and early Edwardian eras local change ringing at Tenterden reached its summit. The Tenterden party were tip-top strikers. They knew the pace and beat for Tenterden's heavy ring and kept the correct compass. It was delightful to listen to hear their ringing in touches and peals. Bob Edwards often conducted. He was always out for good ringing and would rather cry 'Stand' than tolerate a lot of mistakes. His brother ringers of those days possessed the same views and consequently when Bob and his men rang peals they no doubt—very rightly—were proud of their excellent achievements.

In those days the local party included G. Neve, G. Cramp, A. Hinds, H. Holdstock, C. Tribe, A. E. Nunn, J. Bassett and F. Edwards, all, like Bob Edwards, really good strikers. Charles Tribe, who taught many recruits at Tenterden, left the town a few years ago. No one has heard anything of him. He would be about 95 years of age. Any information about him would be appreciated and could be sent to the Tenterden secretary, Miss V. Relf, 130, High Street, Tenterden.

But let us come back to the late Bob Edwards, who rang many peals. His favourite method was Stedman and in recent years peals of Stedman Triples were rung at Tenterden for his birthday. His age and condition did not permit him taking part, but he listened to the ringing throughout. However, in his octogenarian years, he was able to climb to Tenterden's lofty tower and ring short touches.

His funeral at Tenterden was attended by local ringers and many ringing friends from various places Some of us walked on either side of the coffin, the Vicar of Tenterden (the Rev. C. S. W. Marcon) officiated and gave a short, suitable address. We then went to the Cemetery, where ten handbells were rung around the grave.

Half-muffled ringing followed at the church and again in the evening, this concluding our last tribute of respect and affection to one of Kent's most talented ringers, who was spared by Almighty God to enjoy his ringing throughout his long life.

G. B.

MR. GEORGE THOMAS LEADER

Only last month we reported the death of Mr. E. T. Hooper, of Slough, Bucks. Now we learn of the decease of another Slough stalwart, Mr. George Thomas Leader, who died on Wednesday, June 24th, aged 88 years.

A few months older than Mr. Frank Sinkins, of Slough, Tom Leader learned to ring in 1879, when Slough had six bells. He found the change-over to eight bells rather a struggle but, under the instruction of Messrs. Wilder and Flaxman, like Ted Hooper, he mastered the standard methods on eight bells. For many years between the wars he was steeplekeeper at Slough Parish Church and, while attending to the bells, slipped off the frame and received injuries which incapacitated him for a long time and, when he eventually recommenced ringing, he always remained at the light end. He gave up active ringing shortly before the 1939 war.

Mr. Leader always delighted to relate how, during the 1914-18 war, when the men were all away on active service, he trained a complete band of lady ringers to keep Slough bells ringing, of which two of his daughters were part.

His peal total is small, his last peal being one of Bob Major at Slough in 1932 in commemoration of the late James Elliman (of Elliman's Embrocation), who was a great benefactor to Slough and gave the new tower and bells in 1913, and for whom Tom Leader worked for many years until his retirement.

Mr. Leader was cremated and his ashes were interred at St. Laurence, Upton, the original Parish Church. On the evening of his funeral a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Slough. W. ROBERTS.

MR. A. E. NICHOLS

After only nine days' illness Mr. Alfred Elias ('Ellis') Nichols died in Stoke-Mandeville Hospital on June 19th, aged 69 years.

By his passing, Maids-Moreton and Buckingham towers have lost one of the most loyal and devoted ringers. For over 50 years Mr. Nichols had been a regular ringer at Maids-Moreton. Although for the past 16 years he had resided at Buckingham, he never missed attending Maids-Moreton for evening service on Sundays and practice nights. It was in this tower he rang his last quarter peal on Coronation morning. He also gave loyal service to the Buckingham tower on Sunday mornings and practice nights.

Mr. Nichols did much to introduce change ringing into Buckingham. When he joined the tower, in 1938, it was a call change band. He had rung six peals—five of Doubles (one as conductor) and one of Minor. He always enjoyed ringing quarter peals and on June 25th, when he was interred in Buckingham Cemetery, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Buckingham by his fellow ringers, viz., Miss M. Coleman 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, H. Jones 3, G. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Yates (conductor) 7, W. Townsend 8. Maids-Moreton bells were also rung half-muffled in the evening. W. J.

MISS M. E. THORPE

The death of Miss Mary Elizabeth Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, occurred on June 20th at the age of 69 years.

The Thorpe family has been ringing for a great many years and she was the sister of Benjamin Thorpe and a niece of John Thorpe, the well-known composers and conductors. 'Sis,' as she was affectionately known, had the distinction of being the first lady conductor in the North of England when she conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate peace at the close of the 1914-18 war. She was also the first lady in Lancashire to ring a 12-bell peal and was a very active church worker.

The service was at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on June 24th, and was followed by cremation at Dukinfield.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the following ringers:—A. Barnes 1-2, P.C. R. Benson 3-4, J. Carter 5-6, P.C. W. Robinson 7-8. Among those present were Miss E. Walker, ex-P.C. J. Mulliner, Messrs. J. Turner, G. Pye and B. Wilshaw.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL

A 19th Century Pioneer

From time to time the name of William Sottenstall appears in the peal columns as a composer of peals, chiefly those of Treble Bob, and more than once the writer has been asked various questions regarding this composer, therefore it may be of some interest to relate very briefly a few events in his life.

Born on July 9th, 1800, at Sowerby, Yorkshire, he was a son of John Sottanstall, a ringer at Sowerby for some 45 years. Young William did not get any day-school education owing to the shortage of schools, and his only means of learning was by Sunday School, coupled with the self-taught method. At seven years of age he had to start work as a bobbing winder, and at 14 he was put on to learn damask weaving, a trade he followed until machinery took over the work of hand looms.

In 1820 Sottanstall commenced ringing at St. Peter's, Sowerby, and it was nearly three years before he attempted his first peal. His first peal as conductor was in 1828, but how many he rang and conducted during his career I am unable to say. In 1838 he was appointed Parish Clerk of Sowerby, a post he fulfilled faithfully for over 50 years. Life was none too easy in those days, and it was a sad blow when his first wife died, leaving him with ten children, one only a month old.

Sottanstall wrote 'The Elements of Campanologia' (1867) during his few leisure hours, a work which took nearly 40 years. A Colonel Akroyd, of Halifax, gave half the cost of publishing Sottanstall's works, but apparently the printer failed with the result that all the parts were not printed. Some of the manuscript seems to have been lost before publication could be proceeded with and Sottanstall was unable to see his complete work in print or secure the return of his manuscript. Undoubtedly his favourite method was Treble Bob, and in this field he produced many fine peals, some of which are still rung.

Sottanstall was quite content to remain in his native Sowerby all his life and for over 80 years he was connected with the parish church, first as scholar, then teacher, singer, ringer and parish clerk. Jasper Snowdon bestowed upon him the title of 'prince among Yorkshire ringers.' He was married four times, which is rather unusual. He passed away in May, 1889, within a few weeks of his 89th birthday. His zeal, patience and perseverance enabled the Exercise to obtain material of vast importance in days when ringing literature was none too plentiful. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Meeting at Buckfastleigh

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers held a joint meeting at Buckfastleigh on June 27th, when despite the moderate attendance, a very enjoyable time was spent.

The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, and after an excellent tea at a local cafe, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior for the use of their bells.

One fully-qualified certificate was presented and one new member was elected to the South-West Branch.

The Mid-Devon Branch secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) reported that the meeting had been transferred to Buckfastleigh because permission could not be obtained at South Brent, and the meeting entirely disagreed with the reason given.

Ringing took place at Dean Prior in the evening. A. L. B.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting at Kippax on June 27th was attended by members from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Collingham, Thorner, Elland and the local company, and also visitors from Sowerby.

The bells were raised in peal shortly before 3 p.m. and kept going in various Doubles and Minor methods till 5 p.m. when a halt was called for tea and the business meeting. The president was in the chair. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. Sutcliffe and seconded by Mr. Dixon. Mr. Lawn replied. The next meeting will be at Bramley on July 25th.

The secretary read a copy of the loyal address sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her Coronation, and the reply received from the Home Secretary.

The list of towers for the next two years was read and approved. Further ringing till 8.30 concluded a very successful meeting, where youth was given every opportunity and encouragement.

AT THE ODDFELLOWS' CONFERENCE

Thanks to the assistance of two visiting ringers, Mr. 'Ted' Walker, Dover and Mr. G. F. Ball, Stoney Stanton (doing his military service at Folkestone), and answering the note in 'The Ringing World,' and to the local band, including Mr. F. G. Whittaker, secretary, Mr. T. J. Anderson and Mr. J. Willis, ringing took place for the special Oddfellows' service at their A.M.C., at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone. Oddfellow ringers included Brothers Arthur Spooner and son Edwin (Banstead), S. F. Millward (St. Giles', Northampton), J. G. Burgess (Friezland), Frank Verney (Elham, Canterbury) and W. Frank Stenson (Christ Church, Crewe).

The church was full to overflowing, approximately 1,200 attending. An inspiring address was given by Canon Ian H. White-Thomson (chaplain to H.M. the Queen) Vicar and Rural Dean, with Mr. R. Adams, A.R.C.M., at the organ,

Further ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Dover, on Wednesday, and at Folkestone on Thursday evenings, when Mr. and Mrs. George and others joined in.

Now on to Southport for next year.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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HELMINGHAM OUTING

Kent again proved a most attractive county to Helmingham ringers for their outing on June 27th. Headcorn, Tenterden, Biddenden, Goudhurst and Marden were the towers chosen and some good ringing from Kent Treble Bob to London. Bristol and four spliced methods was enjoyed. Our thanks are due to Mr. T. F. Sone for his valuable information, to Mr. G. W. Grant, Miss V. Relf, Mr. H. D. Deacon, Mr. F. Bond and that stalwart Mr. George Haytor, of Goudhurst, who has over 50 years' service at this tower and is still going strong. Also to Miss Vidler and others who helped to make this outing such a success. Some 230 miles were covered.

OUTINGS

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

Whit Monday this year saw a very small party set off to the West Country, owing to the closeness of the Whitsun holiday to the Coronation. However, it was a happy day, as usual, and the first call was Queen Camel, everyone admiring the grand six.

Then on to Exeter for luncheon with the Devon Guild, who were holding their annual meeting in that city. The Reading people were delighted to have a few hours with the genial secretary of the Devon Guild, who rang with us for a considerable period some years ago and the writer was also glad to have fleeting moments with old friends in Preb. Cox, Mr. Stafford Green, the Myers family, the Stratton (Cornwall) boys and Capt. Poyntz.

Then followed ringing in the city—at the Cathedral, St. Thomas's and St. Mark's. We thank the Cathedral captain for putting the twelve entirely at our disposal for half an hour.

Leaving Exeter to find a charming eight at Sowton, where a fast three courses of Stedman Triples was thoroughly enjoyed by ringers and listeners alike.

Ringing was quite good at Honiton Clyst on a good eight, but all the party agreed that the last tower of the day was the climax—the beautiful tower and bells at Broadclyst. It was with regret that we had to leave fairly early on our long run back to Reading. Thank you, Devon Guild, for your share in helping to make our day so happy.

W. HIBBERD.

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD

Fine weather favoured the Wanstead and Woodford ringers and their friends for their annual outing on June 20th, when a party of 70 visited Thaxted, Great Easton and Witham.

Many of the party visited Thaxted for the first time. This small town of Saxon origin, famous in the Middle Ages for its wool and cutlery trades, is proud of its magnificent church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist and St. Lawrence (Patron Saint of the Cutlers). All in turn took part in touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and call changes on a tuneful and easy-going eight (tenor 15 cwt.) restored in March, 1949. An hour or so passed quickly in this grand church with its wide open spaces, its simple altars and colourful hangings, carpets and banners.

Great Easton, reached after a short ride, has much to boast of besides its pleasing ring of six bells (tenor 11¼ cwt.) and interesting interior. Eminent men including H. De Vere Stacpoole, H. G. Wells, Ralph D. Bloomfeldt, Sir George Causden, Gustav Holst and S. L. Bensusan have resided in this attractive locality, which is truly rural. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire Doubles were rung and enjoyed.

Witham was reached on time and at the old Spread Eagle Hotel a high tea was provided and full justice done by all. A special feature was an artistically decorated cake to represent the Crown. At the end of the meal Mr. J. Chalk thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the outing with a personal welcome to old ringing friends from Walthamstow, Loughton, Romford and Witham. Mr. C. F. Willis (Wanstead) responded on behalf of the non-ringers in an amusing and interesting speech o towers and bells.

Then followed a visit to the Church of St. Nicolas, regarded as one of the best edifices in Essex, with good examples of early 14th century workmanship. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and call changes were greatly enjoyed on a fine-sounding eight (tenor 18 cwt.). This concluded a happy day among the bells and the pleasant countryside. The spirit of comradeship had been strengthened and confidence gained by those who had recently become Association members. All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the ringers who greeted the party at their home towers.

NOTICES

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PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

CORONATION Peal and Quarter Peal Cards. —Special design in patriotic colours. Set of 12 (minimum) 5s. Order and remittance must be sent with report. Duplicate copy required with quarter peals.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The 1953 Ringing Week, Oxford, August 14th–22nd. Reservations now being confirmed. Interested members are invited to write to the secretary immediately. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2825

ST. AMBROSE RINGING GUILD, BRISTOL.—Silver Jubilee.—Ringers' Sunday, July 19th. Corporate Communion at 8 a.m. Ringers' service at Evensong 6.30 p.m. Ringing at 7 a.m., 10 a.m and 5.30 p.m. Breakfast will be provided for those wishing to attend 8 a.m. providing they notify me not later than July 14th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5. 2852

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—There will be no ringing practice on either Friday, July 17th, or Friday, July 24th. 2858

STAMFORD HILL RINGERS' OUTING — Any ringers wishing to attend this outing on Saturday, Sept. 19th, to South Bucks please inform the undersigned. Fare and meals approximately £1; 10s. secures seat.—I. M. Parry, 1, Avenue Road, Tottenham N.15. 2856

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS. — AUGUST WEEK-END.—Accommodation has been booked at the Britannia Hotel, Welsh Bridge, Shrewsbury, for nights of August 1st and 2nd for members on tour. Will other members book direct **mentioning the Society.** Programme details obtainable from secretary.—D. E. Parsons. 2869

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report.

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MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, July 11th, Welwyn, 3–4.30 only. Tea 5 p.m. Tewin from 6.30.—W. Southam, E. Buck, Dis. Secs. 2838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 11th, at 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2821

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Leeds (10), Saturday, July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2824

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey (near B.R. Station and on 144 bus route) on Saturday, July 11th, 3 to 4.30 p.m., and at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (near St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road) 4.30 p.m. onwards. Also 41 bus route connects both churches. Tea. —T. J. Lock. 2850

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, July 11th, Bradfield (6) and Englefield (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 2835

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Rothwell, July 11th. Bells (8, 21 cwt., recently rehung) at 2.30.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 2817

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Giles', Ashtead. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2809

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover and Winchester Districts. — Combined meeting, Longparish and Barton Stacey, July 11th. Bells available, Longparish 2, Barton Stacey 6.30. Service at Longparish 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. 2786

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements. Notify J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, for tea, 2827

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, July 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2863

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lullington, July 18th. Handbell ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Mr. A. Hughes will kive a talk on bells. Norton St. Philip and Frome bells will be available in the evening.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2851

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Monks Kirby on July 18th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Business meeting follows tea at 5 p.m. at the Denbigh Arms. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 15th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 2859

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2870

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, July 18th, 2.30 p.m., St. Aidan's, Blackhill. Names, by July 16th, to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 2876

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 16th, to Mr. Turner, 29, Highfields, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. 2855

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Bassingbourn, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Old Saddler's Cafe. Littlington (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8). Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. First meeting on these recently-rededicated bells.—H. S. Peacock, Sec. 2857

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Ruardean, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 15th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton Coleford, Glos. 2847

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Sandon (6) will be available 7–9 p.m. 2836

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Bexhill (8), July 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 15th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 2846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Minster, Sheppey, Saturday, July 18th. Tea by invitation of local ringers. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 14th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2842

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Glam, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by July 14th to Mrs. T. M. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 2822

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at St. Wilfred's, Northenden, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. followed by meeting. Cups of tea and snacks. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2867

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3. All welcome. —J. Porter. 2877

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Co-operative Hall. Names to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, by July 15th, please.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2826

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Twickenham, July 18th. All Hallows' (10), Chertsey Road, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. St. Mary's (8) available afterwards. Names for tea appreciated.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 2861

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Castleacre (6) July 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. F. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 2853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 18th. Service 11 a.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorchester). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Application for tickets (5s. 6d.), **accompanied by remittance,** to the General Secretary not later than July 13th. Mr. F. Sharpe is arranging the choir as usual, and ringing will be given at lunch time. Important business. Make effort to attend.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2807

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Kingsthorpe, July 18th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to reach Mr. S. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Kingsthorpe, by July 15th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 2848

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Knoyle, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Also Hindon (6) open 2.15–3.30 and in evening. Names for tea, please, by July 14th to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2820

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. Freegard, 30, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 2866

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton (6), July 18th, 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; take own.—P. N. White. 2829

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern and North-Western Districts) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined meeting at Betchworth, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Buckland (6) also available after tea. Notifications, by July 14th, to C. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth.—C. Champion, A. Lathbury, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2833

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Shoreham (8), July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by 15th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2862

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Harborne, Saturday, July 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2868

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey (Altrincham), July 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise before Tuesday, July 21st, Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 2874

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 pm. Names for tea, by July 21st, to Mr. J. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 2864

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. free to those who send names, by Thursday, July 23rd, to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2844

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Shoreham, Saturday, July 25th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24 Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2849

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Rutland Branch). —Joint meeting at Somerby, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names **must be sent,** by the 22nd, to Mr. C. Tyler, Church Lane, Somerby. —J. H. Cook, E. E. Gibson, Joint Secs. 2865

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 2860

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Burton Stather (8), July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 21st, to P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton Stather, Scunthorpe. 2854

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent, not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. W. Elsey, School House, Winfarthing, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2872

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2873

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Barringer 1, R. Boykett 2, F. Harrington 3, A. Little 4, W. Little 5, P. Wood (first as cond.) 6.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) College and Wavertree, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Fulbeck Reverse Bob, Canterbury Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CECIL W. EBBERSON	*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
JOHN E. FOX	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal in 17 methods on the bells, for the Association, and by all except the ringer of the treble, who has now twice 'circled the tower.'

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CECIL F. CLARKE	*Treble*	*WALTER STEPHENS	4
RONALD D. SHORT	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of each—Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk and Old. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOAN E. M. HILLS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY LOGAN	4
ROBERT W. FERRIS	2	KENNETH G. P. STACEY	5
JOHN BOUTLAND	3	BRUCE DUNBAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. P. STACEY.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of first peal on the bells; also an 80th birthday compliment to the Rector, Rev. E. Walker.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
EVELYN M. WRIGHT	2	JACK BRAY	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARBARA HALDANE	*Treble*	JACK POUNDS	4
RUTH CARE	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ROBERT CRITCHLEY	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shacklady, who were married at the above church on June 6th, 1928.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Chase, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Eynsham, All Saints, Marchington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

IVOR J. DICKIN	*Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS	4
JOHN HARROLD	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	5
ERIC NOBLES	3	CHARLES W. DIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

Specially arranged as birthday compliments to Mrs. Mary Dixon, mother of tenor ringer, aged 90 years, and Miss R. S. Stocken, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDMOND C. ATYEO	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*WALTER H. POOLE	2	HERBERT W. PEARCE	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 100th peal.

Rung for the official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday.

SHILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 20¼ cwt. (approx.) in E.

*MICHAEL ORME	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	3
JOHN CHURCH	2	*EDGAR W. WINTERS	4
	*DEREK P. JONES		*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Queen's official birthday, and also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. E. Farmiloe, Vicar of Shillington; and as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT FERNDOWN HILL,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

PETER J. STANIFORTH	1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE	9—10
ALBERT WALKER	5—6	FRANK E. HAYNES	11—12

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

The first peal of Cinques in the county.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOAN GRAY	1—2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5—6
VALERIE WILLARD	3—4	JOHN B. WILLIS	7—8

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

PARKSTONE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
IN THE MUSIC ROOM, AT THE UPLANDS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 33. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8
	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung on the occasion of the jubilee of the Uplands Boarding School for Girls, Sandecotes Road, Parkstone, Dorset, by the kind invitation of Miss M. H. L. Orr, B.A., Head Mistress.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E Littlewood 1, E. Lomas 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, D. Toon 4, H. Clayton 5, A. Thompson 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Stephen Read.

BACUP, LANCS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Williams 1, S. Lowe 2, J. Lord 3, H. Parkinson 4, A. V. Williams 5, G. Coppin (cond.) 6 Rung half-muffled in memory of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Heaps).

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hall 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, F. Mitchell 3, C. Brinsley 4, P. Carbutt 5, Rev. C. G. Woodhead 6, E. Stainrod (cond.) 7, H. Mann 8. First quarter by 1, 4 and 8. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. C. G. Woodhead as priest.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Gibbs (first quarter) 1, R. Bailey 2, T. E. Roberts 3, F. C. Case 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Rogers, for 50 years churchwarden.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury and 1,020 Plain Bob): P. Bryant 1, Miss H. Evans 2, Miss J. Powell 3, C. Thomas 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. Birthday compliments to the 3rd and tenor ringers.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sims 1, C. H. Harding (cond.) 2, E. Wagstaff 3, F. Hull 4, B. F. Sims 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. E. Harding (a former ringer at this tower) and Miss I. M. Tompkins, which took place at St. Paul's Church, Toronto, Canada, on this day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pryke 1, E. Furbank 2, F. Goddard 3, H. Turner 4, B. Hines 5, A. Pryke 6. J. Sitch (cond.) 7, C. Sharplin 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pryke on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, J. W. Sangwin 2, W. H. Cholwill 3, R. G. Pearce 4, F. W. Lewis 5, J. H. Bowden 6, N. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. W. Keys 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on April 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Miss J. Rose 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, F. J. Sampson 4, J. F. Pedler 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. G. King 7, R. O. Fry 8. Rung for St. George's Day. This is the first quarter of Major on the bells for at least 25 years.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. Danbury (first quarter) 1, E. G. Webb 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Brewer (cond.) 5, W. W. Shorter 6, G. A. Blewer 7, E. R. Iveson 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gilks 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, J. Bosley 3, D. Bosley 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Gee 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Richardson, people's warden at this church for many years.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. J. Smith 1, S. Bristow 2, C. W. Tarr 3, G. Sparkes 4, H. Purchase 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, A. Bird 2, G. Herd 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, R. Purchase 6. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Howard 1, A. Bird 2, R. Purchase 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, G. Herd 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (500 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 280 Grandsire): R. Crook 1, M. Howard 2, A. Bird 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, R. Purchase 6. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Crook 1, M. Howard 2, A. Bird 3, W. Butler 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5, R. Purchase 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 20th, at St. Peter's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. T. Pye 1, Miss P. A. Nice (first 'inside') 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, Miss B. Balls (first quarter) 4, E. J. Butler 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Also on June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. T. Pye 1, G. M. Rashbrook 2, E. J. Butler 3, E. E. S. Johnson 4, F. G. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. On the back six. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Pye.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (one extent each of London and Cambridge): J. T. Barrett 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, E. Morris 4, W. G. Gigg 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Turner (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Armstrong 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, J. Armstrong (cond.) 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, I. Campbell 6, L. S. Woods 7, J. R. Fleetwood 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. Chaplin, steeplekeeper.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Russell (first quarter) 1, H. Hoverd (cond.) 2, K. Noy 3, F. Walker 4, J. Eden 5, W. Lemon 6, H. Audsley 7, R. Jenkins 8.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Miss E. Killington 1, C. Bailey 2, S. W. Copling 3, E. Whiting 4, E. E. Etheridge 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On June 20th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Ashton 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Dalingwater 3, D. Chapman 4, F. A. Staveley 5, R. C. Westney 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. To celebrate the marriage of Mr. L. Webb (a local ringer) to Miss D. Harrison. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, G. P. T. Peters 2, E. Nixon 3, R. Morant 4, E. J. Wells 5, R. Collins 6.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 900 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, J. Harrold 2, I. Dickin 3, A. Cozens 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. Townley (first quarter) 6. Rung on back six.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson 2, T. White 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. For the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. Basil Tuffield, and a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. Cyril Price). Also on June 11th, for Confirmation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. Richardson (cond.) 3, J. Hurrell 4, W. Rawlings 5, F. Hurrell 6, B. Aldridge 7, E. Long 8. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson (cond.) 2, Miss C. Smith 3, E. B. Crowder 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, J. Hurrell 6, F. Hurrell 7, E. Long 8. For evening service and a birthday compliment to Mr. H. G. Long, father of the tenor ringer.

EWELME, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. Godden (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, J. Godman (first as cond.) 3, F. Smith 4, R. Tuckwell 5, W. Faulker (first quarter) 6. In honour of the Coronation.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Minor (180 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. Southgate (first quarter) 1, S. White 2, B. Mann 3, W. White 4, H. Appleton (cond.) 5, A. Appleton 6.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, Chase, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Colomb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, 60 Grandsire): G. F. Roome (first in 11 methods) 1, I. Dickin (cond.) 2, A. Cozens 3, J. Harrold 4, K. Perrins 5. A birthday compliment to J. Harrold.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Matthews (first quarter) 1, F. Blackman 2, E. Breed 3, A. Robinson 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, E. Hobden 6.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 7th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Wastell 1, I. D. Thompson 2, Miss D. Machen 3, R. H. C. Johnson 4, H. E. Johnson (cond.) 5, P. Arrowsmith 6. A welcome to the Rev. J. R. Harwood. First by all except ringer of tenor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On June 7th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, S. A. Warwick 5, J. D. Niblett 6, J. W. Cotton 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First in the method for 3 and 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Niblett, who are leaving for Cheltenham. Also on June 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, S. A. Warwick 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8. A birthday compliment to H. D. Butler.

HENDON, N.W.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, D. T. C. Smith 3, E. E. Pratchett 4, J. Schofield (cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. Rung in honour of the Vicar's first year at St. Mary's. Also a compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who for 64 years has been a ringer at this church.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 21st, 1,320 Bankes James' Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, N. Mallett 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on June 11th, for the Queen's birthday, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss R. Jarrett 1, Mrs. E. E. Chandler 2, F. R. Harris 3, L. Evans 4, J. D. Worsey 5, A. T. Wingate 6, M. P. Moreton 7, A. W. Davis (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall 1, Miss P. Wood 2, N. R. Hunt 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 13th, 1,280 Spliced Major (being 448 changes of Plain Bob and Little Bob, 384 Kent Treble Bob with 46 changes of method): Mrs. D. M. Wright 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in methods for all the band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, I. Biggs 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cox 5, P. Newton 6, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. O. Cox, father of the ringer of the 5th.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, K. Brown 2, H. King 3, L. Sharpe 4, W. Perry 5, E. Bishop (first as cond.) 6. K. Brown has now circled the tower.

KEMPSEY, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, D. P. Higgins 3, G. H. Derrington 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, F. Salter 6. Rung for the Coronation.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Palmer 1, A. C. Morris 2, Miss M. Middlemiss 3, J. Hobley 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, A. A. Upton 6, D. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Nix 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LLANDILO, CARMS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Francis (first quarter) 1, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 2, J. H. Price (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Scudamore 4, A. Reynolds 5, A. J. Turvey (first quarter) 6. Birthday compliments to A. J. Turvey and W. Williams, also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, D. Raymond 2, W. Williams 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. Ballantine 5, C. Thomas 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. G. T. Morris).

LULLINGTON, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): W. F. Woodward 1, W. G. Hair 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. To celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, of Overseale.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Taylor 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, A. C. Bown 6, A. W. Dyer 7, S. J. Champion 8. First on eight bells for 5, 6 and 8. For the Queen's official birthday.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, K. Wood 2, C. Sams 3, B. Burton (cond.) 4, A. Livings 5, G. Blake 6. Rung for the dedication of a memorial plaque to the late Archdale Palmer, former churchwarden of the church.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Despond 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, K. Perkins (first in method 'inside') 3, A. Cozens 4, J. Harrold 5, I. Dickin 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, T. Jennings 8. First in the method for 4 and 5. Rung for the festival of St. Barnabas. Also on the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, S. Fenn 3, D. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Rung on the occasion of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Forder, parents of the ringer of the 2nd.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On June 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Hill 1, G. R. Edwards 2, R. E. Manton 3, F. J. Stimson 4, E. A. Dench 5, N. G. Bailey 6, J. A. Fenton 7, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's 360 Bob, 360 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitten 1, Mary Flitten 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, J. Rootes 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, C. Randall 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): S. Swanell 1, J. Harrold 2, I. Dickin (cond.) 3, A. Cozens 4, K. Perkins 5. Rung for the Rev. N. Husbands on the 12th anniversary of his being appointed Vicar of Roade.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hunt (first quarter) 1, R. Rose 2, R. E. Lester 3, W. Perry 4, A. G. Fever 5, K. Brown (cond.) 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Bowsell (first quarter) 1, B. Pike 2, A. A. Livings (cond.) 3, J. Terry 4, B. G. Burton 5, F. Wright 6. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Frost, one of the local band.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (4 extents of Plain Bob and 6½ of Grandsire): Molly Bates 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, O. J. Cripps 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G Newsum 6. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the conductor.

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QUARTER PEALS

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SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on May 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Miss M. F. Jackson 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, W. R. Winterton 5, A. F. Thirst 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, F. T. Matthews 8. Rung for Whit Sunday and Empire Day. Also on June 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss M. F. Jackson 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, L. Pearson 5, A. L. Thirst 6, A. R. Ling 7, A. J. House 8, F. J. Matthews 9, T. H. Francis (cond.) 10.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Lentz (first quarter) 1, E. J. Rowe 2, A. Robson (first 'inside') 3, W. T. Forrester 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Rung as thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Vivian, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

WEEK-ST.-MARY, CORNWALL.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, F. Lewis 2, N. J. Smith (cond.) 3, E. W. Keys 4, C. Sangwin 5, D. Martin 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Denroche (first of Triples) 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Chapman 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Andrews 1, R. Higgins 2, H. P. Sparks 3, J. Chilcott 4, S. J. Pound 5, W. Tiley 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, W. Carey (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of the 77th birthday and golden wedding anniversary of S. J. Pound.

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A GROWING HERITAGE

By The Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

CORNWALL'S first octave was installed at Bodmin in 1767. The second at St. Columb Major in 1776. One hundred years later there were eight—Fowey, Penzance, St. Austell, Stratton, Stokeclimsland and Kenwyn having been added. To-day there are 44. It is the last 75 years which are under review, i.e., from 1878. In that year, in addition to the eight octaves, there were fifty 6's, forty 5's and sixty-four 3's. To-day the picture is very different. However, it has come about in a way contrary to what might have been expected. Of the original fifty 6's only fifteen have been augmented to 8's, but the lesser numbers have been good ground for such augmentation, seven being from 5's, no less than ten from 3's, with four from one bell. The 5's and 3's have correspondingly largely increased the 6's to ninety-four, until there are now only seven of the forty 5's, and twenty-eight of the 3's remaining. It is common for certain 6's to cluster in special areas, and where there are several 6's hardly an eight can be found. This is common to the prize-ringing areas. Seldom is an 8-bell contest held in Cornwall. Six bells are considered sufficient for the purpose. Looking back over the 75 years it seems that where the 6's clustered at the beginning so they do now.

The 5's in Cornwall have mostly disappeared. Only seven remain. These are in small parishes, indeed so small that five of the livings are held jointly with another, but nevertheless they are often among the most delightful to visit, such as St. Sampson (or Golant); high on the banks of the River Fowey there is this delightful five (tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.), which go (on ball bearings) to perfection. But a lighter five (and the lightest ring in Cornwall) is at Bradock (or Broadoak), where the tenor weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Because of the traditional liking for ringing lesser numbers and the slow development of method ringing in the county, Cornwall has only one ten and no twelve. It must be that a ten outside Truro Cathedral will appear one day, at least this is the hope. However, it is to the 3's that attention can now well be turned. From time to time ringers should call in at a 3-bell tower and ring the bells if possible. It is a way of getting something done. Generally such bells are never rung, but only chimed in some queer fashion. Nobody ever goes to the tower. Birds, bats, rust and rot do their worst. Suddenly something gives way. Not long ago the writer was called to a tower as one of the three bells would not chime. The message was, 'We can't ring one of our bells.' Of course they could not, for a gudgeon-plate eaten by rust and a headstock by rot had parted company, and the bell had dropped into the pit on one side to jam there. The whole place was a mess and muddle. It still remains so. Nothing but complete renewal will do, but in such cases lies opportunity. Careful watch is being kept on the 3's. It may be a slow process of restoration, and whatever is done must be within the tradition of good bellhanging from a ringer's point of view.

Not many years ago chimes began to appear in Cornwall. Three bells, 8, 12 and 15 cwt. respectively, were transformed into a chime of eight, tenor 8 cwt. Another three into one of six, tenor 6 cwt. A most interesting 25 cwt. bell with a full history in its metal and inscription into another of eight, tenor 8 cwt. Another three has been 'restored' locally and hung 'dead.' We should remember that all these three's were originally hung as rings. However, there is a brighter side. Wiser guidance has prevailed. It has a winning way; e.g., at Philleigh and St. Just-in-Penwith we find modern ringable 3's. Another in a wood frame has pits for two more bells, but this the Rector did not know. The latest is the wisest of all restorations, this being at Otterham where there were three old bells in a minor key, two possibly 15th century, and the third about 1600. These are being rehung in a frame for six to allow for two trebles and a tenor in the future.

The lesser numbers may be of little interest to some, but they must not be completely forgotten. In Cornwall we remember that some thirty 3's and a similar number of 5's have, during the past 75 years, been the foundation of greater rings. Cornwall and its many visitors should be grateful for this.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
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Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
JOHN R. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First 12-bell peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. P. A. Corby on his birthday, and on the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	ALLEN MORGAN	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	GEORGE E. LARGE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	2	A. JOHN BOYACK	7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	3	THOMAS E. DAVIES	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	5	ALAN F. THIRST	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
Dedicated to the memory of Mr. Harry Brooks, who died on June 24th, 1952. He was a member of the Isleworth Company for 47 years. Composition rung for the first time.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

IAN P. MCEWAN	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	8
RICHARD BENSON	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
ALAN PENDLEBURY	5	†JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Caters.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. T. Billington.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN E. COOKE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Anthony Jesson.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	HARRY FARRER	6
ANNE WORTH	3	HEDLEY WOOD	7
GERALD FARRER	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
Rung for the Installation of Alderman John B. Hidderley as Mayor of Macclesfield.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WILLETTS	*Treble*	*ANTHONY PERRY	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	6
†RODERICK J. LEES	3	†WILLIAM DAVIES	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
The quarterly peal for the Association. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Eaton.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENNODORUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb.

*C. KEITH BREWER	*Treble*	NORMAN S. HAYES	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	†A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MOLLY DENBY	3	‡CLEMENT W. JOSE	7
†MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the birthdays of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in D flat.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
HARRY BAKER	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
In memoriam Robert Edwards, a ringer at this church for over 70 years, who died June 6th, 1953.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAVID A. CORNFORD	*Treble*	JOHN H. G. GARDINER	5
ERIC H. KNAPP	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ALFRED L. RYMAN	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who was emigrating to New Zealand on June 17th.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	2	CYRIL TABBENER	6
JOHN RODEN	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
DEREK KNOWLES	4	*FRED BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
The official peal for the re-opening of the bells after being retuned and rehung.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD H. JARVIS	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
CHARLES COLES	2	PETER ANGER	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in this method by all the band, and on the bells.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	EWART H. EDGE	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	7
†CHARLES S. RYLES	4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
†JOHN R. COOPER	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 350th peal. † First peal of Surprise Major.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER	*Treble*	HARRY CARTER	5
G. ARNOLD MOORE	2	ARTHUR HULME	6
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

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

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW	2	*EWART H. EDGE	6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
*HARRY CARTER	4	*G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
This composition rung for the first time.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
*RICHARD E. PRICE	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*W. NORMAN PARK	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	‡DAVID T. NORTH	5
*ROLAND W. MORANT	2	‡GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	6
REX J. CORKE	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
†CECIL T. CLARKE	4	*RONALD D. SHORT	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells.
‡ First peal of Major.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED OXFORD BOB AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
2,520 changes of each with 84 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal of Spliced Triples by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHEPPERTON,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
*WILLIAM YATES	3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	7
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal of London.

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LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY	5
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.
* First peal of Bob Major.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BERNARD G. MOORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT (C.C.C. 7). Conducted by WM. ROGERS.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Gladys Vaughan, daughter of Henry N. Vaughan, of Withyham.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	DENNIS MADDOCK	5
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	CECIL RADDON	6
HENRY PARKER	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
†JOHN SCOTT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. No. 45).
Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
Rung as a 2nd birthday to Dennis M. Harris, nephew of the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

RENEE MARWOOD	*Treble*	MAURICE HELPS	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
*ROBIN G. LEALE	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
BRIAN J. LUFF	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal 'inside.' First touch of Major as conductor.
Rung for the engagement of Renee Marwood and Alan H. Sturgess.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	PETER N. BOND	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	†ERNEST J. LADD	7
ALBERT RELFE	4	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
*225th peal. † 200th peal.
Arranged and rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Vaughan, daughter of Mr. H. Vaughan, tower captain at Withyham.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
The conductor's 1,600th peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	*PERCIVAL W. CAVE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First touch in the method.
Rung on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist Day.

HEDON, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

SYLVIA IREDALE	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	5
BRIAN BUSWELL	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
JOHN M. HARROP	3	JOHN C. HOBSON	7
LEONARD RODMELL	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

THOMAS COOKE	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	RICHARD BUSBY	6
GEORGE F. NEWTON	3	‡RONALD D. AIREY	7
†DENIS R. AIREY	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Burnett, leader of the ringers at this church, and Mrs. T. Cooke, mother of the treble ringer.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
JACK G. BROTHWELL	2	*BERT SUTTON	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
ARNOLD HILL	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Miss Elizabeth Bate, of the local company, on her coming-of-age.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*MRS. W. E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
W. RODNEY HARRISON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
DAVID J. MARSHALL	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
*JOHN D. NIBLETT	3	ANNE WORTH	7
HERBERT C. SPENCER	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 25th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDK. G. LEAKER	*Treble*	†ALBERT M. TYLER	5
FRANK HANSFORD	2	†ALAN A. HILLIAR	6
*DESMOND G. MAYELL	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
†MRS. D. G. MAYELL	4	FRANCES C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
Specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam Monsignor John Canon Roskell, Administrator, 1919-1948.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
R. GORDON CORBY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal of Double Bob Major by all.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAPHNE LUKE	*Treble*	*JEAN M. WEDDELL	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	SQUIRE CROFT	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	JOHN H. LOTT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 101st anniversary of the consecration of the church, and in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



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SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720 differently called. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

J. W. L. Slack	*Treble*	N. Meakin	4
Miss A. Rose	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton	5
C. W. Lawton	3	G. Barnard	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. Lawton.

Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. by the Sunday service band.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*Shelagh R. Collins	*Treble*	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	4
*June Marie Henshaw	2	*G. Arnold Moore	5
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Charles H. Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Wm. Grocott.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. M. Henshaw.

LODERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., June 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's each of April Day and Plain Bob and eighteen of Grandsire (comprising three 240's each by L. W. G. Morris, G. Lindoff and A. J. Pitman). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

Rev. O. L. Willmott	*Treble*	Henry G. Keeley	4
G. Stedman Morris	2	William Godfrey	5
Ernest Morris	3	Joseph T. Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Alan Shephard	*Treble*	W. Graves	4
H. S. Morley	2	Margaret Hawley	5
G. F. Terry	3	E. M. Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. Terry.

First peal as conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Harry Parkes	*Treble*	Muriel Reay	4
Anthony Ager	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	5
Michael G. Morton	3	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, New, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

G. Arnold Moore	*Treble*	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	4
Charles H. Page	2	Ewart H. Edge	5
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Wm. H. Watkin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Wm. Grocott.

First of seven Doubles methods by the band and the Association.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. Alan Ainsworth	*Treble*	Chris. T. Lamb	4
Eric N. Harrison	2	Stephen Thompson	5
Charles McGuiness	3	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Roger E. Atkinson, a ringer and chorister at this church for over 50 years.

NEWTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods and three variants, viz.: Four extents of St. Simon's, twelve of Plain Bob, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six of Grandsire, six of April Day, four of Reverse Bartholomew and two of Hurdibras. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Fredk. W. Pinchbeck	*Treble*	*Denis A. Frith	3
*Henry P. Collin	2	James H. Musson	4
H. Reginald Woods	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to the wife of the tenor ringer.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Ronald D. Short	*Treble*	Cecil T. Clarke	4
A. Patrick Cannon	2	Roland W. Morant	5
*Geoffrey J. Gammon	3	David T. North	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Minor.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and two extents of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

L. Woollard	*Treble*	J. Pilgrim	4
Arthur Ling	2	P. Bedford	5
R. Peck	3	N. R. Bailey	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. R. Bailey.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as part of the programme of the Sixth Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs. M. I. Pailing	*Treble*	J. Kenneth Wagstaff	4
Frederick A. Salter	2	George Clift	5
Frederick R. Scott	3	*Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* 50th peal.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Philip H. Whitaker	4
Alan Taylor	2	Peter J. Thomas	5
Harold Taylor	3	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jean Ball, of Blackwell, to Mr. Edward Warwick, of Croft.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Frederick C. Lyne	*Treble*	A. James Price	4
William Collett	2	*Douglas Harrison	5
*A. Charles Morris	3	William H. Male	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Albert H. Ward .. .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. .. 5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.. 3—4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 7—8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

Arranged for Albert H. Ward, of Derby, who will very shortly be 80 years old.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 22, York Street, Redfield,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Eric Sutton .. .. .. 1—2 | Reginald G. Hooper .. 5—6
Fredk. J. Sampson .. .. 3—4 | John F. Pedler .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper.
Witness: H. Jean Holloway.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss H. Jean Holloway, of Swindon, and Eric Sutton.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 8, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In St. Peter's Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Shelagh R. Collins .. 1—2 | Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 3—4
Fredk. E. Wilshaw .. 5—6

Conducted by Frederick Wm. Grocott.

* First peal in hand.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 15, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Reverse Bob and Double Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

Howard Scott .. .. 1—2 | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3—4
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1—2.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 22. Tenor size 15 in C.

James E. Daniels .. .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. 5—6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3—4 | Michael J. E. Best.. .. 7—8
Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 9—10

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: Sheila Parker.

* 500th peal.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
In the School,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Pamela A. Martin .. .. 1—2 | Edwin H. Lewis .. .. 5—6
Walter Ayre .. .. .. 3—4 | Derek E. Latchford .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Edwin H. Lewis.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. H. Lewis's first peal, which was rung on June 17th, 1903.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We record with pleasure a handbell peal rung at Leverstock Green on June 18th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council. An attempt on the actual date of the anniversary (June 17th) failed after almost two hours' ringing. Mr. E. H. Lewis conducted the peal.

Finchampstead ringers succeeded in ringing their Coronation peal at the third attempt on June 9th.

Mr. C. Osborne, who rang in the Coronation peal at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, has completed 53 years as a ringer in the church.

Morton, Derbyshire, had printed an attractive little booklet giving the programme of the second annual outing to Chester on June 27th.

An interesting point about the peal rung at Wombourn, Staffordshire, is the dedication of the church—St. Benedict Biscop. This is the only church in the country with this dedication.

Mr. J. W. L. Slack, who rang in the Coronation peal at Sutton, Cheshire, where he is a regular member of the Sunday service band, has rung at all Coronations since that of King Edward VII. The peal started at 7 a.m.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Bitton, Gloucestershire, Mrs. D. G. Mayell has rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. This peal was also the first of Stedman for Albert M. Tyler, after over 40 attempts.

There were five first peals in the peal at Headington, Oxford, on June 30th, which was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to two of the band—Dave Simms and Reg Brown. They were, after the peal, each presented with a wallet as a birthday gift from the ringers in the tower.

Congratulations to Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, on ringing her 500th peal on June 20th. She is the second lady to reach the 500th peal mark, the other being Mrs. J. Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green.

Miss Marion Jackson is the first St. Ippolyts lady to ring a peal.

Mr. L. Barry, of Gloucester, rang peals on six, eight, ten and 12 bells for the Coronation.

The Coronation peal at Banstead on June 13th coincided with the personal congratulations of the band to Mr. Michael F. Layton, the tenor ringer, on his 21st birthday.

Mr. Ernest Morris has received a gracious letter of thanks from Buckingham Palace in reference to the birthday peal for H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, rung at Whitechurch Canonicorum by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The peals rung at Newdigate and Ewhurst, Surrey, were specially arranged for Messrs. D. T. North and G. J. Gammon, of Wellington, Somerset, and Messrs. R. D. Short and C. T. Clarke, of Wembdon, Somerset, who were spending a week at Dorking.

Whilst the peal at Heavitree was mainly a Coronation peal, it was also a farewell to Miss Elizabeth Brown who, we are sorry to say, has left Exeter to take an appointment at Trowbridge. The best wishes of all the band is most sincerely extended to her. To the Trowbridge ringers I say—You lucky people.—F.W.

Mr. William Rogers has a special word of praise for the band who rang a peal of London Surprise at Maresfield, Sussex. Halfway through the peal some visitors came into the church and played the organ for an hour and a half. The organ is close to the belfry, which is open to the church, and it required great concentration by all concerned.

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MR. F. BENNETT RINGS HIS 1,600th PEAL

Most Peals by Any Living Ringer

NOT many ringers can hope to take part in a peal of Cambridge Major within six months or so of their 85th birthday, let alone call it from a working bell, but Mr. Frank Bennett did both with little difficulty on June 21st to reach a total of 1,600 peals, the most by any living ringer and a figure exceeded only by William and George R. Pye.

A native of Basingstoke, Hants, Mr. Bennett began his peal ringing career at Guildford on March 2nd, 1889, but since 1895 he has been associated with Brighton except for the six years from 1907 onwards, when he lived in London.

During his first twelve years in Brighton, Mr. Bennett was a member of the famous band under George F. Attree, which included two others who later rang over 1,000 peals, George Williams and Keith Hart. Among the more than 400 peals in which he took part in those years was the first peal of Bristol, in March, 1901.

Moving to New Cross, Mr. Bennett built up a Surprise band which achieved a high standard, and rang many peals in a great variety of methods, including the first for the Kent County Association of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Royal.

He has called more than 900 of his peals, the vast majority from a non-observation bell, and of his ability as a conductor 'The Ringing World' of January 28th, 1938, said, 'There are very few men with his all-round ability in this sphere. All methods come alike to him, and he is one of those endowed with an almost uncanny capacity for correcting mistakes.' His 1,000th peal was accomplished in 1924.

Mr. Bennett has rung a peal in every county in England, and several in Wales and Ireland. In the latter country he took part in the first twelve-bell peals (Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus) rung out of England, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

From 1907 to 1914 he was secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a member of the Central Council from 1906 to 1914, to which body he was again elected in 1951. For ten years he was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association.

Having reached 1,600, Mr. Bennett says he will now have a rest, but it is understood that he has made at least one attempt since! Perhaps he will persuade his fellow-octogenarians, for whom he called a peal some 15 months ago, to break their own remarkable record next year

HIS RECORD

TOWER BELLS

(Conducted shown in brackets)

Minor: 7 methods 4, Cambridge 1 (1).

Triples: Grandsire 70 (45), Stedman 276 (184), Plain Bob 6 (3), Union 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1 (1).

Major: Plain Bob 94 (66), Canterbury 1 (1), Double Norwich 218 (136), Double Oxford 2 (1), Waterloo Reverse 1 (1), Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 87 (59), Oxford 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 179 (105), New Cambridge 10 (6), Superlative 213 (113), London 56 (5), Bristol 27 (12), Brighton 1 (1), Gloucester 3, Lincolnshire 1, New Cumberland 11 (6), Norfolk 17 (13), Oxford 3, Westminster 3, Yorkshire 23 (14).

Caters: Grandsire 38 (28), Stedman 110 (69), Double Norwich 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 12 (9), Double Norwich 4 (3), Duffield 1 (1), Forward 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob 31 (14), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 30 (10), London (No. 2) 1.

Cinques: Grandsire 1, Stedman 19 (5).

Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (1), Cambridge 1.

Total tower bells 1,573 (919).

HANDBELLS

Triples: Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 1 (1).

Major: Plain Bob 10 (7), Kent 1.

Caters: Grandsire 4 (1), Stedman 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 5 (3), Kent 1.

Maximus: Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total handbells 27 (14).



The band that rang in Mr. F. Bennett's 1,600th peal at Westbourne, Sussex, on June 21st. From left to right, back row: L. Stilwell, E. A. Barnett, R. Wood, A. Bond. Front row: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. Bennett, F. I. Hairs, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

BOURNEMOUTH LADY RINGER WEDS

Miss Doreen Wiggins, a member of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bellringers, was married at St. Peter's Church on June 27th to Mr. Albert Dykes. The bridegroom is an active worker at the church, for many years having been a boy chorister, and is now a member of the Guild of Servers.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, R.D.) and was fully choral. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law and was attended by two charming little nieces as bridesmaids. The church was beautifully decorated with red and white flowers partly for the wedding and partly in preparation for the patronal festival services, which were to begin on the following day.

Over 70 guests attended the reception held in St. Peter's Hall and afterwards the bride and bridegroom left by car to tour Western England and North Wales for their honeymoon. Besides ringing the bells as the happy couple left the church, as is customary, the bellringers rang a touch or two of Stedman Triples to assist in the 'send-off' they received after the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Dykes were the recipients of many lovely wedding gifts including a dinner service given by members of the tower, servers, Youth Club and friends. They will continue to live in Bournemouth.

KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

Former Master of Minster Abbey Guild

We deeply regret to announce the sudden death, at the age of 22, of Pilot Officer James Garth Rooke, a former young ringer of Minster Abbey Church, Isle of Sheppey, who was killed on June 29th, when the Meteor jet fighter in which he was flying crashed in a cornfield at West Peckham, near Maidstone.

Garth started to ring in 1943 when the ban on ringing was removed and was a regular ringer until he joined the R.A.F. in January, 1950, to do his period of National Service. From October, 1948, until he was called up, he was the Master of the Minster Abbey Guild.

On joining the R.A.F. he was selected for flying duties and trained to be a pilot. At the end of his National Service he went up to Cambridge to read mathematics, but used to spend most of his vacations flying with No. 500 Squadron (County of Kent) of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, West Malling, Kent.

He had taken part in three peals—two of Doubles at Minster in February, 1946, and April, 1947, and one of Grandsire Triples at Ospringe in June, 1947. He was cremated at Charing on July 3rd. Among the wreaths that were sent was one, the card of which read: 'With happy memories of Garth from the bell-ringers who used to ring with him at Minster Abbey Church.'

CARDIFF'S WELCOME TO THE QUEEN

The Queen's visit to Wales as part of her Coronation programme was an occasion for special ringing in many towers.

On July 9th, when Her Majesty drove through Cardiff to attend the Civic Centre, the bells were rung to touches and call changes. After lunch the bells were again rung as the Queen left the Civic Centre to continue her tour of Wales.

In the evening, a band met for a peal attempt of Plain Bob Royal, but this unfortunately came to grief. However, a good quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters was accomplished later by L. Muller 1, F. Bailey 2, Miss J. Powell 3, R. Lucas 4, L. Hulbert 5, A. R. Price (cond.) 6, F. Rowsell 7, G. Francis 8, T. Yeoman 9, W. Dare 10. First of Caters for 3 and 4.

DEATH OF MR. R. W. ADAMSON

It was a great shock to members of the Irish Association to learn of the death on July 5th of Mr. Richmond (Richie) W. Adamson at the early age of 55. He had been in failing health for some time but the end was unexpected.

Richie Adamson was a big man in every sense of the word. He was one of the cornerstones of the St. Thomas's (Belfast) band for over 40 years and was punctual, dependable and a good ringer. He was one of the founder members of the Northern District of the Association, a post which he held for a number of years. In 1950 he was elected a life member of the Association as a tribute to his work. He had only rung six peals but his influence and enthusiasm were felt in other spheres of ringing activities. He will be greatly missed from our ranks.

The funeral took place at Drumbeg Cemetery on July 7th and was attended by his fellow-ringers from St. Thomas's and by the District secretary (Mr. John T. Dunwoody) representing the Association. J. T. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District at Kingswood

The day was fine and warm for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Kingswood on June 20th and ringers were attracted from a wide area, including four visitors from Somerset.

Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and the special method, Oxford Treble Bob, was well in evidence. The highlight of the afternoon's ringing was a well-struck touch of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise. Shortened Evensong followed at 4.30 p.m. conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. V. A. Boyse). The company then repaired to the Vicarage for tea.

The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting which followed, opened it with a cordial welcome to all present. Two new resident members were elected, viz., Misses A. Sesemann and M. MacCready, of Coulsdon, and Messrs. D. T. North, G. J. Gammon, R. D. Short and C. T. Clarke were elected non-resident life members.

The secretary announced that the next meetings would be held at Betchworth and Buckland on July 18th (a joint meeting with the North Western District and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild), Limpsfield Chart on August 22nd, and Burstow on September 19th, which would be the next quarterly meeting. Little Bob and Double Oxford Bob were chosen as special methods for the Burstow meeting, each receiving the same number of votes—two! (The 'Don't Knows' topped the poll with eight!) Mr. A. P. Cannon was appointed to conduct the quarterly peal. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 16s.

After according a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the tea in his house, for conducting the service and presiding at the business meeting, the company returned to the tower, where further good use was made of these fine bells. Ringing was varied by the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, to suit all tastes, ranging from rounds to Surprise, and including a touch of Spliced Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. The bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m., thus concluding a very enjoyable meeting.

WEDDING OF MR. TERRY R. HAMPTON

A representative band of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham gathered at St. Michael's Church, Boldmere, to ring in honour of the wedding of a very popular young member of the Guild, Mr. Terry R. Hampton, to Miss Ann Baxter on July 4th.

A most successful and enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, the guests, who numbered over 150, being gaily entertained until a late hour.

Unfortunately, a peal attempt on St. Michael's bells failed within a few changes of 'That's all' by the breaking of the seventh clapper.

To celebrate the happy occasion a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's on the following Tuesday evening with the best wishes of Terry's colleagues.

MARRIAGE OF MISS M. E. TIMMS

The wedding took place at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Taynton, Oxon, on June 20th, of Mr. Ralph John Davis, of Burford, and Miss Mary Elisabeth Timms, only daughter of Mr. J. W. Timms. After the ceremony some very good Grandsire Doubles were rung and in the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Minor by Miss J. Hitchcock (first quarter of Minor) 1, F. Soden 2, F. W. Soden 3, H. Parker 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. I. Driver 1, Miss M. Coomber 2, D. F. Driver 3, Miss K. Bennett 4, R. Pollard 5, Miss A. Webb 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

SECOND LADY TO RING 500 PEALS

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay's Achievement

With a peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand,' Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, rang her 500th peal. The tower-bell peals have been rung in 66 towers, in nine counties for nine Associations. Included in the towers are Sherborne Abbey (Grandsire Triples), the Cathedral and St. Martin's, Birmingham (Stedman Cinques) and Winchester Cathedral (Kent Treble Bob Maximus). Most of the handbell peals have been rung in Bournemouth.



MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY

Mrs. Marshallsay (nee Miss Marcia White) started to handle a bell about November, 1928, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, under the tuition of the late Mr. Harry Bennett, the then captain of this tower. She joined the local band on Palm Sunday, 1929. At this same church she was baptised and confirmed, and in January, 1937, married to Mr. F. J. Marshallsay. (Incidentally, Mr. Marshallsay is not a ringer; his recreation is golf.) Mrs. Marshallsay rang her first peal (Bob Minor) at Corfe Mullen, Dorset, on January 12th, 1930, and during the next two years rang her first peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. Handbell ringing was taken up seriously in 1940, during the ban.

In her early ringing days, Mrs. Marshallsay travelled long distances to get practice for the higher mehods; her first peals of Surprise were rung in the Bristol area. Distance is still no object to her if there is some good ringing at the end of it. Not so very long ago she did a round trip of about 120 miles during a Saturday afternoon and evening and rang a peal of London. Such is the enthusiasm of this lady.

Mrs. Marshallsay was the first and so far only lady ringer to ring 100 or more peals in one year. In company with Miss Kathleen Fletcher she has also rung more changes in a peal than any lady ringer, viz., 13,139 Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

Appended is her record:—

TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Four methods 1.

Minor.—Two methods 2, three methods 3, seven methods 1.

Grandsire.—Doubles 3, Triples 24 (cond. 6), Caters 7.

Stedman.—Doubles 1, Triples 4, Caters 2, Cinques 6.

Plain Bob.—Minor 4, Major 12 (1), Royal 2, Maximus 1.

Kent Treble Bob.—Minor 2 (1), Major 3, Royal 5, Maximus 1. Little Bob Major 1. Double Norwich Court Bob Major 9.

Cambridge Surprise.—Major 14, Royal 4.

Superlative Surprise Major 5, Yorkshire Surprise Major 4, Bristol Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 7, Painswick Surprise Major 1.

Total.—Rung 130; conducted 8.

PEALS ON HANDBELLS

Major.—Two, three and four methods, 4.

Minor.—Two methods 2, three methods 2, Double Bob 1.

Grandsire.—Doubles 16 (13), Triples 93 (36), *Caters 50 (3), Cinques 1.

Plain Bob.—Minor 16 (2), Major 82 (13), Royal 18, Maximus 2.

Stedman.—Doubles 1, Triples 3, Caters 4.

Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Little Bob Major 1, Gainsborough Little Bob Major 1.

Spliced Major.—Two methods 8, three methods 3, four methods 3, five methods 2, six methods 3, †seven methods 6, eight methods 32, nine methods 1, ten methods 2. Spliced Royal: three methods 8, four methods 2, seven methods 1. Spliced Maximus: three methods 1.

Total.—Rung 370; conducted 67.

Grand total.—Rung 500; conducted 85.

* Includes 13,139 record.

† Includes 6,048 record.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pocklington on June 27th and was attended by about 35 ringers and friends from 17 towers, when the newly-augmented ring of eight was made good use of.

A short service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Richardson). Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who commenced by suggesting that the collection at the meeting be given to 'The Ringing World' to help the finances of the paper. This was agreed to and the collection amounted to £1.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. S. Bottomley (Selby) and J. A. Singleton (Hessle). Snaith was selected for the next meeting in September.

Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected District secretary and mention was made of his having completed 21 years in this office. Messrs. F. W. Dale, F. Terry and T. H. Foster were re-elected on the committee, the first-named to serve on the General Committee, all for three years.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded and the Vicar and Mr. Bairstow, in their replies, both asked the Association to come again to Pocklington in the near future.

The secretary was asked to write Mr. W. Barton, of Pudsey, formerly peal secretary of the Association, wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

The bells were kept ringing till after eight o'clock.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside 'completed the circle' at Withyham Church, Sussex, with a peal on June 20th, and Mr. J. A. Ainsworth that at Whickham, Co. Durham, on June 15th.

LETTERS

A ST. LUKE'S DAY PEAL ATTEMPT

Sir,—May I ask, by your courtesy, whether there are any ringers of the medical profession who would be interested in attempting a peal on the Feast of St. Luke (October 18th), or on the 17th? I should be very interested to hear from anyone who thinks this a good idea, and to try to arrange a rendezvous, if distances are not too great.—I remain, Sir, Your obedient servant, DAVID GULLICK.

Mount View, Weston Road,
Stevenage.

FATHER AND SON BOTH 60 YEARS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. Henry Stubbs, of Raunds, was a ringer for 63 years. His son, Mr. Fred Stubbs, has just completed 60 years as a ringer. Is this a record?

Henry Stubbs was a pioneer in the restoration of change ringing in the Raunds district and was a founder-member of the old Raunds. Wellingborough and District Society, which was formed in 1883.

Fred Stubbs rang his first peal in 1896 and during his ringing career he held office in the Central Northants Association and later in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild for a continuous period of 35 years.

ERNEST S. WHITMORE.

Wellingborough.

VOTIVE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have recently come across a votive bell at Brome Hall, Suffolk. It bears the inscription: 'Thomas Cornwallis me debet 1592,' implying that it was given as a result of a vow. It is a clock bell, so he must have vowed a clock and, of course, complete with its bell. I wonder if anyone knows of any other votive bell or bells whose inscriptions contain the word 'debet.'—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN (REV.).

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade.

A CORONATION DAY EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—During the first two weeks of June I was staying in Colwyn Bay. On the first Sunday morning (May 31st) I journeyed to Llandudno to ring for morning service, also for the evening service.

I asked the ringers what they were doing on Coronation Day and they said they were starting ringing at 9 a.m. and, if I wished, I could go along.

On the morning of the Coronation I asked the lady of the house for early breakfast so that I could get a bus in time. However, I caught the first bus about 8.30 (Sunday service) arriving in Llandudno about 9.

When I got off the bus the bells were ringing, I went up to the tower. There were only six going (the chief ringer and five learners ringing call changes) and one of the old ringers sitting out; he had evidently gone for 9 o'clock ringing.

I had only been in the belfry a few minutes when the conductor called 'Stand.' Immediately the ringers put on their coats and went down—with the exception of the old ringer who was sitting out.

In all my 40 years' ringing I have never seen a more disgusting trick in any belfry I have visited. It made one more disgusted with it being Coronation Day. What would have been nicer than for the whole eight to have rung some Queens and a few shots of firing.

However, in the meantime another youth turned up and Mr. Flood asked him to go and see if he could round up one or two more, which he very willingly did. So we managed a ring.—Yours sincerely, A. BURTON.

Worsley, Walkden,
Manchester.

Note.—We feel that this is an unusual experience in these days and is not typical of the friendliness displayed in Welsh belfries.—Ed.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Although the attendance at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on June 27th was disappointing, the annual festival of the Guild went off very favourably, with the weather just perfect.

The fundamental unity of the different organisations in the Church was stressed by the Rev. W. C. C. Williams, organiser for South Wales of the Church Missionary Society, when he preached at the service. 'Never feel that bell-ringing is an end in itself! It is only a means to service within the Church,' he said. Bell-ringers had a vital and integral part to play in the life of the Church when they brought people in.

The service, which preceded the meeting, was attended by the Mayoress (Mrs. D. J. Fisher), the Deputy Mayoress and Councillor Charles Harris, acting for the Mayor. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave the Blessing.

At the business meeting the Bishop, who is president, was in the chair. The following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. D. J. Lewis; hon. general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare; hon. treasurer, Mr. David Stokes; hon. auditor, Mr. Trevor M. Roderick; Central Council representative, Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

The 1954 festival is to be held at Brecon. The general secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who supplied and served such a good tea, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the Lord Bishop for presiding at the meeting.

OUTINGS

GORING-BY-SEA

Three towers—Goring-by-Sea, Heene and West Tarring—had a combined outing on June 20th. Goring-by-Sea was left at 7 a.m. and after a stop for morning coffee at Elm Court Country Club, Heathfield was reached just after 9 a.m. Then followed ringing at Rye, and Messrs. Goldsmiths provided an excellent luncheon at Tenterden.

A successful search for the belfry key enabled ringing to take place at Smarden. The next tower was Charing and then came one of the highlights of the day, tea at Pitts Cottage, Westerham, followed by ringing at the Parish Church.

At Merrow, nestling below Newlands Corner, Miss Warren had the bells in readiness, although the party arrived five minutes before time, having travelled 170-odd miles On the homeward journey a stop was made at Loxwood and Goring-by-Sea was reached at 11.15. The admirable arrangements were made by Mr. S. F. Haffenden, and Mr. R. P. Wood was in charge of the ringing, which was of a high standard throughout the day.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK

On June 13th, the St. Mary's, Preston, ringers with wives and friends spent a day in Lincolnshire for their annual outing. The churches visited were Deeping (St. James'), Spalding, Bourne and Whaplode. Lunch and tea were enjoyed at the last two places respectively.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge, Bourne, Netherseale, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. For a real happy day, 'Thank you, Lincolnshire.' F. D.

RAINHAM

St. Margaret's, Rainham, ringers and friends from other towers in the district had an enjoyable outing on June 27th when they toured Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Ringing took place at Seal Chart, Dorking, Holy Trinity, Guildford, Horsham (where tea was also enjoyed) and Hadlow. Rainham was reached about 10.30 with memories of the kind greetings received from the towers visited.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' July 18th, 1913

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

On Tuesday, July 8th, 1913, in 3 hours and 33 minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES
5,007 CHANGES
Tenor 36 cwt.

William Short	Treble
Miss Margery F. Sampson ..	2
Thomas Russam	3
Frederick Dickens	4
James E. Groves	5
Ernest T. Allaway	6
George F. Swann	7
Morris J. Morris	8
Ernest Mansell	9
Samuel Grove	10
John Neal	11
William Davies	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by William Short.

[By taking part in this peal, Miss Sampson became only the second lady to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques; on the following two days she rang peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The daughter of a well-known Scottish ringer, Mr. W. B. Sampson, of Edinburgh, she became the first lady ringer in Scotland. She died in January, 1915, at the early age of 24.]

TOWN & COUNTRY EXCHANGE

The fine Parish Church at Wednesbury stands on a hill commanding extensive views of the surrounding Black Country, the industrial heart of England. The ancient Parish Church of Claverley is situated amid the lovely Shropshire countryside.

These two parishes of direct contrasts figured in an interesting exchange on Sunday, June 28th, when, at Evensong, the Vicars, organists, choristers and bellringers changed round so that at Wednesbury Parish Church the service was conducted by the Vicar of Claverley and his choir, while Dr. A. B. Lavelle, Vicar and Rural Dean of Wednesbury, and his choir took the evening service at Claverley.

Before Evensong at Claverley a quarter peal of 1,344 Bob Major was rung by the following Wednesbury ringers: J. Hingley 1, G. Darlington 2, G. Lane 3, D. Tranter 4, A. Hingley (conductor) 5, A. Elsmore 6, D. K. Knowles 7, K. W. Knowles 8.

At Wednesbury, before Evensong, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following Claverley ringers: F. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun. 3, E. Drew (conductor) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8.

These exchange services were not only appreciated by those who took part but by the respective congregations as well.

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Quarter peals.—Eastbourne 2s., Croydon 5s., Basingstoke 4s., St. Albans 2s. 6d., Stevenage 2s. 6d., Mitcham 2s. 6d., Hereford 2s., Allesley 2s., Wicken 3s., Benhilton 1s. 6d., Allesley 2s., Alderton 2s. 6d., Goldhanger 4s., Llandilo 3s., Margate 2s., Grafton Regis 2s. 6d., Great Staughton 1s. 6d.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON EXTENSION

Adopted by the Central Council

Many hundreds of hours on research were spent by the Methods Committee in fulfilling the Council's resolution of four years ago, when the Committee was asked to define an acceptable extension of a method.

The report of this Committee—the work of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis—were presented with recommendations to the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth and adopted by the Council.

We publish this week the first instalment of this report.

The committee's conclusions are based on the theory that correct relationship of place-positions in the extension with those in the parent is the 'first principle' in method extension, which can be ascertained impersonally by the application of a mathematical formula based on certain rules suggested by accepted standard methods of varying types.

The principle adopted is that methods extend in sections, or by front and back subsections singly, and that an extension can only become effective from a cross-subsection place, or from the first places of the subsection. The place positions in the new subsections are relative to the subsection immediately before it and are not related to parts of adjacent subsections or to subsections that are not adjacent. All stages have the same relationship with the parent.

(In treble dominated methods, the treble's path cuts each interior section into two—that before the treble being known as the front subsection and that behind the treble as the back subsection. The initial section has a back subsection only and the last section (in the ½ lead) a front subsection only.)

This formula, which is suitable for checking any treble dominated even bell method except Little Bob, has been applied to extensions obtained from the Surprise Major and Royal Methods in Corrigan's Collections, the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods and the C.C. Collection of Plain Methods. Results show that many of the extensions already published are not mathematically true. On the other hand, out of about 500 methods extended, over 100 Surprise methods have acceptable extensions in one or more stages. This is contrary to what is generally concluded that correct Surprise extensions are few. The formula should prove a generous one in investigating extensions and should satisfy the needs of ambitious bands.

All methods are divided into three classes for extension purposes, viz., 'Expanding,' 'Static' and 'Double.' 'Expanding' methods are those where the internal place positions of both front and back subsections expand laterally from the lead, commencing from where the extension becomes effective. In 'Static' methods, the internal places of the front subsections remain static, i.e., they are identical with those in the parent, although the interior places of the back subsections laterally expand as in the 'Expanding' type.

In all methods, the new front and back subsections, not necessarily from the same section, are inserted between any two front and back subsections of the parent. A back subsection may be added after the last back subsection. A front subsection may be added after the last front subsection if the pivot place is an interior one or in the penultimate position. The adding of a new subsection after the last front subsection and a new subsection after the last back subsection—although from different sections—has the same effect as adding a complete new section after the last section. Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Rochester all extend from different front subsections, and Pudsey, Yorkshire and York from different back subsections. Some methods extend in complete sections, e.g., Lincolnshire; in other methods, e.g., Yorkshire, the front and back subsections extend singly.

The new subsection is always an associate of the subsection it follows and in a further extension the new subsection is an associate of the latest new subsection and immediately follows it. This means that if any method extends from, say, the first front subsection and the second back subsection, all successive stages continue from the same subsection. The remaining subsections in the extension are counterparts of the remaining subsections of the parent.

The insertion of a subsection between two existing subsections allows the extension to commence either from a cross subsection place or from the beginning of a subsection. The front extension may be effective from a cross subsection place and the back from the beginning of a subsection or vice versa; or both the front and back from a cross subsection place or from the beginning of a subsection.

The first front cross subsection place is not affected in any extension and in the formula this place is not notated. The reason for the omission is that to extend the first front cross subsection place will result in the next cross subsection place, which may adjoin the treble, being transferred to lead in the extension.

(NOTE.—A cross subsection place 'adjoining the treble' is the place made immediately before or immediately after dodging with the treble, or in plain methods 'passing the treble.' All the cross subsection places in Cambridge and Double Norwich (Major) adjoin the treble.)

If an extension commences on the cross subsection place, the cross subsection place is related to the place positions in the following subsection. On the other hand, if the extension commences at the beginning of a subsection, the cross subsection place is related to the place positions of the subsection immediately before. Where the last front subsection is reproduced and the extension becomes effective from the beginning of a subsection place, the pivot place is related to the front subsection immediately above, provided the normal pivot position is not affected.

In a 'Static' method, where the extension affects a front cross subsection place adjoining the treble, the subsection place either continues to adjoin the treble (as in Lytham Bob) or remains static (as in Northampton).

The pivot place may be in (a) the lead position, (b) the penultimate position (under the treble) or (c) in an interior position. In all stages the lead position and the penultimate position remain the same whether the method is 'Expanding,' 'Static' or 'Double,' but an interior place expands in 'Expanding' methods and remains static in 'Static' methods.

In Double Methods, the formula is rearranged because the cross subsection places and the places of the front subsections are identical with those of the back except that they are inverted. Methods are restricted to 'Expanding' only because in all methods the place positions of the initial section are identical in any stage. While the interior places in front of the treble expand from the lead, the places behind the treble expand from the back. The pivot place is always the reverse of the lead-head place (it would not be a double method otherwise) and is therefore restricted to either the 'lead' or penultimate position. The front subsection may extend from the beginning of a subsection or from a cross subsection place in the same way as a single method, provided the back extends similarly but in an inverted position.

In 'Little' methods, an extension does not increase the number of sections and the formula is unnecessary. In all successive stages, the places are identical with those of the parent.

NOTES ON THE 1950 REPORT

The interim report of 1950 stresses in general terms the necessity of reproducing in the extensions the characteristics of the parent method. The committee has been advised to amplify the recommendations in regard to half-lead (pivot) places, which have now been dealt with in a previous paragraph of this report, and to modify the requirement of rigid conformity of 'place pattern.' In view of the considerable number of methods with backward hunting, and others, which, owing to their construction, would eliminate any possibility of the extension being recognised, it is felt that requirements will be met by the application of the formula, subject to certain safeguards in subsequent paragraphs, and to the preservation of 'lead-head place sequence,' which is dealt with in the section of the Report on 'Pivot bells.'

In order to reproduce contiguous places made in 1–2, no 'Expanding' method or 'Double' method may extend from a point prior to the subsection or cross subsection containing such a contiguous place. In 'Static' methods this restriction is not necessary. Any other contiguous places will be automatically reproduced in the extension whether the method is 'Expanding,' 'Static' or 'Double.'

It is essential that the number of cross subsection places adjoining the treble, whether before or behind the treble, shall be not less in number in the extension than in the parent. The formula already provides for the back places, but in 'Static' methods a front extension may not be effective from a point prior to a front cross subsection place adjoining the treble, otherwise the corresponding places in the extension will no longer adjoin the treble. 'Expanding' methods or 'Double' methods when extended automatically ensure that this requirement is effected.

The formula which follows is based on the above conclusion.

THE FORMULA

Every parent method, whether treble bob or plain hunt, with the exception of double methods, has a standard notation, commencing with 'A' from the first front subsection, 'B' at the following cross section place and continuing with initial letters of the alphabet up to the pivot place. If the pivot place is at the lead, the letter is omitted. In Static methods it is omitted also if the pivot place is penultimate. At the back, terminal letters are used, commencing from the first back subsection and concluding with 'Z' at the last cross subsection place.

In Double methods, the front is labelled in the same way as ordinary methods. As the pivot place depends on the lead-head place, it is excluded from the notation. The back is labelled with the same initial letters as the front, except that this operation is inverted.

Examples of the notations in respect of each parent method are shown hereunder. All subsections and cross subsection places in the extensions which correspond with those in the parent bear the same letter for comparison purposes. Where the interior places expand from the lead, each successive stage is indicated by 1, 2 or 3 against the appropriate letter.

Any of the following will comply with the rules (one for the front and one for the back) provided that only the subsections and cross subsection places given in the examples are notated, and that regard is paid to the extension restrictions in Rule 6 which are illustrated at the conclusion of the section on the formula.

'EXPANDING' AND 'STATIC' METHODS

(a) Back subsections

Parent—Minor		W	X	Y	Z
Extension					
W Major (1st stage)	..	W	X	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	W	X	W1	X1 W2 X2 Y2 Z2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	W	X	W1	X1 W2 X2 W3 X3 Y3 Z3
X Major (1st stage)	..	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 Z1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 X2 Y2 Z2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 X2 Y2 X3 Y3 Z3
Y Major (1st stage)	..	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1 Y2 Z2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1 Y2 Z2 Y3 Z3

Parent—Major		U	V	W	X	Y	Z
U Royal (1st stage)	..	U	V	U1	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	U	X	U1	V1	U2	V2 W2 X2 Y2 Z2
V Royal (1st stage)	..	U	V	W	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	U	V	W	V1	W1	V2 W2 X2 Y2 Z2
W Royal (1st stage)	..	U	V	W	X	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	U	V	W	X	W1	X1 W2 Z2 Y2 Z2
X Royal (1st stage)	..	U	V	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 Z1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	U	V	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 X2 Y2 Z2
Y Royal (1st stage)	..	U	V	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	U	V	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1 Y2 Z2

Parent—Royal		S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Extension									
S Maximus		S	T	S1	T1	U1	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
T		S	T	U	T1	U1	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
U		S	T	U	V	U1	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
V		S	T	U	V	W	V1	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
W		S	T	U	V	W	X	W1	X1 Y1 Z1
X		S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	X1 Y1 Z1
Y		S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z Y1 Z1

(b) Front subsections

(i) 'Expanding' methods

Parent—Minor		A	B	C	D*
Extension					
A Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	A1	B1 C1 D1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	A1	B1 A2 B2 C2 D2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	A1	B1 A2 B2 A3 B3 C3 D3
B Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	B1 C1 D1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	B1 C1 B2 C2 D2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	C	B1 C1 B2 C2 B3 C3 D3
C* Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D C1 D1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D C1 D1 C2 D2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	C	D C1 D1 C2 D2 C3 D3

Parent—Major		A	B	C	D	E	F*
A Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	A1	B1	C1	D1 E1 F1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	A1	B1	A2	B2 C2 D2 E2 F2
B Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	B1	C1	D1 E1 F1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	B1	C1	B2 C2 D2 E2 F2
C Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	C1	D1 E1 F1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	C1	D1 C2 D2 E2 F2
D Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	D1 E1 F1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	D1 E1 D2 E2 F2
E* Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	F E1 F1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	F E1 F1 E2 F2

Parent—Royal		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H*
A Maximus		A	B	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1 G1 H1
B		A	B	C	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1 G1 H1
C		A	B	C	D	C1	D1	E1	F1 G1 H1
D		A	B	C	D	E	D1	E1	F1 G1 H1
E		A	B	C	D	E	F	E1	F1 G1 H1
F		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	F1 G1 H1
G*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H G1 H1

* Interior or penultimate pivot place only.

(ii) Static methods

Parent—Minor		A	B	C	D†
Extension					
A Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	A	B C D
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	A	B A B C D
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	A	B A B A B C D
B Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	B C D
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	B C B C D
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	C	B C B C B C D
C† Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D C D
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D C D C D
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	C	D C D C D C D

Parent—Major		A	B	C	D	E	F†
A Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	A	B	C	D E F
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	A	B	A	B C D E F
B Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	B	C	D E F
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	B	C	B C D E F
C Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	C	D E F
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	C	D C D E F
D Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	D E F
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	D E D E F
E† Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	F E F
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E	F E F E F

Parent—Royal		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H†
A Maximus		A	B	A	B	C	D	E	F G H
B		A	B	C	B	C	D	E	F G H
C		A	B	C	D	C	D	E	F G H
D		A	B	C	D	E	D	E	F G H
E		A	B	C	D	E	F	E	F G H
F		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	F G H
G†		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H G H

† Interior pivot place only.

Double Methods

Front and Back Subsections

Parent—Minor		A	B	C
Extension				
A Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	**A1 B1** C1
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	**A1 B1 A2 B2** C2
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	**A1 B1 A2 B2 A3 B3** C3
B Major (1st stage)	..	A	B	C **B1 C1**
Royal (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C **B1 C1 B2 C2**
Maximus (3rd stage)	..	A	B	C **B1 C1 B2 C2 B3 C3**

Parent—Major		A	B	C	D	E
A Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	**A1**	**B1**	C1 D1 E1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	**A1**	**B1**	**A2 B2** C2 D2 E2
B Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	**B1**	C1 D1 E1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	**B1**	C1 **B2** C2 D2 E2
C Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	**C1 D1** E1
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	C1 **D1 C2 D2** E2
D Royal (1st stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E **D1 E1**
Maximus (2nd stage)	..	A	B	C	D	E **D1 E1 D2 E2**

Parent—Royal		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Extension								
A Maximus		A	B	**A1**	**B1**	C1	D1	E1 F1 G1
B		A	B	C	**B1**	C1	D1	E1 F1 G1
C		A	B	C	D	C1	D1	E1 F1 G1
D		A	B	C	D	E	D1	E1 F1 G1
E		A	B	C	D	E	F	E1 F1 G1
F		A	B	C	D	E	F	G F1 G1

RESTRICTIONS IN THE USE OF THE FORMULA

Rule 6.—'Expanding' and 'Double' methods. Contiguous places in 1–2.

Location of contiguous places in 1–2		Extensions not recognised
Subsection	A	— *
Cross subsection	B	— *
Subsection	C	A
Cross subsection	D	A & B
Subsection	E	A, B & C
Cross subsection	F	A. B. C & D
Subsection	G	A. B. C, D & E

* No restriction.

Rule 6.—'Static' methods. Cross subsection places adjoining the treble.

Cross subsection place adjoining the treble	Extensions under Rule 5 (b) not recognised
B	— *
D	A & B
F	A, B, C & D
H	A, B, C, D, E & F

* No restriction.

(To be continued.)

QUARTER PEALS

RUNG FOR THE CORONATION

BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On June 2nd, at the of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Heyes (first as cond) 1, Miss P. McKay 2, A. Harden (first quarter) 3, G. Wilson 4, W. Wilson 5, A. Meriman (first quarter) 6. First quarter by an all-Ballarat team.

ELY, CAMBS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. W. Butler 1, M. Grain 2, R. D. Edge 3, R. B. Morris 4, J. W. Pickett 5, F. E. Roberts 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, W. J. Ridgman 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman, Grandisre, Plain Bob Doubles: Joan F. Winterbourne 1, T. W. Bond 2, Phyllis Hale (first quarter) 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Mott (first quarter) 1, C. McGuiness 2, J. Anderson 3, K. Arthur 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 7, B. Roddam (first quarter) 8. First in method by all.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke 1, H. Davison 2, G. Seth 3, J. R. Smith 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, Valerie Willard 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, J. W. Spencer 4, Joan Gray 5, F. A. Bennett 6, J. Roper 7, N. Williams 8, P. Gray 9, W. Ford 10.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Davis (North Wingfield) 1, H. Franklin 2, M. Wright 3, W. E. Gough 4, P. Wright (cond.) 5, E. G. Holdgate 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): G. Webb 1, Miss J. Eason 2, Miss D. —— 3, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 4, P. Foote 5, P. King (aged 13, first quarter) 6.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington and April Day, with 180 of Plain Bob): G. E. Pugh 1, Ann Barr 2, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 3, D. W. Barr 4, B. E. Carson 5, J. B. Dineage (first quarter) 6. First quarter in 10 methods by all the band and on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Bainbridge 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, S. F. Palmer 4, R. S. Long 5, G. K. Chaddock 6, J. Seager 7, R. Preston 8 B. Holland 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First quarter for 1 and 6.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Proctor 1, J. Cannings 2, H. Barnes 3, A. Hulley 4, I. Battersby (first quarter) 5, A. Wilson (first of Major) 6, W. Watkinson 7 F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Knott 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, H. Cole 3, H. Nicklin (cond.) 4, W. Holm 5 A. Williamson 6.

FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): W. Puddifoot 1, R. Shutter 2, W. Ayre 3, T. Morton 4, A. V. Good 5, R. Sheppard (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for service of music. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Freda Millam (first quarter) 1, Edna Everest (first quarter) 2, Agnes Millam (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Truran (first quarter) 6. Rung for the engagement of Freda Millam to Edward Hammond.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. A. Carpenter 1, J. W. T. Taylor 2, H. G. Summer 3, P. Stone 4, J. W. Taylor 5, F. W. Perrens 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stote (cond.) 8. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Lola M. Callow (first in method) 1, F. W. Perrens 2, P. K. Williamson 3, C. S. Aylett 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, D. A. Carpenter (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Winter 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. L. Reece (first quarter of Minor) 1, C. Blundell 2, W. Parrott 3, S. Kimber (first quarter of Minor) 4, P. Leech 5, E. Gosden (cond.) 6, J. Clarke 7. Rung for the dedication festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 5th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Brown 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss P. Steere 3, E. W. Razzell 4, C. Parks 5, P. G. W. Humphries, 6, S. H. Dearden 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, R. W. Pankhurst 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, L. J. Baldock 5, F. H. Dallaway (cond) 6, H. G. F. Reynolds 7, R. Cowling 8. Many happy returns to the ringer of the tenor, aged 81.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Hall 1, E. R. Lambert 2, G. Webb 3, W. Yates 4, G. Atkins (first in four methods as cond.) 5.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cousins 1, J. Fisher (first quarter) 2, E. W. Martin 3, F. Arnold 4, G. A. Hollick (cond.) 5. Rung prior to the opening of the church garden fete.

HADLOW, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Fry (first quarter) 1, L. J. Honess 2, J. Harden 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. A. Bowen 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elsie F. Feltwell (first quarter) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, J. W. Meade 3, B. J. Luff 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5.

HEREFORD.—On July 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Chandler (first in the method) 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmons 2, F. E. Roberts 3, E. F. Salmons 4, A. T. Wingate 5, A. T. Poulton 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8. For the festival service of the Friends of the Cathedral.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen M. Malden (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel 5. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

LLANDILO, CARMS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. O. Alcock 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, C. R. Francis (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. H. Price 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, A. Reynolds 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. L. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, M. P. Page 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to the ringer of the third.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): J. Uden 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, H. Allen 3, R. Stoddard 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6 First quarter in four methods for all. A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife and father (2nd ringer), whose birthdays fall on the same day.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, J. Rootes 3, T. Clark 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, C. Randall 6.

RUMNEY, MONS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. C. H. Williams 1, R. C. Lucas 2, M. M. Reid 3, W. A. Jerrett 4, W. R. Speake (cond.) 5, S. Shackell 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Graham Smith, a member of the local band, and Miss Alma Hardy. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. S. Cosslet (15) 1, D. C. H. Williams (14) 2, R. C. Lucas 3, T. T. Lewis 4 E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. Jerrett 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on June 28th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Miss B. M. Mitchell (first quarter on 12) 4, Miss M. F. Jackson 5, R. F. Deal 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, F. J. Matthews 8, A. J. House 9, W. Prockson 10, J. Phillips 11, B. D. Threlfall 12.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On June 28th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, R. Charge 2, S. Howard 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, E. V. Blake 6, C. D. Nichols (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. Rung for service attended by Mayor and Corporation of Wandsworth.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidgey 1, F. Matravers 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Sage 4, W. H. Tarr 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. First in the method for 3 and 4.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church, on June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Banks (first quarter) 1, F. Bennett 2, Mrs. Chadwick (first of Major) 3, L. Fisher 4, T. Duffin 5, L. Houghton 6, J. H. Kirby 7, J. E. Kirby 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Berry 1, A. Greenough 2, F. S. Smith 3, C. Aldridge 4, E. Garrard 5, J. Blond 6, R. Blond 7, R. Tappin 8. First in method by 3 and 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. J. Green 2, H. Ridgeway 3, T. E. Roberts 4, F. C. Case 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. McKie (cond.) 1, H. J. Hazell 2, J. Suckling 3, J. Roberts 4, L. Ladley 5, A. Bull 6.

RINGERS' OUTING

THE TOWERS OF EXMOOR

On July 4th, in glorious weather, a small band of ringers representing North Somerset, North Devon and Dorset had a pleasant afternoon and evening amongst the six-bell towers of East Exmoor. When found, the first tower to be visited was Exton, a handy little ring with a tenor of 8¼ cwt. At Winsford a member of the local band met the party and joined in the ringing of the lovely bells, the tenor of which is given as 16 cwt. in 'The Book' but as only 12 cwt. in details in the tower.

Cutcombe bells (12¼ cwt.) are nice toned but the ropes are poor; here the Rector welcomed the band. At Exford the party found a very well-kept churchyard and equally well-kept ringing chamber. The bells (13 cwt.) being raised in peal brought a local ringer hastily from the cricket field to remove the muffles which had inadvertently been left on. The ringers thoroughly enjoyed these bells but wished that there had been some ventilation in the ringing chamber.

Down a one in five hill and the party were welcomed by the Rector of Withypool and were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. Panter, of Pinhoe. The bells (12 cwt.), not going too well (the sally of the third is liable to catch on a cistern!) combined with the 'circle' being almost a triangle, unfortunately produced the only bad ringing of the day. Were the two umbrellas hanging in the tower provided as a protection against what rains down when ringing?

Up and down two very steep hills and the band safely reached Hawkridge to find Mr. W. Lock, the local captain, waiting to welcome them. The bells, six cwt. in 'The Book' but locally 10 cwt., were a real treat and it was with regret that they were lowered after about half an hour's ringing. So ended another enjoyable outing with good company, mainly good bells and glorious scenery. E. T. P. F.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The 1953 Ringing Week, Oxford, August 14th–22nd. Reservations now being confirmed. Interested members are invited to write to the secretary immediately. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2825

NORTH CORNWALL TOUR.—Owing to illness, there is a vacancy for a ringer, with a car (expenses shared), to join a party touring North Cornwall from Saturday, August 8th—Saturday, August 15th: 11 peal attempts and visits to 33 towers. Please write immediately for details to: A. P. Cannon, 20, Deepdene Vale, Dorking, Surrey. 2901

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, July 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2863

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lullington, July 18th. Handbell ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Mr. A. Hughes will give a talk on bells. Norton St. Philip and Frome bells will be available in the evening.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2851

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Monks Kirby on July 18th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. **(Note the change of venue.)** Business meeting follows tea at 5 p.m. at the Denbigh Arms. 2859

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Bassingbourn, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Old Saddler's Cafe. Littlington (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8). Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. First meeting on these recently-rededicated bells.—H. S. Peacock, Sec. 2857

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Sandon (6) will be available 7-9 p.m. 2836

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Bexhill (8), July 18th, 3 p.m. 2846

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 18th. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 2878

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Twickenham, July 18th. All Hallows' (10). Chertsey Road, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. St. Mary's (8) available afterwards. Names for tea appreciated.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road. Iver Heath, Bucks. 2861

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Castleacre (6) July 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. F. Tovell, 18, New Road. Gaywood, King's Lynn. 2853

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, July 18th, at Middleton Cheney postponed.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Sec. 2899

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern and North-Western Districts) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined meeting at Betchworth, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Buckland (6) also available after tea.—C. Champion, A. Lathbury, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2833

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Shoreham (8), July 18th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2862

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Harborne, Saturday, July 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2868

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 2903

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery. — Meeting, Milborne Port, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than 22nd. Ringing at Milborne Port until 4.30 p.m.; at Charlton Horethorne from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 2892

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Flitton, Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Please send names for tea and look up Bacup Surprise.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 2902

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey (Altrincham), July 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise before Tuesday, July 21st, Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 2874

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Eccleston, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by July 22nd.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 2887

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by July 22nd.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2890

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Melbourne (8) for Saturday, July 25th, **is cancelled.** Announcement next week. 2893

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 23rd, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. 2888

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Chippenham (6), July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. Dis. Sec. 2891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 pm. Names for tea, by July 21st, to Mr. J. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 2864

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. free to those who send names, by Thursday, July 23rd, to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Henbury, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2886

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce. Hon. Dis. Sec. 2881

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun, Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined meeting, Leintwardine, July 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to Rev. J. Williams, Stow Vicarage, Bucknell. 2894

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).—The next meeting at Claverley on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 5.45. Notifications for tea to Mr. F. Bennett, Rydal, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton, before July 22nd. —H. G. Thomas, Sec. 2883

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Shoreham, Saturday, July 25th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24 Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Joseph Thornley, Ass. Sec. 2885

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 25th, at Bramley. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—I. Slack. Hon. Sec. 2882

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Rutland Branch). —Joint meeting at Somerby, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names **must be sent,** by the 22nd, to Mr. C. Tyler, Church Lane, Somerby. —J. H. Cook. E. E. Gibson. Joint Secs. 2865

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. P.C., by 22nd, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.—L. W. Allen. 2900

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 2860

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Burton Stather (8), July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 21st, to P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton Stather, Scunthorpe. 2854

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Raithby, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, July 20th, to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2883

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Stamford, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30-5 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in church 5.50 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells afterwards until 9 p.m.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2880

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent, not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. W. Elsey, School House, Winfarthing, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hambleden, Saturday, July 25th, 2 p.m. Buses from High Wycombe Station 1.35 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. Other buses, but mile walk. Names for tea by July 20th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Finchampstead (6) on Saturday, July 25th, 6-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2879

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Titchmarsh (8), July 25th. Names for tea Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witten. 2884

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members please carry own food: cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2895

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2873

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Battle (8), Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea by 22nd to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, July 25th, at 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Meon (8). Privett (8), Liss (8) 12 noon-1.30; Petersfield 12.30-2 and after tea. Names for tea, **not later** than Wednesday, 22nd, to Mr. C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton.—F. W. Rogers. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants. 2896

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampton, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5: please notify W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham, by July 21st. 2906

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Speldhurst (8), Aug. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 28th to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2904

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 8th, 3 p.m. Tuesday practices as usual.—A. B. Peck. 2897

OTTERSHAW VISITS SUSSEX

On July 4th the ringers of Ottershaw, accompanied by wives and ringing friends, held their annual outing, setting off for Sussex. Bolney was reached a little late but everyone had a ring and enjoyed the 'go' of the bells. Good use was made of the lovely light six at East Hoathly

We arrived at Battle while a wedding was being performed and the first touch on this good octave rang the bride and bridegroom out of church. Here we had some of the best ringing of the day and were very sorry to leave but owing to the needs of the inner man we had to go to the Pilgrims' Rest, where a really good lunch was served. Sedlescombe was the next tower and here time went all too quickly and too soon we had to depart for Lamberhurst where we were met by the genial Mr. Relfe, who had everything in readiness for us; here the ringing was enjoyed. Mr. Woods arranged tea for the party at Tonbridge.

Oxted was the last tower of the day and here the conductors had to shout like sergeant-majors to make anybody hear. The methods rung during the day consisted of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent, Double Oxford, Cambridge and Double Norwich. R. J. A.

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THE REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

AT the Bournemouth meeting of the Central Council the Methods Committee secured the adoption of its report, and nobody but a confirmed curmudgeon would wish to deny the members of that committee the satisfaction of having completed their huge task. The report was presented in two parts, one being the conclusion reached on Method Extension and the other relating to Minor methods and their leads.

Of the first it can only be said by the ordinary ringer that the report is indeed 'a formidable document,' unlikely to be comprehended to the full except by those who have made a special study of the subject. Yet such was the sincerity of its presentation, and such was the obvious sense of authority with which the members of the committee spoke, that the Council elected to trust the matter to the integrity of Mr. Felstead and his companions; and no one present was prepared to suggest any other course.

The second part of the report might easily have proved more contentious than the first, but here again the Council sensed that in the main the right thing was being done, and that to oppose the adoption of the report was to open up fresh difficulties. This is not to say that all ringers will (or need) agree that the matter is correctly settled, or that the findings of the committee can avoid certain strange anomalies and inconsistencies. It is generally agreed that the methods with the Bob Minor leads are in some mysterious way the best, but whether all the other methods are so inferior as to warrant complete ostracism is a matter still open to doubt. Again, whether the Bob Minor cycle is or is not the only acceptable one it is clear that as soon as extents are composed the particular cycle loses all significance and, indeed, in some cases no one can rightly say whether or not a particular 720 is allowable.

It is because there are in change ringing so many matters that cannot possibly be decided by dictum that many ringers doubt the wisdom of extreme legislation, feeling that some problems might well be left to time and the gentle advice of the Central Council. The Council is an educational body, and as such it is its duty to convert and to educate. There are, of course, two ways of converting. One is by the fire and sword of the Inquisition, and the other is with feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. It is almost certain that the latter is the sure way.

Where it is considered advisable to make changes and to remove old things (even less worthy things) great care must be exercised. Some 30 years ago the compilers of a new Church hymn book decided to eradicate some of the old Victorian tunes and to provide in their place better tunes old and new. The first experiments were not a success, and it subsequently became clear that the best plan was to print both tunes side by side and let the better one win its own victory. It can already be said that the victory of the more worthy tune has been in almost every case complete.

It may be that the Minor methods problem would have settled itself more satisfactorily in this manner, avoiding thus the embarrassment of inconsistencies that cannot be removed by legislation, and leaving the Council free from the accusation of dictating what ringers shall ring. Nevertheless, irregular methods have, by common consent, almost ceased to have any significance, and the reaffirming by the Council of its old decision was a natural conclusion. No harm can come, it may be said, provided that in all legislation we remember that it is never too late to remove an injustice, if injustice there be: never too late to set right a wrong, if wrong exist. E. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of July 25th, 1913

CAVERSHAM

The Oxford Diocesan Guild

On Tuesday, July 15th, 1913, in 3 hours and 3 minutes

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

Edwin Menday	... Treble	Harry Tucker	... 5
Hubert Hatto ...	... 2	George Essex	... 6
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	3	Harry Smith ...	... 7
Albert Cullum	... 4	Ernest Menday	... Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Ernest Menday.

[This was the first and only peal in this curious principle, which would not under present-day definition be regarded as 'Surprise.' Mr. Washbrook claimed it as 'far more difficult than London and far more musical than Superlative.']

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., July 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	10
BRIAN G. WARWICK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JOHN F. BUTLER	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	ANTHONY AGER	8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
MURIEL REAY	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The conductor's 200th peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Terry R. Hampton and Miss Ann Baxter.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	6
*JUDITH M. MIDGLEY	2	JOHN M. STALLARD	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	WILFRED F. WEBB	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	NORMAN H. COOMBES	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by REG. G. HOOPER.
* First peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

MAURICE G. TURNER	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	ERNEST STITCH	8
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
*CLIVE M. SMITH	5	†DAVID G. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 75th peal. † First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	REV. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	2	ALEC CAIRNS	7
*NORMAN SMITH	3	RICHARD BENSON	8
JACK CLEGG	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	9
*ARTHUR HIBBERT	5	CHARLES CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES S. AYLETT	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	JOHN W. TAYLOR	7
DAVID A. CARPENTER	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
Rung by members of the local band, in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, both ringers at this church.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. E. LANCASTER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD H. FORD	5
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
JOHN BAGNALL	3	RAYMOND SUART	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Shuttleworth, of Hawkshead.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	JOHN GRANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	2	GODFREY C. WALPOLE	6
*JAMES W. FORDER	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CHARLES BAILEY	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	CECIL RADDON	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	DENNIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Marjorie Abbott, a local ringer, who was to be married at this church on July 1st, and is leaving the district.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	2	*ALAN G. FEVER	6
*JOHN S. WYBREW	3	MAX P. PAGE	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Lister.

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On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BISHOP WEARMOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

KENNETH PICKERING	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
ARNOLD BRUNTON	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
PETER N. BOND	4	WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
On the Gabriel 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
WILLIAM LOVE	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*JOHN R. ACRES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Josiah Morris on the eve of his 86th birthday.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

EDMUND P. CROWDY	*Treble*	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Jenkin Jones, M.A., Vicar of Blackhill (1918-53) and Rural Dean of Lanchester.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, viz., 2,304 Bristol, 1,600 London, 576 Superlative and 544 Cambridge, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Spliced.
Rung for the Feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE APPS	*Treble*	†ERIC H. KNAPP	5
*MRS. K. SNELLING	2	JAMES W. JEFFERY	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	JAMES H. LILLEY	7
HORACE E. LILLEY	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. LILLEY.
* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Josiah Morris on his 86th birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BRIAN CUTHBERT	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
JACK BRAY	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. O. G. O. Larr, who is leaving this parish for North Collingham, near Newark.

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CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

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

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(South-West Branch.)
On Sat., July 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in E.

*JAMES RICH	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT	2	DAVID J. GAY	6
DENIS F. WHEELER	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	4	H. OWEN THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

ECCLESTON, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
BASIL JONES	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER	5
*FREDERICK LEECH	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
G. LEONARD HEWITT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
*GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	*MARY C. PAYNE	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mary C. Payne.

SIX BELL PEALS

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	HENRY PRATT	4
JUNE S. STARLING	2	TERRY EARLE	5
MRS. H. W. MOORE	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.
First peal in method as conductor.
Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Kent Treble Bob (Nos. 150 and 151), two 720's Single Oxford Bob (Nos. 58 and 59) and three 720's Plain Bob (Nos. 34, 50 and 52). Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

WILFRED H. LEWIS	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	4
*ROBERT W. HINDE	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal of Minor and first peal in three methods.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

ROY DUESBURY	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
*RUBY LANGLANDS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
†ANN V. LEWIS	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	4
ALBERT G. BALLAM	2	ARTHUR F. BALLAM	5
JAMES G. STANNARD	3	JOHN BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. BALLAM.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. William J. Parker.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four methods, viz.: One extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	4
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	†HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal in four methods. † 350th peal for the Society.
Rung for the Festival of St. John-the-Baptist.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being two 1,440's and three extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

P. SMITH	*Treble*	D. PAUL	4
W. YOUNG	2	V. HURT	5
T. A. BEVIS	3	W. SEEKINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SEEKINGS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who celebrated his 70th birthday; also a birthday compliment to the niece of the conductor.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being twelve extents (four callings) of Plain Bob, 30 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

*MALCOLM STONE	*Treble*	*ROGER COLES	4
*TONY OTTER	2	TOM SMITH	5
*DAVID SIMMS	3	*REG BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH.
* First peal. First peal as conductor and his first of Doubles.
Rung as 21st birthday compliment to Dave Simms and Reg. Brown. First peal on the bells since 1927.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

DAVID W. BARR	*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	4
*BRYAN E. CARSON	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
JOHN R. JOYNER	3	CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* 25th peal and 25th peal for the Society.

BROMESBERROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's Arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt.

*EDGAR HITCHINGS	*Treble*	RICHARD CHEW	4
*LEONARD SMITH	2	*FREDERICK BALDWIN	5
LESLIE BARRY	3	*THOMAS CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.
Rung for the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. by the North Forest Branch.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's:—(1) Carlisle, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Norfolk and Ipswich, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT	4
CECIL WADE	2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Daventry Branch.)
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*BARRY W. BARTON	*Treble*	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	4
MALCOLM R. TOMALIN	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
JUNE M. HILL	3	MARY E. GOODENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.
* First peal.
Rung for the festival of SS. Peter and Paul.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

MRS. E. S. POWELL	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	4
JACK W. DREW	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
A farewell compliment to the Vicar of Stoke, the Rev. D. Ballard, on his retirement.



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WHITCHURCH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt.

*W. SHORT	*Treble*	M. WISE	4
W. JOHNSON	2	G. HEARNS	5
MISS L. SLADE	3	*B. CRACKNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HEARNS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for 40 years.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty's Coronation.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
BERT W. MAY	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
*EDWARD C. BARTON	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk and a welcome to the preacher, the Rev. Philip Wood, Rector of Cala, South Africa.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ANN COX	*Treble*	GEORGE L. GROVER	4
*ROLAND W. MORANT	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

DORIS MARSHALL	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
*A. EDWARD DOBB	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
ARTHUR B. COOPER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of New, St. Simon's, Stedman and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

WENDY PEAKE	*Treble*	WALTER TRUEMAN	4
JOHN VINCENT	2	ANTHONY PEAKE	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	*CYNTHIA SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY PEAKE.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band to commemorate the 31st anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS P. PEEL	*Treble*	ROLAND REED	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	HARRY FOLLEN	5
JOHN E. FOX	3	ROBERT WISKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. W. Crofts, formerly Ringing Master, Wisbech Branch, Ely Association, interred the previous day.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

DONALD ANDREWS	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	4
ANNE LEWIS	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
*FELIX H. ERITH	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	MARJORIE LEGG	4
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	5
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Card, of Kewstoke, on her 100th birthday.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. COOK	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
RONALD A. FRANCIS	2	JAMES R. BAILEY	5
CHARLES V. ORVES	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SILK-WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's—one each of York, Durham, Bourne, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	*Treble*	JAMES W. HAW	4
CECIL WADE	2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' The 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy E. Musson, wife of the tenor ringer.

UPPER ARLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN HICKS	*Treble*	*BERNARD LAWTON	4
*KEITH SALTER	2	ALFRED GLAZZARD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Minor.
Specially arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Salter, of Kidderminster. Mr. Salter rang his first peal in this tower almost exactly 35 years ago.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

E. JACK THURLOW	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 14, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being in eight methods, comprising: 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, 232 Crayford Little Bob, and 1,456 Plain Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. .. 5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3—4 | James E. Daniels .. .. 7—8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 10, Stockmore Street,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

R. James Cook .. .. 1—2 | Peter C. Wright .. .. 5—6
Frank P. Wright .. .. 3—4 | John B. Guy .. .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Peter C. Wright.
Rung by four members of University College.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At Green Ways, Gipsy Lane,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret E. L. Beamish 1—2 | Paul K. Williamson .. 5—6
Frank W. Perrens .. .. 3—4 | H. Ernest Sibley .. .. 7—8
*Arthur H. Beamish .. 9—10

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'
Rung as a compliment to Margaret Beamish on the eve of her birthday, and also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, of the Allesley (Coventry) band.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At 160, Brockwell Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

William J. Thyng .. .. 1—2 | Albert H. Ward .. .. 5—6
Clement Glenn .. .. 3—4 | Sidney F. Palmer .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to Albert H. Ward on his attaining the age of 80.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 24, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Fulbeck, Canterbury and Double and two each of Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor size 17 in A.

Howard Scott .. .. 1—2 | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3—4
W. Eric Critchley .. 5—6

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, and 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 397 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Michael J. E. Best .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. .. 5—6
*James E. Daniels .. .. 3—4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 7—8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal in six methods.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW READERS

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Latest news of overseas Coronation ringing is from St. David's Church, Hobart, Tasmania. Here a quarter peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on Coronation Day starting at 12.20 p.m.

Mr. Tom Smith, of 151, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford, is now captain of St. Andrew's, Headington, tower.

Work on Freshwater, Isle of Wight, bells, which are to be put on ball bearings, started on July 20th. The bells will be out of commission until further notice.

Mr. Josiah Morris had his 86th birthday on July 1st. There were birthday peals at Loughborough and Thurcaston apart from that recorded last week at Leicester Cathedral.

Mr. Keith Salter, of Kidderminster, returned to Upper Arley, Staffordshire, where he rang his first peal 35 years ago to participate in a peal for his silver wedding.

Four of the Sunday service band at Bromesberrow rang their first peal on June 27th. It was a local effort except for the conductor, Mr. L. Barry.

In the Coronation peal at Oatlands Park on June 13th the ringer of the third was Miss F. Clayton and not as printed in our issue of July 10th. The error is regretted.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Cartmel, of St. Albans, on Friday. He was for about 50 years either assistant secretary or secretary of the Hertford County Association. The funeral service was at St. Albans on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, will be sorry to know that she is at present in the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, where she underwent an operation on Monday last, and will wish her a speedy recovery.

Addressing Aldershot Rotarians on change ringing, Mr. W. H. Viggers said for good striking a ringer had to judge his bell to within one-fifteenth of a second. The best age to start ringing, he said, was between 10 and 14: if one started later the chances of becoming a first class ringer were very small.

On the occasion of the visit of H.M. The Queen to Llanelly, a peal was rung on the bells of the Church of St. Ellyw.

The 1954 June meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Tiverton and not Twerton as stated recently.

Of Mr. Ernest J. Ladd's 200 peals (completed on June 20th), in 120 of them there was either a first peal or first in the method by one or more ringers taking part.

The 50th peal on the bells of Silk Willoughby was rung on July 4th. This beautiful though light ring was augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1946. Mr. James H. Musson has rung in all the peals on these bells and has conducted the majority of them, a record to be proud of. The 50th peal was his first 'inside' of seven Surprise methods.

Buckerell, Devon, celebrate this year the coming of age of three members of the local band. On July 5th a quarter peal was rung for Miss Mary Parr, daughter of the captain, Mr. Frank Parr. Others to celebrate are Raymond Broadhurst and Robin Bakke. The 'Western Times and Gazette' had a photograph of the trio in their issue of July 10th.

Another peal was rung in Devon (on July 4th) in connection with the Coronation. This was one of Grandsire Triples at Buckland Monachorum, near Plymouth. It provided an opportunity for young Bob Southwood, of Plympton St. Maurice, to score his first peal as conductor before leaving home to join the Services in September.

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DEATH OF MR. WILFRID H. J. HOOTON

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Wilfrid Henry John Hooton, of Osmington School, Tring, on July 15th, at the age of 54. Since 1950 his health had not been good. Early this year an unfortunate accident robbed him of the sight of one eye. A recurrence of his former illness, which had involved several operations, occurred in May.

Wilfrid H. J. Hooton was the elder son of the late Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Hooton and started ringing at the age of 11 at Oakington, where his father was then vicar. In the 1914-18 war he joined the Army at the age of 17 and served in France at 18 with a commission in the Royal Artillery, gaining the M.C. It was characteristic of him that his friends never learned anything of his personal experiences, nor the action which led to this award.

MASTER OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

He went up to Queens' College, Cambridge, in the summer of 1919, and it was then that his ringing career really began. Oakington possessed only four bells so his change ringing was learned at neighbouring towers and with the C.U.G.C.R. on handbells. His first peal was rung at Sawston on September 2nd, 1919, on the Guild tour held at Cambridge, and his first handbell peal, in the same month, was one of Bob Minor which he conducted. He was appointed hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild in 1920 and Master in the following year. Like a number of University ringers he was a rowing man. He was also a cricketer and later made a hobby of sailing.

The Exercise suffered severely during the Great War. One has only to look at the peal lists of subsequent years to see how comparatively little peal ringing was done; for years very few bands were capable of Surprise. By his immense energy and enthusiasm Wilfrid did much to re-establish ringing not only in the Guild but in the district. He soon became an efficient and enterprising conductor. At a time when handbell ringing was little practised he had called, amongst others, peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Court Bob Major (the first in the method). Quite a few members of his handbell bands were no tower bell ringers, and many were helped by him through their first peals or first in some particular method. Although never a peal-grabber, he had rung his hundredth peal by April, 1922; this was one of Double Norwich on handbells, which he called. Under his leadership the Guild practised Surprise Major 'in hand.'

On going down from Cambridge he became a schoolmaster and did much ringing in the Nuneaton district of Warwickshire, being attached to the tower of St. Nicholas', Nuneaton. He also continued to ring around Cambridge, where he lived during his school holidays. Amongst his performances he called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 'in hand' on the Bankes James arrangement, a first of such methods as Shipway's Court Bob Major, and the first of Double Oxford Bob Maior to be rung on handbells. He later rang both Cambridge and London Surprise Major 'in hand.'

He served again in the R.A. during the late war. In 1946 he moved to take over Osmington School, Tring, and there he greatly helped local ringing.

WORK FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL

His association with the Central Council dated from 1936, when he was elected a representative of the Midland Counties Association. The same year he was elected librarian to the Central Council, an appointment he held until recent months. Since 1939 he had been an honorary member of the Council. In 1950 illness compelled him to delegate much of the work, but he was present at the Council meeting at Eastbourne that year, a few days before an operation; and he insisted on resuming his full work as librarian early the following year, although still far from fit. Shortly afterwards he moved the school to new premises.

For 20 years he had been a member of the Hertford County Association, originally as a Cambridge non-resident member and since the war as a member of the Tring band. His efforts towards solving the financial difficulties of the Association were much appreciated by his colleagues. For the Association he called the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major and also the first ever of Shipway's Court Bob Major. Both these peals were rung 'in hand' on January 17th, 1934.

In 1935 he married Dilys, eldest daughter of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. To her and their three children, and to his brother and sister we extend our deepest sympathy.

Wilfrid was an excellent ringer and striker and a conductor who could inspire all with great confidence. He was always calm and unruffled, whatever befell. Once, after a particularly unfortunate breakdown in the very last course of a peal on a heavy eight, a fierce 'inquest' had started and feelings were running somewhat high. Wilfrid, who had not been conducting, took no part. Eventually he remarked, 'Well you came here to ring three hours, you have rung three hours and a quarter; I don't see what you are all worrying about!' And this was characteristic of his whole attitude.

Mr. Hooton rang 366 peals and we hope to publish a list of his performances in our next issue.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at Tring Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. T. K. Lowdell, Rural Dean of Berkhamsted and Vicar of Tring, officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. Preece (curate).

With the family mourners were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Martin C. G. Hooton (brother). Members of the Central Council present were Messrs. G. W. Fletcher (life member), E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. Ayre and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association), F. W. Perrens (Coventry Diocesan Guild), F. E. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, also representing the Cambridge University Guild), G. H. Cross (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths). The Hertford County Association was represented by Mr. A. V. Good (Ringing Master, Western District), Miss P. Martin, Dr. F. S. Poole, Messrs. W. C. Hughes, D. Lachford and E. Upton. Among others present was Mr. T. W. White.

Interment took place in Tring Cemetery and, following the committal sentences, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C .W. Woolley 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, E. A. Barnett 7-8.

There were many beautiful wreaths. From the ringers of Tring Parish Church, of which Mr. Hooton was at one time captain, was a floral tribute in the shape of a bell. Others received included wreaths from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, M. and Mrs. A. Hughes, the Hertford County Association, the Western District of the Hertford County Association, the staff of Osmington School and the boys of Osmington School.

Before and after the service the bells of Tring Parish Church were rung half-muffled. The touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. F. E. Haynes after the committal was a beautiful tribute to one who served Tring Parish Church and the Exercise with great faithfulness for many years.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Resignation of Mr. W. A. Fitchford

Now aged 80, Mr. William A. Fitchford has resigned the conductorship of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, on June 28th, a position he has held for 67 years. He still continues to ring.

As far back as 1886 he commenced to ring and he has rung for every Royal occasion since the Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

It was at Wolstanton on December 5th, 1891, that he rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob, which was the first peal for the then Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Of his 90 peals approximately 84 were rung between 1904 and 1907. These include the first peal on eight bells at Market Drayton (April 3rd, 1893), Silverdale on May 16th, 1908, and Uttoxeter, after rehanging, on February 29th, 1908, and the first peal at Keele (Bob Minor) in May, 1911. His last peal was in 1939.

Many of the peals remind us of famous names, i.e., James W. Washbrook and James W. Washbrook, jun., James E. Groves, the Rev. E. V. Cox and the Rev. C. Carew Cox. The peal at Silverdale was the first time in England James W. Washbrook rang the third and fourth bells and conducted Thurstans' four-part Stedman Triples. Mr. Fitchford rang the seventh. Local names are C. Chunton (Stoke), H. Page (Stoke), W. Rigby (Lawton, now 93 years of age) and C. Morley (Newcastle). These were the great forerunners of the present North Staffordshire Association.

Mr. Fitchford conducted 'Holt's Original' from every bell in the Wolstanton tower, including the tenor, a feat of which he is justly proud. He has always been a brilliant teacher of the art and many ringers having passed through his hands have appreciated his capabilities. Mr. Fitchford is a past chairman and Ringing Master of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. His other activities at the church include a lifelong service in the choir, being choirmaster for 45 years, and a leader in every social activity.

D. R. W.

DIED WHILE LOWERING A BELL

While lowering the back six in peal at Christ Church, Southgate, on July 16th, Mr. Harry Miller, who was ringing the tenor, fell on the floor and died immediately from heart failure. Luckily there was someone in the belfry to catch hold of the flying rope and get the bell under control. Mr. Miller was 70 years of age; a memoir will appear in our next issue.

CORONATION NUMBERS SENT TO THE QUEEN.

Coronation Numbers of 'The Ringing World' containing the peals rung in honour of the Coronation have been sent to H.M. the Queen at Buckingham Palace by Mr. W. T. Elson.

A gracious acknowledgment has been received by Mr. Elson.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Llandaff Branch's First Meeting

About 40 members attended the first meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held at Llantrisant on July 4th. The bells were available at 2.30 p.m. and were put to good use by those present, some of whom had come from as far afield as Swansea, Chepstow and Tidenham. Methods rung ranged from rounds and Queens for the beginners to Cambridge and Double Norwich Major for the more advanced, under the excellent management of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Thomas) officiated at the service, which was followed by tea given by Mrs. J. H. Thomas and other lady helpers of the church. Mr. F. Bailey proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies concerned for the excellent meal provided.

Presiding at the business meeting, the Vicar welcomed the Branch to Llantrisant and hoped that they would come again some time in the future.

In giving a report on the Central Council meeting, Mr. T. M. Roderick reminded the meeting of Mr. A. J. Pitman's election as an honorary member to the Central Council, when it was said that it was time that his genius as a composer was recognised by the Exercise.

For its next meeting (date to be arranged) the Branch was invited to Caerphilly by Mr. P. Jones.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. J. Lovett, to the Vicar of Llantrisant. Further ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m.

DEDICATION

Sibsey, Lincolnshire

After being silent for 23 years the bells of St. Margaret's, Sibsey, were heard again on Coronation Sunday for morning and evening service and on Coronation Day, by special permission, a peal of Bob Major was rung by members of the Lincoln Guild.

On Saturday, June 20th, the restored bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln (the Ven. K. Healey) assisted by the Rev. D. R. F. Crighton, a former vicar of Sibsey, and the Rev. D. J. Stafford-Jones, the present Vicar.

The bells have been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Ringing took place after the service and all agreed that a sound job had been done. This octave is a great addition to this part of Lincolnshire where rings of eight are few in number. W. E. C.

MR. E. J. LADD'S 200 PEALS

Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, rang his 200th peal on June 27th. Of these he has conducted 54. The peals have been rung in 58 towers with 234 ringers. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1), three methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 12, three methods 4, four methods 2, five methods 1, seven methods 8, eight methods 1. Surprise Minor: Cambridge 5.

Triples.—Grandsire 43 (23), Stedman 5, Oxford Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 41 (8), Double Norwich 32 (8), Kent Treble Bob 7 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, Dartford Little Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 8 (3), Yorkshire 6 (2), Cambridge 6 (1), Painswick 2 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Rutland 1, Apsley 1, Withyham 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 1.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1.

Total.— 200 (conducted 54).

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual Meeting at Leeds

The 34th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on July 4th at Leeds. There was a good attendance at the meeting, many members travelling long distances so that their district should be represented.

Ringing took place at St. Chad's, Headingley, under the very able direction of Mrs. Marshall, and also at St. Michael's, and the Guild service was held at St. Chad's.

In the course of his very interesting address the Vicar, the Rev. J. Wylie, welcomed the ladies to St. Chad's and also to the diocese of Ripon, as it was the first time their annual meeting had been held in that area.

Although 60 hungry ringers sat down to tea, they seemed to make little impression on what was described as 'a proper Yorkshire meal,' and those who were experiencing Yorkshire hospitality for the first time were amazed at the quantity (and quality, too) of the food provided.

At the business meeting which followed, four new members were elected — Miss Freeman (Leeds), and Miss P. Willes, Miss A. Willes and Miss J. Sanderson (Letchworth, Herts). The officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz.: Mrs. Fletcher, president: Miss Colgate, secretary and treasurer: and Miss A. Bailey, auditor; and also the three representatives to the Central Council, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Staniforth and Miss Colgate.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to the late Mrs. Cotterill, who had been a member of the Ladies' Guild since 1914 and who died on March 27th this year.

In her report, the secretary stated that the membership of the Guild was by no means as high as it could be, but an encouraging sign towards the end of the year had been the formation of two new districts, South Wales (secretary, Miss J. S. Evans) and Newcastle (secretary, Mrs. N. I. Lea). They were pleased to welcome some of the members of the Newcastle District at this annual meeting.

A sub-committee which had been formed to discuss the revision of the rules had met in October, 1952. After that meeting the suggested alterations had been sent to all districts, and these were discussed at length. The revised rules, as agreed at the annual meeting, will be sent to all districts as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the annual meeting next year should be held in South Wales, the actual date and place to be published in 'The Ringing World' as soon as possible so that all members could make the necessary arrangements.

A hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success, especially to Mrs. Kelly and the committee of the Yorkshire District, the Vicar for the service and use of the bells, the organist (Mr. W. A. Wightman) and Mr. A. Johnson, who was tireless in his efforts to make sure that everything went smoothly, was passed with acclamation.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Seven towers were represented at the North-East Branch meeting at Morebath. The service was conducted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) and Mr. E. J. Taylor, the general secretary of the Guild, was the organist.

Mr. Sully, captain of the Morebath ringers, and local ladies arranged the tea at which 30 members did justice to an excellent spread. They were thanked by the Rev. J. H. Jones, who presided at the business meeting.

Arrangements for a joint meeting with the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association were reported by Mr. W. H. Ware (Branch secretary). It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Cullompton on October 3rd (subject to permission).

Ringing was supervised by Mr. W. H. Ware and in the evening there was ringing for 45 minutes at Bampton in addition to Morebath.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Twelve Towers Open

In spite of extremely bad weather and the distant corner of the Diocese in which it was held, over 60 ringers turned up for the Diocesan Festival with its centre at Stratton on July 11th. An enthusiastic welcome was accorded by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Gilbert), his ringers and churchworkers, who not only provided a sumptuous tea after a service in the beautiful church with its majestic ring of eight bells, but hoisted a flag on the tower in honour of the visit. It was a great pity that Mr. Southeard, the Ringing Master, was unable to come, owing to a car breakdown, but the Assistant Master, Mr. H. J. Clark, of Landulph, was an efficient deputy.

The Festival was more than a one-tower day for many of the ringers. Here is the story given by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella of his band:—

'We left Crantock in two cars and made for Jacobstowe: there we were joined by Mr. T. Reynolds, a Wolverhampton ringer, and we rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the six, which go well considering that they are on a wooden frame with plain bearings. Then to Week St. Mary, where we found a mixed band from Truro, Carbis Bay, etc., falling the bells. This modern six goes beautifully, but I feel that such a noble tower deserves a heavier ring.

'From there we went to Stratton for service and tea, and then, after ringing at Stratton, across the border into Devon to Welcombe, a delightful little church overlooking the sea, with a beautiful six and the oldest rood screen in the country. It gets its name from St. Nectan's well, which is 50 yards from the church.

'Finally we made our way back to Launcells and as we passed through Kilkhampton we could hear its musical eight but there was no time to stop for a pull. At Launcells we met the ringers from the Truro district, who were going to Bridgerule and Whitstone for a ring, but it was getting late so having said goodbye to our Wolverhampton friend we made for home. Launcells Church is dedicated to St. Swithun, and St. Swithun's well is just outside the churchyard. We felt that he was a most appropriate saint for such a wet day.'

Stratton district is a perfect paradise for ringers: the party had 12 towers open and could have had more and there are three rings within walking distance of Stratton.

There is a suggestion that a Stratton Branch of the Guild might be formed if the towers round about would be prepared to join: at present there are only Stratton and Marhamchurch.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

East Norwich Branch Meet at Halvergate

Some 38 members and friends from other branches headed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), supported by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), visited Halvergate on July 4th for their summer meeting.

It was indeed gratifying to find that the local band possess four very keen young lady learners who, under the able tuition of Mr. T. W. De Ville, the local captain, and his band, have made splendid progress.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Wibrow) conducted the service and welcomed very warmly the visitors. He afterwards presided at the short business meeting. Apologies for their unavoidable absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 19th.

The Association's Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, gave a short account of the recent meeting at Bournemouth and touched also on his work with the Methods Committee. The meeting concluded with the passing of votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Stanley Gall (a member of the local company, who played the organ) and Mr. De Ville and his band of lady helpers, who provided an enjoyable tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RINGING CHAMBER

Dear Sir,—How much I agree with the writer of your leading article headed 'Atmosphere.' As hon. secretary of our county Archæological Society I visit quite a number of churches. So often I find the ringing chamber a receptacle for brooms, brushes, mops and buckets. Indeed, I have found that not only church cleaners but even the lady decorators of our churches, at festivals, have added to this storehouse jam jars and even those horrible tin troughs painted green and made to fit the rim of the font or window sill, and which so often leave a nasty stain down the wall or even down a lovely 15th century font.

The ringing chamber should be well equipped with good matting on the floor, a good bench, a table in the centre, photographs of past bands on the walls and, of course, some peal boards, so that the boys of the old brigade have their names faithfully recorded.

No, the ringing chamber should be as tidy as the vestry—well, some vestries we have come across occasionally!—Yours truly,

(REV.) F. C. CHAMPION.

Hinton Rectory, Worcs.

PAKEFIELD CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I must apologise to all concerned for the fact that the Norwich Diocesan Association 1952 annual report does not include mention of Pakefield amongst the recent bell restorations. This was entirely a slip on my part, and a very serious one.

Owing to the heroic efforts of many people, Pakefield Church has been most splendidly restored, so that a ruin left by the war has been transformed into a really lovely church with a quite delightful ring of bells. The old five have been transformed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. into a splendidly-going eight (tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.) in a metal frame. They are regularly rung for Sunday services and great festivals by a keen and competent local band, and visitors are most welcome.

This letter is meant both to express apology where it is due, and also to inform visitors to the delightful, warm, sunny East Coast that whatever the Norwich report may omit, there is, in fact, this delightful tower near Lowestoft waiting to give them a welcome and a happy memory.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

67a, The Close, Norwich.

THANKS TO MR. PERCY SWINDLEY

Dear Sir,—I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, for the opportunities, encouragement and help given to me in recent years, which has enabled me to ring my first 100 peals.

My thanks are also due to Mr. John W. Griffiths for all he has done, and to all other ringers with whom I have had the pleasure of ringing.

I and others from Buckley first went to Handbridge five years ago and although we could only ring Stedman and Grandsire we received a warm welcome at all practices and soon given an opportunity to ring our first peal. Others, too, have had the same welcome and opportunities, and in recent months several youngsters have rung their first peals under Mr. Swindley's and Mr. Griffiths' guidance. This is as it should be and is in the best interests and tradition of the Exercise.

My special thanks are due to Mr. Joe Griffiths, one of Rhyl's ringers, who stood down and so enabled me to complete my 100 at Rhyl on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS A. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

THE JOINT PEAL AT SHOREDITCH

Dear Sir,—It is no doubt true to say that the peal at Shoreditch by six Cumberlands and six College Youths exemplified 'the happy relationship between the two Societies': I seem to recall a similar peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields some years ago. So far, however, this seems to have been a rather one-sided arrangement, and a reciprocal gesture by the College Youths would not have been out of place—unless there is some rule (which I doubt) precluding other than members of that Society from taking part in peals at St. Paul's or the Abbey.

May I make it clear that, not having rung a peal at any of the above towers, I have no personal axe to grind. But this 'colour bar' business is absurd really, and ringing would not suffer much if both Societies went out of existence.

Until they do, however, I hope to remain on good terms with each, so may I just sign myself as

CUMBERLAND.

THE LADIES OF ASHBRITTLE

Dear Sir, — Mention was made in Belfry Gossip of 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,205, concerning what is believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung by an all ladies' band.

In the village of Ashbrittle, Somerset, Mr. Stanley Bristow has during the past 12 months trained a band of six young ladies all under the age of 21. These ladies now have to their credit five quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles, two of which were rung prior to services at Ashbrittle and Huntsham on Coronation morning. On June 6th four of these ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles, this being their first peal attempt. Progress is now being made with Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob methods.

The remarkable progress of these young ringers in so short a time is a very praiseworthy achievement.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID T. NORTH.

Wellington, Somerset.

THE TOWER CAPTAIN

Dear Sir,—I feel that a defence must be made an behalf of 'the peal ringing crank' so described by Mr. Williams in his letter, 'The Tower Captain: A Cornish Viewpoint.'

In my experience there are very few peal ringers who are not regular reliable service ringers and, indeed, in many cases they are the people who form the foundation of a band. Also may I ask Mr. Williams how many Surprise ringers he has found who will not readily ring Plain Bob or Grandsire for the benefit of a learner? I venture to suggest the answer would be, 'Very few,' and if it needs the 'persuasive powers of the devil' to get them to leave Surprise ringing, the best thing they could do is to pack it up.

One only has to read the peal columns to see very capable Surprise peal ringers standing in peals of Plain Bob for the benefit of a first pealer.

No, sir! The peal ringer is the man who keeps the art alive and progressing. Without him it would become stagnant and eventually die altogether.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SEAMAN.

Watford, Herts.

MINOR FIVES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent recently quotes Everton, Beds, as a possible minor five. (Everton is a border village and I am not at all sure is not in Huntingdonshire.)

Some 40 years ago I rang there one Sunday evening and had they been in a minor key I should certainly have remembered it.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

AN INFORMAL RINGING EVENING

Causes Stir Among Northampton Members

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter from Mr. E. Nobles, the Northampton Branch secretary, explaining his action in inserting a corrective notice in 'The Ringing World.' I am glad of the opportunity to make further comment.

As circumstances prevented the annual monthly Branch meeting in May, the Kingsthorpe tower captain decided to hold an informal evening ring at his tower and, after duly receiving the permission and encouragement of the Vicar, requested the tower secretary—myself—to insert a notice in 'The Ringing World.' This I did, worded so that no objection could be taken by any Branch of ringers, clearly stating that it was an 'evening ring,' and giving a sincere welcome to all Peterborough Guild members and friends, under which heading, in fact, I embraced all ringers. The notice was not signed, as I thought it quite unnecessary, so many notices of all kinds of functions appearing unsigned in 'The Ringing World,' and I consider, as many others apparently do, that space could be better used than for printing names and titles week by week. I am sure that had our invitation been incorrect, the fact would have been brought to my notice tactfully by the Editor.

The following week a notice appeared in 'The Ringing World,' signed by Mr. Nobles, informing readers that the meeting at Kingsthorpe had no connection with the Northampton Branch. At no time was it inferred that our evening ring at Kingsthorpe was a meeting in the procedure sense of the word, although Mr. Nobles, at a subsequent Branch meeting, insisted that it must have been, and advice sought from a learned council committee clerk friend has supported my view that a meeting does not exist without (a) a chairman, (b) a record of minutes.

We at Kingsthorpe feel that had our Branch secretary so seriously objected to one of his Branch towers holding such a function, held purely for the love and pleasure of ringing, he should have communicated with our captain expressing any views he may have held before causing to be published a notice calculated, to say the least, to be damaging to the success of our venture. Many Northampton Branch members take the view, as I do, that to spend our own Branch funds, contributed to by Kingsthorpe, was inexcusable. If all Branch secretaries were so meticulous in the course of procedure, then 'The Ringing World' would often contain corrective notices.

It would seem a great pity if the individuality and freedom of action of towers is to be entirely subordinate to the wishes of the secretary of the parent branch, but if this is to be the future procedure then there will be more than one tower to oppose it in the Northampton Branch.

S. EARL
(Kingsclere Tower Secretary).

Northampton.

SOWERBY BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I beg the hospitality of your columns to appeal to the Exercise for support for the recasting and rehanging of the octave of St. Peter's, Sowerby, Yorks? As Mr. William Shepherd has already written very ably on the subject, it is superfluous for me to point out that Sowerby was the cradle and home of William Sottenstall. The present ring is the original one, hung in 1793 and from the Whitechapel Foundry of that time. Since then the bells have been once quarter-turned and a new set of fittings added.

As the foundations of the frame are now unsafe and as the 6th has been cracked in the crown, we are appealing for £1,000 for a thorough restoration. Donations of any size will be gratefully received by Mr. H. Lumb, 20, Towngate, Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire.—Yours very sincerely,

Halifax. PHILIP CARTER.

SEEKING NEW TOWERS AND NEW FRIENDS ON OUTINGS

ALL SAINTS', ROCHDALE

On June 13th the ringers and their friends held their annual outing in Yorkshire. The first stop was Ilkley, the home of the Snowdens, and here some good ringing in various methods was enjoyed. After lunch in Ilkley the journey was up the dale to Aysgarth for an hour's good ringing.

The party stopped at Giggleswick for tea and ringing in the Parish Church, where an added enjoyment was the presence of local ringers.

Methods rung during the day were Thelwall, Childwall, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major. Sincere thanks are given to all who made this outing so successful. J. T.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW

A party of 29 participated in the annual outing of Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, on July 4th, which took the form of a tour of Essex towers. The company included 13 of the local band and one outside ringer.

Ringing took place at Widford (where the long draught and springy ropes made ringing difficult for the younger members), Galleywood (noted because the racecourse runs over the church grounds), Great Baddow, Sandon (a good, mellow ring of mixed origin of the old type), Purleigh, Maldon (the only triangular tower in the county, with a good eight cast at Ipswich in 1922 from the old six with the addition of metal from the old disused church nearby). Lunch was served at Great Baddow, and tea at Maldon.

The ringing included Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise and Single Court. Thanks are accorded to all who met the company and to the incumbents.

ST. AMBROSE (BRISTOL) GUILD

The St. Ambrose (Bristol) Ringing Guild visited Cullompton, Ottery St. Mary, Sidmouth and Axminster for their annual outing on July 4th. A start was made to collect the party at 7.20 a.m. and after viewing Bristol from the suburbs the complement was made up and a real start was made from Bristol at 8.10 a.m. en route for Cullompton, which was reached at 10.10 a.m. The visitors enjoyed 'morning coffee' whilst the ringers enjoyed an hour's ringing on the very nice ten. The route lay through narrow lanes to Ottery St. Mary, which was reached at 12 noon.

We were met at Ottery St. Mary by Mr. Arbury and a very pleasant hour was spent ringing the bells of that lovely church. After lunch a short time was spent by some of the party admiring the grounds of the Coleridge Estate.

Sidmouth was quickly reached and the bells were soon going, the visitors enjoying the seaside, which was seen at its best on a glorious day. Justice was done to 'Devon splits and cream' at the tea.

Axminster was reached ten minutes behind schedule owing to an altercation with the Farmers' Union and the Railway Executive. It was a case of a cow on the line and a train in the road. The face of 'Garge' as we passed was enough to turn all the milk sour; also the amusement of the guard of the Seaton express as it was halted twice at the small wayside station before it could get clear of the road. At Axminster we were met by Mr. Board. Most of the time was spent ringing on the very nice heavy eight, and, after farewells, a move was made at 7.15 p.m. on the homeward trek, halting at Mark for supper. Some of the 'tower snatchers' in the party expressed good-humoured disapproval because we did not stop at Woolavington, where, as we passed, the bells were ringing. After supper the usual votes of thanks were accorded and Bristol was reached at about 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable day with weather, company and food at its best. Thanks are given to the various tower keepers who gave the Guild such a nice welcome. F. S.

HUNTS RINGERS IN NORFOLK

Among the oldest customs are outings to ring changes with neighbouring church ringers and enjoy social contacts. To-day we not only go to our neighbours but to all counties to meet friends and ring their bells. Such was the case on June 13th, when the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association had their annual outing in Norfolk.

The devotion and attendance which we received from the six towers which were visited left the writer with the impression that even if they are canaries it is a great pity more canaries are not abroad.

Mr. H. S. Peacock (Hunts District secretary) had arranged a very good six-tower programme. Our first call, East Harling (rounds to London Surprise), then on to Wymondham (here to meet Mr. F. Tooke, our pilot for the rest of the day) and climb Everest (?). 'Halt,' did someone say? But the test was for the back-enders in a course of Cambridge Major: however, we enjoyed it all—lunch (Abbey Hotel) included.

Calling at Mulbarton, another ring of six, good use was made of these bells. Our next stop, Hethersett (here joined by Mr. R. Lofty), was very much enjoyed; Cambridge Major, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and rounds and then a glorious tea. Yes, it was just right.

Our finale was St. George's, Colegate, and St. Giles', Norwich, where we had to leave our coach to find the church, which the locals said was just round the corner but goodness knows which corner. However, on arriving at St. George's we met Mr. N. Golden, who welcomed all. Rounds to Cambridge Major was rung at St. Giles'. The departure was about 8 p.m. arriving home before midnight, and in saying 'Thank you, Norfolk.' I would add 'Peace and good neighbourliness to you all.' F. W.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET

Seven o'clock on the morning of July 2nd saw the Wrington ringers and friends off on their annual outing—this year to Dorset.

The party having fortified themselves with coffee and cake, the eight bells at Gillingham were raised in peal and put to good use for three quarters of an hour, although the bells themselves might be termed 'indifferent.'

Then came a run across the Dorset heathlands and past the noble ruin of Corfe Castle to the Church of St. James, Kingston, a glorious Taylor octave with a tenor just over 28¼ cwt. The church and tower are modern and built from local stone and marble and the old plain Parish Church with tower is still standing lower in the village.

After lunch in Weymouth the non-ringing members of the party visited the beach, and the Rector, following the example no doubt of George III., went for a dip! Meanwhile the ringers made their way to Wyke Regis, a suburb of Weymouth with a nice little eight, where your scribe was the chief culprit in the only touch of the day which failed to come round!

Wareham, after tea, proved to be a very lumpy octave in a big wooden frame on plain bearings, the tenor wheel being badly out of shape. Back towards home and to the Georgian church at Blandford Forum (a Taylor eight with a 19¼ cwt. tenor).

A call at Wincanton for liquid refreshments concluded the day and regrets were expressed that Mrs. Knight was unable to be present due to a damaged hand. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's Bob Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major.

Thanks are due to the various incumbents, to the people who met the party at the towers and finally to Mr. H. W. Knight for making the arrangements. M. J. H.

RADYR, GLAM

On June 27th the Radyr ringers, their wives, the Rector's wife, the churchwardens and friends from St. John's Church, Cardiff, the party numbering 30, left Radyr by coach for Cheltenham.

After an excellent lunch the party were met by Mr. W. Dyer, the Cheltenham Ringing Master. The lovely twelve at the Parish Church were soon into rounds for the beginners, who struck well, this being their first attempt on twelve. Those more experienced enjoyed some nice touches of Grandsire Triples.

All too soon the party had to leave for Painswick and were met at the church by the Painswick men. Some grand touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The hour passed too quickly and, after farewells to the Painswick friends, the route was continued to Minchinhampton. After tea Mr. Ponting, the Hampton Master, met the band and the mellow six were up and touches of Grandsire, Kent and Cambridge rang out.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Dyer (Cheltenham), Mr. Launder (Painswick), Mr. Ponting (Minchinhampton) and Mr. Baker (Bishop's Cleeve) for their kindness and assistance.

Mr. W. Dare, the Radyr captain, acted as Ringing Master for the day and proved a popular choice. C. A. P.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

An enjoyable day in Suffolk was spent by St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, on June 27th. At Grundisburgh Mr. George Pipe met the party and the light ring of ten proved very pleasant. A hearty welcome was accorded by the Rev. Musgrave Brown at Debenham, where some good ringing took place.

An excellent lunch was served at the White Lion Hotel, Eye, after which the church was visited. Stradbroke proved a disappointment as on this nice ring of ten only nine and ten could be heard in the ringing chamber, these bells blotting out the front eight. The ladies fared better when ringing the front six. Tea followed at the White Hart Hotel.

The ring of eight at Wilby was enjoyed immensely and good ringing followed at Woodbridge, where Mr. Woodard met the party.

The ringing programme included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise.

Special thanks are due to Supt. Rush, of Eye, for arranging the lunch.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

Ringers at St. Andrew's, Stratton, went to the other end of Cornwall for their outing on July 4th. Leaving home at 8 a.m. the first stop was at Cardynham Church, which possesses a fine eight that will well repay a visit, and is situated on Bodmin Moor. At Bodmin Parish Church the party were greeted by a local ringer who stayed behind from his own band's outing. This is another fine ring.

After lunch at the Royal Hotel the journey was continued to St. Stephen-in-Brannell, the church being in the middle of the china clay industry. Here the party were met by Canon F. F. Gilbert, brother of the Vicar of Stratton, and his sister. St. Stephen's has a nice light eight.

Truro Cathedral tower was specially left open for the visitors and then on to Falmouth for tea. On the homeward journey a stop was made at Wadebridge. Stratton was reached at 11.15 p.m. after a happy day. Visitors to Cornwall are always welcome at St. Andrew's Stratton, where they will find a fine ring of eight.

RECOMMENDED RULES

Rule No.	'Double'	'Expanding'	'Static'
1 (i)	A new front subsection may be inserted between any 2 front subsections of the parent. A new back subsection is inserted between the corresponding inverted back subsections.	A new front subsection and a new back subsection (not necessarily forming the same section) may be inserted between any 2 front or back subsections of the parent. A new front subsection may be added after the last front subsection of the parent, if the pivot place is an interior one or penultimate. A back subsection may be added after the last back subsection.	
(ii)	Each new subsection is an associate of the subsection it follows.		
(iii)	In a further extension, the new subsection is an associate of the latest new subsection and immediately follows it.		
(iv)	Any subsequent subsections of the extension remain counterparts of those in the parent and lower stages.		
2 (i)	Any extension may take effect from (a) the beginning of a subsection or (b) at any cross subsection place subsequent to the first subsection.		
(ii)		The front extension may be effective from a different position to that of the back.	
3 (i)	Where the extension commences at the beginning of a front subsection, the cross subsection place and the places in the subsection above are relative. Where the extension commences at the beginning of the last subsection, the pivot place is relative to the subsection above, subject, however, to the requirement of Rule 10.		
(ii)	Where the extension commences at a cross subsection place, the cross subsection place and the places in the subsection below are relative.		
4 (i)	The places of the new front subsection are the same as those of the subsection immediately above with which it is associated, except that the interior places expand by 2 places from the lead.		The places of the new front subsection are identical with those of the subsection immediately above with which it is associated.
(ii)	Any subsequent interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places from the lead.		Any subsequent interior subsection and cross subsection places are identical with their counterparts in the parent.
(iii)	In each successive stage the interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the lead.		In all subsequent stages, the interior subsection and cross subsection places are identical with their counterparts in the parent.
5			A front cross subsection place adjoining the treble may either:— (a) continue to adjoin the treble, or (b) remain static. In (a) any later front cross subsection places which adjoin the treble continue to adjoin the treble, but ordinary front cross subsection places remain static. In (b) any further front cross subsection places, whether they adjoin the treble or not, remain static.

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Rule No.	'Double'	'Expanding'	'Static'
6	A front extension may not become effective before:— (a) a subsection containing contiguous places in 1–2, or (b) a subsection which is connected to the following subsection by contiguous places in 1–2.		Notwithstanding 5 (b) above, a front extension may not become effective from a point prior to any front cross subsection place adjoining the treble, unless the affected place continues to adjoin the treble as required by 5 (a).
7 (i)	The interior places of back subsection are 'expanding' to coincide with the front subsection, but in an inverted position. The places of the new subsection are the same as those immediately below with which it is associated except that the interior places expand 2 places from the back.	The interior places of the back subsection are 'expanding.' The places of the new back subsection are the same as those of the subsection above with which it is associated except that the interior places expand 2 places from the lead.	
(ii)	Any subsequent interior and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the back than their counterparts in the parent.	Any subsequent interior and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the lead than their counterparts in the parent.	
(iii)	In each successive stage, the interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places more.		
8	In all stages the place positions prior to the points where the extension becomes effective are identical with those in the parent.		
9	All lead positions and ultimate places, whether subsection of cross subsection places, are identical with their counterparts in the parent.		
10 (i)	The pivot place is either at the lead or penultimate position in every stage, to correspond with its position in the parent. It is the reverse of the leadhead place.	The pivot place, if at the lead or penultimate position under the treble, remains in the lead or penultimate position in all stages.	
(ii)		An interior pivot place expands 2 places further from the lead in each successive stage.	An interior pivot place remains static in all stages.
11	Every extension bears the standard lead-ends and the method type of the parent, e.g., Surprise Delight, Exercise, etc., as appropriate. The lead-head 'place sequence' is preserved as required by the Report on 'Pivot Bells.'		

(To be continued)

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Banks 1, Ann West 2, H. W. Williamson 3, E. A. Jurd 4, R. C. Beale 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, Kathleen Knight 8. Rung for the 14th birthday of the treble ringer and the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith K. E. Harris 1, Jeanette M. Simpson 2, J. B. Bennett 3, A. Disney 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, D. S. Harris 6, G. H. Arguile 7, R. Elkington 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung for the Sunday School thanksgiving service.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS. — At St. Michael's, on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Wright 1, Miss E. Walker 2, Miss J. Carter 3, S. Marshall 4, N. Ledger 5, L. Hill 6, J. Carter (cond.) 7, G. Gee 8. Rung half-muffled on the back eight in memoriam Miss M. E. Thorpe.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Sutcliffe (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, C. Harwood 3, T. Holehouse 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers (first 'inside') 2, J. Chambers 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the Sunday School festival.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Balaam 1, N. Grover 2, C. Osler 3, W. Clift 4, E. Austin 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, J. Woodley 8. Rung in memory of Mr. J. Ballard, who was ringer and captain at this tower for over sixty years.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. I. Hemer 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, S. A. Read 3, B. L. J. Foley 4, J. H. Harding 5, F. A. Gooding 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. J. G. Naylor, brother of the conductor, and Mrs. Naylor.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): D. Wheat 1, Ms. E. Wylie 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, C. J. Champion 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, Rev. K. G. Hoare 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. T. North 8. First of Treble Bob for 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On June 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor. Fred Bailey 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, S. Lunn (first 'inside') 3, R. Lucas 4, R. E. Coles 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On June 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. C. Brown 1, Miss R. M. Jackson 2, Miss S. P. Wain 3, D. C. Vincent 4, A. Twyman 5, J. Clegg (cond.) 6, R. E. Broom 7, A. J. Brown 8. Rung for the 6th birthday of Paul, son of the conductor.

BURFORD, OXON.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jewell 1, F. Soden (cond.) 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. Rung for the patroral festival.

BUSHEY HEATH, BERKS.—On June 27th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 1, N. Jenkins 2, T. H. Norris 3, J. Scofield 4, W. Wenban 5, L. North 6, A. Wenban 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to P. Nash and Barbara Bangs, members of the local band, who were married earlier this day.

CHEPSTOW, MONS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Evans (cond.) 2, J. E. Morgan 3, M. K. King 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King 7, C. Bryant 8.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington 1, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 2, G. M. Harvey 3, C. S. Rew 4, G. P. Huckstep 5, T. J. Farmer 6. Rung for the Coronation.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Quartermaine 1, Miss M. Taylor 2, Miss M. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, C. J. Brown 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. Arranged and rung in honour of the birth of Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

CWMCARVON, MONS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, E. J. C. Davis 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb 5, S. Goodwin 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss P. Williams, a ringer at this church.

DEAL, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Rich 1, Miss J. Milner 2, Miss M. J. Cooper (first quarter) 3, Miss G. A. Rich 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5, M. Milner 6. A 19th birthday compliment to Miss J. Milner.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clare 1, C. Walklate 2, A. E. Thompson 3, D. Walklate 4, H. Letts 5, M. Barker 6, S. Walklate (cond.) 7, K. Tunnicliff (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn D. Adams (first quarter) 1, Miss K. M. Shepherd (first 'inside') 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. F. Tizzard 6. Also on same date 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Burnett 1, J. W. Meade 2, E. J. Jenner 3, B. J. Luff 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. Both quarters were rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Lewes.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Edmunds 1, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 2, N. Line 3, H. Wooding 4, A. E. Partridge 5. Rung for the festival of St. Peter.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marsh (first quarter) 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, F. Pack 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, F. Farnsworth 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, C. Eades 8. A birthday compliment to Harry Manuel, a ringer at this tower.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pearce 1, H. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, K. Brown (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5. First quarter peal of Doubles by all.

GROBY, LEICS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob): W. E. Geary 1, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 2, T. E. Gardner 3, T. Isom 4, V. Geary 5, D. Dodson 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. Bevington), who is moving to St. Saviour's, Leicester.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. Harris (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Hannington (first quarter in 2 methods) 2, W. Gorringe (cond.) 3, G. Billenness 4, J. Brown 5, A. H. Kemp 6.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—On June 2nd, at St. David's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Norfolk, Old Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Millington 1, P. Dalwood 2, D. Kirby 3, S. W. Smith 4, J. Biggs (cond.) 5, L. B. Uhr-Henry 6. Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury (first in method as cond.) 1, Mrs. O. J. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury (first in method) 4, A. H. Worboys 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, S. Penfold 8.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hastewell (13, first quarter) 1, A. Storey 2, B. Shaw 3, V. Hastewell (first quarter) 4, E. Proctor (cond.) 5, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a local service band within the 60 years' ringing memory of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,792 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Marcon 1, G. A. Oliffe 2, E. F. Jelley 3, J. Jelley 4, Jane Cotes 5, G. R. Edwards 6, W. Thornley (cond.) 7, Winifred M. Burton 8. First quarter in the method for 4 and 5.

MARGATE, KENT.—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Lock 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. Locke 3, P. Dadds 4, R. G. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 5.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Davis 1, H. Franklin 2, M. Wright 3, W. E. Gough 4, P. Wright (cond.) 5, E. G. Holdgate 6. Rung to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain and 60 Grandsire). Mrs. D. J. Wright 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, L. D. Duguid 2, R. G. Leale 3, F. W. Rogers 4, S. J. Harding 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the conductor.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Nash (first quarter) 1, R. Currie 2, M. Lakin 3, P. Dodd 4, W. Dodd (cond.) 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Nash 1, G. Dodd 2, P. Dodd 3, R. Currie 4, M. Lakin (first as cond.) 5.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, F. C. Mogford 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung after the christening of Timothy, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clatworthy, Vicar.

READING, BERKS.—On July 5th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. C. Stirland 1, Miss A. B. Diserens 2, R. F. Diserens 3, E. W. Colley (first in method) 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting of the first Royal Charter to Reading.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Debenham 1, C. F. Sayer 2, J. Ketteringham 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Also on July 5th, 1,280 Bob Major: M. Webb 1, C. F. Sayer 2, J. Ketteringham 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to John Ketteringham on his return to Lincolnshire.

ST. HELENS, LANCS.—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Frances E. Ellison 1, J. R. Austin 2, H. Blackburn 3, S. W. Bracegirdle 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, A. J. Willmott (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. F. Butler 1, A. J. Glass 2, R. L. Sills 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, M. Hatchett 5, A. D. Rivers 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, G. W. Ashdown 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Thomas Leader, former steeplekeeper.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, P. Croft 3, W. Todd 4, W. Lawrence 5, F. Croft 6, G. Cherry 7, D. Gullick (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 2. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. L. W. Brown and Miss B. E. Mardlin.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 24th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burchnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, B. Hough (first of Triples) 3, A. Wilson 4, N. Moxon 5, E. A. Midwinter 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, R. Sleep 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 2.

TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Fry 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, W. J. Prescott 3, S. A. Read (first of Triples) 4, W. J. Cope 5, K. Medway 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, S. S. Woodburn 8. A welcome home to the conductor from H.M. Forces.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Winnifred Miles (first quarter) 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, F. Ellen (first 'inside') 4, E. Wood 5, T. G. White (cond.) 6.

WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On June 2nd, a quarter peal of Killamarsh Treble Bob: C. G. Lawrence 1, C. Price 2, L. Gascoigne 3, R. Bellerby 4, D. A. Culling 5, S. C. Lawrence 6. Rung for the Coronation.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On July 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin (first in method) 1, W. S. Butler 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, J. Warner 4, J. Elliott 5, A. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On June 21st, at the Church of St. Mark, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pendlebury 1, C. Gudgeon 2, T. Royle 3, G. Pearson 4, R. Albred 5, F. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Pearson (first quarter) 8. Rung at Evensong for the Sunday School sermons.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On July 8th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Chidgey 1, D. Sheldon 2, W. H. Tarr 3, G. Gaylard (first of Stedman Caters) 4, H. Gaylard 5, G. Coles 6, A. H. Reid 7, H. Mockridge 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, H. Churchill 10.

5,024 TREBLE BOB OR BRISTOL

By E. TIMBRELL

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	1	x		2
25463		x		2
53462	1			2
32465	1			2
64235	1	x		2
62345			1	2
63425	1	x	2	2
26354		x		2
52643	2		2	2
45236		x		2
56234	2	x	1	2
52364	1	x	2	2
53624			1	2
25346		x		2
23456	1	x	2	2

Rung for the first time June 18th, 1953, at Christ Church, Tunstall, Staffs. for the North Staffordshire Association to Oxford Treble Bob.

Conducted by F. W. Grocott.

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BIRTH

DODDS.—On Sunday, July 12th, 1953, at Hillingdon Hospital, to Eric and Mary Dodds, a son, Andrew Martin. 2915

ENGAGEMENT

PRESTON—DUNCAN.—The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mrs. N. and the late Mr. H. R. S. Preston, of Prescot, Lancashire, and Jean, younger daughter of Mr. P. R. and the late Mrs. O. J. Duncan, of Weston-super-Mare. 2928

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CULLINGWORTH.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth is now 28, Hampshire Drive, Maidstone, Kent. Will all friends please note. 2930

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The 1953 Ringing Week, Oxford, August 14th–22nd. Reservations now being confirmed. Interested members are invited to write to the secretary immediately. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2825

PREBENDARY E. V. COX (hon. secretary and treasurer 1937-53) wishes to thank the touring members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers for their very generous and deeply-appreciated cheque, with which he has purchased some much-needed gardening equipment. 2910

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—General secretary is now F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Secretary of S.W. Division is C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, E.11. 2907

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual report, 1952. Peal composition correction: Peal 52/80, 5,103 Grandsire Cinques by R. F. Deal; 29th course should read 43265 . . . 8 — 4S. 2908

YORK MINSTER.—Owing to holidays there will be no ringing on Sundays, July 26th and August 2nd. 2931

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2890

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Joint meeting at Ticknall (6) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 2923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Chippenham (6), July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 2864

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. free to those who send names to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2881

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Stamford, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30-5 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in church 5.50 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells afterwards until 9 p.m.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hambleden, Saturday, July 25th, 2 p.m. Buses from High Wycombe Station 1.35 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. Other buses, but mile walk.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2898

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, July 25th at 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Meon (8), St. Mary's, Liss (8), St. Peter's, Liss (6), Buriton (6), Steep (6). 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Petersfield 12.30-2. Bells available after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2927

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampton, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2906

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, August 1st, at St. Thomas's, Moorside, Oldham (8), 3-9 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 2924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Cardington, August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2914

ESSEX and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton Road, E.5, on Saturday, August 1st, 4 to 5 p.m. Tea shops locally. Ringing at St. John-at-Hackney, E.9, from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. V. Gant and T. J. Lock, Secs. 2911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — August 1st, Stoke Bishop (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Church House meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 2916

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, August 1st, Abbots Langley (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2917

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Speldhurst (8), Aug. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 28th to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2904

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold Parish Church on Saturday, August 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names, before Wednesday, July 29th, to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2927

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Clifton Keynes, Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2918

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bromham (6), August 1st. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2922

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District). — Joint meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road. 2913

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, August 1st, 3 p.m. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2921

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, August 3rd. Bells from 3 until 9. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5.15 for those who notify, by July 30th, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury. 2925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 8th, 3 p.m. Tuesday practices as usual.—A. B. Peck. 2897

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cash, please, to me, not later than Wednesday, August 5th. Details of bus service on tower notice. Further copies can be supplied if required.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2920

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea, by August 1st, to Mr. G. H. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 2919

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Ellesmere, August 8th. Usual arrangements. Good attendance requested. Rehung eight. Midland Red. 2.5 from Shrewsbury. Advise for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 2929

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watergate Road, Newport. 2926

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (limited to 100) now available from G. F. Carter, 3, Gayton Crescent, Hampstead, N.W.3. 2909

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Welwyn

A joint meeting of the St. Albans and Northern Districts was held at Welwyn on July 11th. Because of the built-up area these bells are hard to get and only one and a half hours were allotted for the meeting. Many people took advantage of ringing on these light bells (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.); they were augmented to eight just after the war and this was the first meeting on the eight.

In the absence of the Rector the service was conducted by the Vicar of Codicote (the Rev. G. Davies). Tea was provided by Mrs. A. Keen at the Rose Cottage Cafe. Mr. W. J. Southam (St. Albans District secretary) expressed his pleasure at seeing the two Districts holding a joint meeting and hoped that further similar meetings would be arranged. A collection for the General Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

After tea the bells of Tewin were rung to Doubles and Minor methods. E. G. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

On Saturday, July 11th, members and friends of the Andover and Winchester Districts met for a combined meeting at Longparish and Barton Stacey. The standard methods, including Grandsire Minor and Cambridge Minor, were practised until the time of the service, taken by the Vicar of Longparish (the Rev. T. Marsden). Mr. J. A. C. King (secretary, Winchester District) was the organist.

Tea followed in the Village Hall after which Mr. G. K. Dodd (secretary, Andover District) thanked the Vicar and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and the ladies for providing the tea. He also welcomed members of the Winchester District. The Vicar and Mr. J. A. C. King suitably replied.

Members of the Andover District then returned to the tower whilst members of the Winchester District held a short business meeting at which in the unavoidable absence of the chairman, the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Smith) took the chair.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected from Owslebury and Micheldever. The next two practice meetings will be held at Owslebury and Stockbridge.

The District outing for this year was discussed and it is hoped to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell foundry.

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ONE-MAN-BANDS

EVER seen a One-man-band? How often have we heard that question put forward whenever a few men are gathered together in a festive mood, then someone expresses the opinion there is no such thing, whereupon another falls for it and proceeds to demonstrate to the amusement of the onlookers? Yet, has the One-man-band disappeared? Perhaps it has as far as the drums, pipes and cymbals are concerned, yet as regards ringing it is a bogey that is still with us.

Yes, most of us know of one or more of these One-man-band towers where the Leader, Captain of Ringers, Bell Major or whatever you care to call him, knows a little bit, can call one touch and will not let anyone else have a say. As far as his own vicar and locals are concerned, he is the 'cat's whisker.' What he does not know about bells and ringing is not worth knowing. He will not visit other towers nor does he encourage his ringers to visit them—they might find out he is not so good as he makes out, and woe betide the visitor who wants to take over the calling. Occasionally he may be lucky and allowed to call, so off he goes full of vim, makes a call and ere he knows what has happened the O.M.B. has called 'Stand' and informed him, 'There is no bob there.' Of course it is a good job he called 'Stand' because the chances are that neither he nor the rest of his company would have made the 'bob' anyway, so instead of showing his incapability he has let his own people see he knows his stuff. Yes, we know he is a regular attender and in his own way conscientious, but these qualities do not make a leader.

Occasionally members of his company discover his weakness and go elsewhere to ring, so in course of time O.M.B. is truly a One-man-band, his pupils do not stick it and his vicar bemoans the fact that they cannot get ringers. It's no use putting the blame on O.M.B. He is a grand chap. Perhaps he is, but if he is not capable of instructing and will not sink his pride sufficiently to allow his youngsters a bit of rope, he is a drag on the wheel. It is a pity there are these types of men and there is not much you can do about it, or is there? J. P. F.

AMATEURS AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

By F. C. CHAMPION

WHEN I read 'The Ringing World' week by week I am greatly impressed by the high tone of its articles and letters, and especially by its leading article. No one has done more, I am sure, to emphasise the fact that the bell-ringer of to-day is essentially a church worker and, may I add, to stress the spiritual significance of bell-ringing. Bell-ringing to-day is a wonderful fellowship. There is a welcome to all and sundry who ascend a tower on practice night or at service ringing. The same cannot, of course, be said of church cleaners and such like who switch off electric lights in the midst of a peal!

There is, however, a wonder in my mind about a band of ringers in an isolated and remote village. I have in mind a band of ringers at, say, Slocome-on-the-Moor. It is one of those places that lies off the beaten track and is the dickens to find. You ask the road man to direct you, and ten to one he is stone deaf and answers all your enquiries with 'Oh' and 'Ah.' True, eventually you find it by seeing its heavenward-pointing spire amid the trees, and a rectory like a bishop's palace with six acres of garden, not so heavenward for the rector and his wife, but, nevertheless, we invariably find a good and faithful band of ringers who Sunday by Sunday and on New Year's Eve and Christmas, etc., send out across the countryside their strains of bell music.

I sometimes wonder whether these extra-rural bands get the welcome they deserve at our association gatherings. I wonder whether the more efficient bands, who indulge in touches of more elaborate methods, welcome our ringers from Slocome, whose greatest attainments are Queen's, call changes or at most a bit of Grandsire. I may be wrong. I hope I am. But I should like to feel that they get a chance of a bit of a pull on these occasions. It would, I feel sure, give them a sense of belonging to something outside their village and create a real sense of fellowship with other ringers. In any case, I should hate to hear them remark to one another as they journey home in the local bus, after such a meeting, 'I don't reckon they wants the like o' we.'

TEN BELL PEALS

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JOHN H. GILBERT	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 48 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
*JANET S. BAILEY	2	*JOHN D. ROCK	7
*ROBERT G. LAY	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	8
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	5	TONY PRICE / *RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT	2	JOHN LLOYD	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	8
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. W. A. Cook and Miss M. K. Hunt, daughter of the Ringing Master of this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY HARPER	5
*GLYN F. JENKINS	2	R. JAMES COOK	6
PETER NEWING	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	7
*JOHN H. SMART	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal of Major.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY BARNES	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE	5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	6
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	RONALD D. EDGE	6
*JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in C.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
JOHN HILL	4	HARRY POYNER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*DIANA M. MATTHEW	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	LLEWELLYN ALLUM	6
WALTER W. MILLER	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Francis Laflin, of Stockport.

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MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,536 changes of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
*BRYAN F. SIMS	2	†BRYAN PATTISON	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Treble Bob.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
DILLYS I. HULBERT	3	L. JOHN EVANS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* 100th peal.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh to Rhyl in the course of the Coronation tour of Wales.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	*DAVID J. MARSHALL	6
*W. RODNEY HARRISON	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
BRIAN BUSWELL	4	†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

MRS. C. A. EELE	*Treble*	CHARLES A. EELE	5
CHARLES W. MORTIMER	2	LAURIE HALL	6
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	3	BERNARD C. CASTLE	7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	4	FREDERICK HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of spliced in four methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CECIL	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	EDWARD G. TALBOT	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	*GEORGE JENNINGS	7
*BERNARD G. MOORE	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Surprise.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
HAROLD WORRALL	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	CECIL RADDON	7
*FRED JACKSON	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

GERALD D. BOWEN	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	DENIS N. LAYTON	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
*JOHN N. DISERENS	4	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. First peal as conductor.
Birthday compliments to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	5
DENIS MADDOCK	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
FRED JACKSON	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	H. LESLIE PASK	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The first peal in the method for the Guild and by all except the conductor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Philip Michael Freeman to Sheila Mary Bellamy, which took place at Lincoln earlier in the day.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT COLCOMBE	5
JAMES F. DODSON	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
E. JOHN WELLS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' The conductor's 25th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in that capacity.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In twelve methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed).
Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	JEAN POWELL	5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	6
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
J. ARTHUR HOARE	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Bert Weaver, 60 years a ringer and 40 years steeple keeper at St. Augustine's. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL	*Treble*	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	PERCY MASSAM	6
JOSHUA WORMALD	3	HAROLD L. JONES	7
GEORGE WARD	4	HARRY HOMER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.
Rung in honour of G. W. Steel, completing 60 years as a ringer at the above church.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
*DAVID H. KINGSTON	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung, with the best wishes of the band, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler, of Colchester, and Mr. G. W. Moss, of Mistley.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., July 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 WICKEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE	*Treble*	KENNETH A. ROE	5
GEORGE E. GREEN	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal to be rung in this method.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	RICHARD A. GRANT	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on the birth of a grand-daughter.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	DAVID M. LEES	5
*HAROLD WHITE	2	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
RODERICK J. LEES	4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Major. Mr. R. J. Lees has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SHALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
T. MARK WHITE	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
JACK R. WORRALL	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
The first peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
DEREK J. TRANTER	2	ARTHUR H. HINGLEY	6
KENNETH W. KNOWLES	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
SAMUEL BIRCH	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).
Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Anne Worthington, of Bloxwich, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Also as a compliment to Timothy Holden, son of the treble ringer, on his third birthday.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH SAXTON	5
GORDON C. BRIGGS	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	3	*DENNIS COOPER	7
DOUGLAS ROOKE	4	ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Sunday School Festival.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	JOHN CRAGG	5
ARCHIE T. LOWMAN	2	*LESLIE SQUIRES	6
*GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	HARRY SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Philip Michael Freeman to Miss Sheila Mary Bellamy, which took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Lincoln, on July 11th.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	7
*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	GEORGE COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to welcome home Maurice Bennett from H.M. Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Kent and Oxford Double Bob, two 720's of St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL COUSINS	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
TOM GREENACRE	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In nine methods, being three different extents each of: (1) Grandshire and Chase, (2) Grandsire and Union, (3) Plain Bob and St. Martin's, (4) Plain Bob and St. Simon's, (5) Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, (6) Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, (7) St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury, (8) Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, (9) Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, (10) St. Martin's and St. Simon's, (11) Plain Bob and Winchendon Place, (12) Plain Bob, St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, (13) Plain Bob, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas, (14) Plain Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas and St. Simon's. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN L. TAYLOR	3
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	MICHAEL HATCHET	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First of Spliced Doubles for all, on the bells and for the Guild.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four different extents and one 2,160. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Iris Rowley.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

E. THOMAS	*Treble*	C. H. HAWKINS	4
L. HURREN	2	E. PARMENTER	5
S. V. REES	3	D. BALLANTINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. H. HAWKINS.

Rung for the occasion of H.R.H. the Queen's visit to Llanelly.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

REG RIPPINGALE	*Treble*	SAM J. TWITCHETT	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	TOM BIRD	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

COBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 10. 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

ROLAND W. MORANT	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
*W. ERNEST MATTHEWS	2	ROY COLLINS	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor.



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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 720's of London, and five 720's of Cambridge.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK HARPER	*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZELL	4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
ALAN SYDER	2	TERRY EARLE	5
JOHN WARNER	3	STANLEY BONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
First peal of Oxford Minor by all except ringer of treble.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Turben (25 years secretary of P.C.C.).

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	*JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HERMON J. OLIVER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* 25th peal together.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*DEREK G. CLARKE	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
LESLIE D. YOUNG	2	WILLIAM A. KITSON	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	VICTOR G. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
* First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM NUTT	4
*JAMES WARD	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
†ROLAND E. LEWIS	3	‡CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob. ‡ 25th peal this year. First peal in the method on the bells since being rehung.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
AUDREY S. NOBLE	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to W. F. Woodward, of Netherseale.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 12 lb.

*DAVID M. LEES	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIS	4
*W. GEORGE PAGE	2	†MAURICE G. TURNER	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	3	†HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. † 200th peal together.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*DONALD V. ROBINSON	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
RICHARD I. GARDINER	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HARRY STEBBINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON	5
*EDMUND P. CROWDY	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung as a compliment to mother of the ringer of the 4th for her 90th birthday.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*BARRY HENDREY	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	3	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	JOHN BAGNALL	4
JAMES E. BURLES	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	*F. T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal in three methods. 25th peal for tenor ringer.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*BARRY W. BARTON	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	4
MALCOLM R. TOMALIN	2	*JUNE HILL	5
*GEORGE F. ROOME	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JUNE HILL (age 13 years).
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Mr. Marchant, to the parish.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

TOM GREENACRE .. ..*Treble* | TONY OWEN 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. .. 2 | WILLIAM ROSE 5
VINCENT R. OVENS .. .. 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Lady Anne Coke, a train-bearer to Queen Elizabeth II. at her Coronation.

HANDBELL PEALS

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5—6
JOHN KING .. .. .. 3—4 | *BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First handbell peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .. 1—2 | JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
FRANK LORD .. .. .. 3—4 | PHILIP BARNES .. .. .. 7—8
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung for the christening of Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double, Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor size 17 in A.

*HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 1—2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First handbell peal in seven methods.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one six-scores of Stedman, 37 of Grandsire (10 different callings) and four of Plain Bob (4 different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART .. .. .. 1—2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. 3—4
*WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in three methods 'in hand.'

Rung in memoriam R. W. Adamson.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN . Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Sheila M. Bellamy and the Rev. Michael Freeman.

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Mr. John R. Ketteringham, of Alford, Lincs, who has spent nine months in St. Albans, writes expressing his appreciation to the ringers of St. Peter's, St. Albans, for helping him on eight and ten bells, and also to the ringers of the St. Albans District for their friendliness and encouragement.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal on the bells of St. Thomas's, Rhyl, rung on July 10th, on the occasion of the Queen's Coronation tour of Wales, is understood to be the first peal on the bells for over 20 years. It was completed just before Her Majesty reached the church and the bells were 'fired' and rung in Queens as she passed. Several members of the band were afterwards kindly entertained to lunch by Mr. L. J. Evans.

Mr. George E. Symonds celebrated his 78th birthday by standing in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh.

Miss June Hill has conducted her first peal at Cold Higham, Northants, at the age of 13. It was her first peal of Minor.

Mr. F. Warrington, who, during the Coronation festivities, visited 12 towers and rang over 29,000 changes, has been forbidden to ring for the next few weeks by his doctor. He is attending hospital.

There are two vacancies in the week's tour in Devonshire commencing August 15th when some 30 towers will be visited by Mid-Essex ringers. Ringing will be confined to touches. Application should be made at once to Mr. A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

East Anglian peal ringers have noted that Mr. Garnham G. A. Blaxcell has now a new bicycle. Hopes are entertained that this 62-year-old veteran will now be able to cover a wider radius than the 30 miles from home limit imposed by the mechanical imperfections of his previous 'iron steed.'

Mr. Bryan Pattison, who had not previously rung a peal of Treble Bob, gave a fine performance at Maulden, Beds, by ringing the sixth to a peal of three spliced Surprise methods. The peal is believed to be the first of three spliced by a resident band of the Association.

Queen's School, Chester, can muster a band of eight ringers. When the 75th commemoration service of the school was held in Chester Cathedral on July 18th, the band rang rounds, queens and call changes on the front six bells of the Cathedral ten. We look forward to hearing more of their progress from Queen's School.

A similar story of school ringing comes from Hitchin, where five scholars of the Grammar Schools, assisted by three members of the local band, rang for the Schools' Founder's Day service at St. Mary's Church on July 20th. The bells have not been rung for this service for several years, and it is believed this is the first occasion on which members of the schools have taken part in the ringing. It is hoped it may become a recognised feature of future Founder's Day services.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who was responsible for the augmentation of St. Michael's, Southampton, bells into ten, is the first ringer to 'circle the tower' to a peal.

It is hoped to hear the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough, over the air when the service is broadcast at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd.

The excellent ten at Stratford-on-Avon was used for some good music when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on July 18th. This was in honour of the marriage of Mr. 'Jack' Hunt's daughter and was rung immediately after the ceremony. 'Jack' is the genial and popular Ringing Master of Holy Trinity, which possesses a competent local band. The peal band (all Worcestershire Association members) together with the local ringers and friends, were hospitably entertained at the conclusion of the peal.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Legacy of £500 from Former Master

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival at Christ Church, Oxford on July 18th was an outstanding success. Over 140 members and friends attended the service in the Cathedral which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). The address was given by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester. As in recent years the Deputy Master organised a choir for the service.

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair. He was supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

The Master, in his report, regretted that the Bradfield Deanery Branch had lapsed, perhaps temporarily, and he trusted that the fine work of Mr. F. Haines would not be forgotten. This branch was one of the five first branches of the Guild to be formed, in the early 1880's, the other four being the Newbury, Reading, Sonning Deanery and East Berks and Souths Bucks Branches.

The secretary's report mentioned that the Guild was still in a very healthy position with the Branch secretaries taking the real hard work of the Guild, but they must also be very thankful for the excellent enthusiasm shown by the Master. Deputy Master, treasurer and librarian. The Guild was once again reminded of one of their late Masters by the death of Mrs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and was indeed grateful for a wonderful legacy of £500. 'Members may be sure that our treasurer will use this money in the most advantageous way possible and the Guild generally will ever be proud of the names of the Rev. C. W. O. and Mrs. Jenkyn.'

The treasurer's report stated that the General Funds of the Guild amounted to £598 0s. 6d., of which £408 8s. 6d. was in the Restoration Fund and £73 5s. 10d. in the Coleridge Memorial Fund. Grants were paid in 1951 to Fulmer and Lewknor and in 1952 to Hughenden, Radley and Stoke Goldington.

The reports and accounts were accepted by the meeting as printed.

The following officers were elected:—Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; librarian, Miss M. R. Cross; general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert. To fill vacancies on the 12 elected members of the committee, Mr. Brian Hall and Mr. Philip Walker were elected.

Upon the recommendation of the General Committee, Oxford was selected as the place for the 1954 Festival. Grants from the Restoration Fund were £21 to Duns Tew and £5 to Cassington.

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

There was a very useful discussion on suggestions put forward as to ways and means of attracting more members to attend the annual meeting. It was proposed by the Rev. C. Sherwood that the Cathedral Authorities be approached in good time to hold the meeting on the second Saturday in July and to hold the meeting in the dining hall after the luncheon.

Five names were nominated for the Guild's representatives on the Central Council and the following were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock and Mr. F. W. Boreham, after very close voting.

Mr. T. J. Fowler made a very moving and eloquent appeal for the restoration of Boyne Hill bells to be carried out shortly in memory of the late Mr. George Martin, who was a good conductor and ringer on eight bells and a man of very sterling character. The Master and Secretary also spoke with affection of Mr. George Martin.

The meeting confirmed the election of 226 new members.

THE LUNCHEON

Some 120 members and friends sat down to luncheon in the beautiful dining hall of Christ Church. Visitors were present from Cornwall, Derbyshire, Cheshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and London.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and organist of Christ Church (Dr. Armstrong), who year after year helped the Guild to have such a happy day.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed the health of the visitors and this was very sincerely and aptly replied to by Mr. A. Hibbert, of Cheshire.

Ringing was plentiful and varied in the afternoon and evening, eleven colleges and towers being available with from six to twelve bells.

STOCKTON BELLS RECAST

A Ten with 21-cwt. Tenor

It may be of interest to note that the restoration of the tower and bells at Stockton completes the restoration of the Parish Church commenced some ten years ago. The total cost has been £33,000 approximately, of which about £1,000 remains to be raised.

The original ring of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt.) had fallen into a very poor state of repair and, similarly, the tower had become unsafe.

Prior to the beginning of this century there was a light ring of six at Stockton to which four tenors were added, during the 1890's, in a somewhat flimsy wooden frame in a separate tier. Subsequently the whole structure had caused serious cracking within the tower and drastic measures were called for.

Expert advice was sought on the matter and it was agreed to recast the ten bells (which were badly out of tune—the four tenors being a poor splice with the old six) with a tenor approximately 21 cwt. and rehung in a cast iron frame considerably lower down in the tower and on one level.

Most of the old band of ringers have passed on and of the one or two left none are active ringers now, so we are faced with the task of raising a new band from scratch. If any enthusiasts are considering coming to live or work on Tees-side we shall be only too pleased to hear from them, writes Mr. E. Peter Rock, of 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Long Ashton

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on July 18th. Some good ringing on this fine octave (tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.) preceded the Association form of service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knapman). Miss Ruth Knight was the organist.

After tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting. It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the October quarterly meeting would be held at Yatton (on the second Saturday instead of the usual third), with practice meetings for August and September at Clapton-in-Gordano and Nempnett Thrubwell respectively. The biannual Corporate Communion was provisionally fixed for Nailsea on October 25th, with Wrington as an alternative.

Ringers from Abbots Leigh, Bath, Bristol, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wrington and Yatton 'signed the book' and others arrived afterwards, including some from Bristol and Swindon who had come along after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Congratulations to Sir Theodore Pritchett

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at King's Norton on July 11th.

The Parish Church of St. Nicolas stands on a high eminence, and its very graceful Perpendicular tower with crocketed spire is a landmark for miles around. The church and village green stand away from the main road, and retain, to a large extent, their old-world appearance, so that it is difficult to realise that one is only 5½ miles from the centre of a great city.

The bells are a very pleasant ring of ten, the two trebles being installed in 1927, the gift of Mr. Frank B. Yates, who was a churchwarden for several years and an enthusiastic ringer at King's Norton.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Ashford, who also gave an inspiring address, in the course of which he urged those present not to neglect their duty to attend some of the services to which they called others.

An excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed at the Saracen's Head, a famous 14th century half-timbered hostelry, which, some years ago, was completely restored and given to the Parish Church by the brewery company, to be used as a parish room and verger's house.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, commenced the business meeting by giving a word of welcome to Mr. Frank Stenson and his wife, who had made a special journey from Crewe to attend that meeting, and also to Mr. Harry Parkes, of Kent.

The following full members were elected: Miss M. Fellows (Erdington), Miss M. Wastell (Handsworth) and Mr. P. Willis (Coleshill), and the tower elections of the following life-members were duly ratified: Mr. G. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), Mr. Dennis Beresford (Lichfield), Mr. A. R. Ling and Mr. F. J. Matthews (London). The two last-named ringers were proposed as members prior to the commencement of a peal at Shoreditch by a band composed of six College Youths and six Cumberlands.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton Coldfield on October 3rd.

Congratulations were extended by the chairman to a very esteemed member of the Guild, Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., upon the honour recently conferred upon him by the granting of a knighthood by the Queen. The Pritchett family had been resident in King's Norton for many years, one John Suckling Pritchett was bailiff of the ancient Manor Court from 1845 until 1876, and his namesake was for many years Presiding Ringing Master of this Guild.

The Master was pleased to announce that an order had been placed with the Whitechapel foundry for a flat sixth bell to make a light eight at St. Martin's. It is hoped that this may serve as an inducement to young ringers from the eight-bell towers in the diocese to attend the practices on Tuesday evenings, where there is invariably a band of good ringers ready to help them.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Mr. and Mrs. Blake for arranging a very nice meal.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. W. CARTMEL

By the death of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, on July 17th, the Hertford County Association lost not only one of its oldest members, but one who had given very faithful service for a great many years. He underwent a major operation early in June, from which he recovered, but his heart was unable to bear the strain at his age of 87 years.

He joined the Association as a member of St. Alban's Cathedral Society in 1884, and in 1890 became assistant secretary, taking over from Mr. E. P. Debenham the office of hon. secretary in 1904. He held this office until his retirement in 1946. He was also elected president in 1928-29 and retained his interest in the Association until the end of his days.

Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal at St. Alban's Abbey in August, 1885, and his first on handbells in April, 1886. His first peal as conductor was also on handbells at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard. This was Holt's Original from 1-2. He afterwards called this composition from every pair of bells and was the first to do so.

Mr. Cartmel joined the College Youths in 1885, and in 1889 he was appointed conductor of St. Alban's Cathedral Society, an office he held for five years, resigning after a prolonged illness. Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for a few years, during which he took up church work in other directions and was for a long period a Sunday School teacher and afterwards the leader of a Bible Class for men. He was a lay reader in the diocese and a prominent temperance worker.

The association will always remember him for his annual reports, which never failed to contain a Christian message.

MR. HARRY MILLER

The sudden passing of Mr. Harry Miller in the belfry of Christ Church, Southgate, on Thursday, July 16th, from heart failure, was briefly recorded with regret in our last issue.

Mr. Miller, who was 70 years of age, was the last of three brothers who learnt to ring at the latter end of the last century. He rang his first peal (Bob Major) in January, 1900, and his last peal (Stedman Caters) in July, 1950. Mr. Miller had a long list of peals to his credit, ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise, and took part in the first peal of Southgate Surprise in 1907, then known as the Rochester Variation of Superlative.

He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations. Our sympathy goes to his widow, two sons and two daughters. S. W.

MR. JACK RANCE

The passing of Mr. Jack Rance in St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, on July 17th, is deeply regretted in the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

He began his ringing well over 40 years ago, but, despite a busy business life, he always found time to attend his own tower at Binfield for practice and service ringing, and was regular at meetings of his Guild. When illness overtook him he was greatly missed in his tower, but his interest never flagged. He leaves a widow, also a son and daughter-in-law who are both ringers, to mourn their loss.

Six of his oldest friends met on the day of the funeral at Binfield and rang a quarter-peal of Doubles (half-muffled), consisting of 420 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire. They were J. White 1, W. J. Paice (conductor) 2, W. J. Brooks 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. H. J. Parker 5, F. Tomlinson 6. Before the ringing the Rector came and spoke a few words of appreciation of an old friend.—W. J.B.

MR. HERBERT A. HOLDEN

The death took place at Bexley, Kent, on July 18th of Mr. Herbert A. Holden, at the age of 69 years. He was a native of Chiddingfold, Surrey, where he learned to ring. An excellent striker and a safe ringer, he rang his first peal there under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling.

About 40 years ago he became Parish Clerk and Sexton at Meopham, Kent, and did much ringing at various towers in that neighbourhood. Removing to Erith during the 1914-18 war, he joined the band at the Parish Church and later was in charge of the band at Christ Church, Erith.

He left Erith on his appointment as Parish Clerk at Bexley in 1932. Here there was an old ring of six by Thomas Jannaway, which had been derelict for more than 50 years, and through his efforts these were restored and augmented to eight in 1938. Starting from scratch, he raised a very proficient and enthusiastic band of young ringers.

Some five years ago a serious illness, from which he never fully recovered, caused him to give up active ringing, but his interest remained until the end.

The funeral took place at Bexley on July 22nd. The total number of peals he rang are not known, but they were approximately 200 in all the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise. E. B.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled to 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. The ringers were Miss M. Andrews (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Ward (first quarter on a working bell) 2, A. Williams 3, J. Eden 4, J. Bailey 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Twickenham a Popular Meeting

The meeting of the South and West District on July 18th was held at Twickenham amid the cracking and booming of thunder, frequent vivid flashes of lightning and showers of torrential rain. But this deterred not the visitors, who altogether numbered over 45. Local towers represented were Acton, Ealing, Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon and Twickenham, and visiting ringers came from Stoke Poges, Kilburn, East Retford, Hurst, Mitcham, Epsom, Darby Dale, Harrow Weald, together with the vice-president, Mr. Albert W. Coles, of North Mimms. 'Apologies for absence were received from several officers who were engaged at a prior engagement elsewhere.

The melodious ring of ten at All Hallows' was rung in the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent and Cambridge Royal. Many of the visitors found time also to inspect the modern church, which contains much in the way of wood carving brought from the old church which stood in Lombard Street in the City of London. The tower was re-erected at Twickenham before the war, the bells following a year or two ago.

The evening ringing at St. Mary's catered for all tastes, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major. The local youngsters attended their first meeting and were given plenty of opportunity to improve their skill.

Tea was very kindly provided by the St. Mary's ringers led by Mr. Jim Lovell, and in view of the very small charge made, the meeting was invited to subscribe towards deficits incurred on teas elsewhere earlier in the year. Thanks to the generosity of those present the secretary can now square his accounts!

The members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Central Council librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and Mr. J. Miller, of Southgate, who had died during the week.

The next meeting was announced to take place at Harlington and Cranford on August 15th.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. G. H. Cross Resigning the Mastership

Attendance was very poor at the summer meeting of the Society at St. Alban's on July 4th, but those who made the effort were amply compensated by the friendly welcome of the local tower captains and the good ringing.

The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided at the business meeting held after tea at the Abbey Institute. An apology for absence was received from Mr. W. Bottrill, of Luton.

The following new members were elected: Miss Anne E. Salter (Denmark Hill), Miss G. R. Lamont (Hanwell), Douglas C. Bartholomew (Rickmansworth), Mrs. S. M. Dobbie (Tonbridge), Mrs. H. M. Massey (Frome), Miss Margaret Winter (Sydney, N.S.W.).

The next meeting will be held at Bromley on September 19th.

The Master mentioned that he had attended the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Radley, of Broxborne, who had been a member of the Cumberlands for many years and had done much good work for the Society. At the College Youths' dinner in November the Master had suggested that a Coronation peal be rung by six members from each society. He was happy to say that this had been successfully accomplished at Shoreditch, conducted by Mr. F. E. Collins, on the previous Saturday.

Mr. Cross then intimated that he would not seek re-election as Master of the Society at the annual general meeting. He had been Master since 1935, with the exception of one year, and felt that he should now retire.

After expressing his regret at Mr. Cross's decision, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke in appreciation of the Master's work for the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells at St. Peter's, St. Michael's and the Cathedral.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Members and friends of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch were pleased to welcome the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, a former chairman of the Branch, at their monthly meeting which was held at Cromhall. Members were present from Cromhall, Slimbridge, Wotton-under-Edge, Tortworth, Chipping Sodbury, Yate, Wickwar, Dursley, Westerleigh, Thornbury, Pucklechurch, Weston-super-Mare and Mangotsfield.

A service was held in church conducted by the Rev. W. F. Burlton (Vicar) and tea followed in the school. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. A. Peel, and the secretary, Miss D. M. Drew, announced details of the annual outing.

During the evening ringing ranged from Grandsire to Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor and Cambridge Minor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, South Wales District, was most successfully held on July 18th at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl. Some 36 ringers, including visitors from Feltham, Evesham and Weston-under-Edge enjoyed the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Roach), who heartily welcomed the Ladies' Guild to Porthcawl. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Roderick and her helpers. These ladies were thanked by Mr. Ryan Price, who felt, however, that the figures of the young ladies from Sketty would surely suffer on account of all the cream cakes they had eaten!

At the business meeting three new members were elected from Sketty and also Miss Mary Drew, from Cromhall, Glos. Bedwelty was chosen for the October meeting. J.S.E.

LETTERS

VOTIVE BELLS

Dear Sir, — In reference to the letter on 'Votive Bells' by the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, I suppose the original ring of our bells at Hinton are, in a sense, votive bells. These five bells were cast by Clark and Bushell, of Evesham, in 1705, and the inscription on three of them reads: 'William Clark recast me on the orders of David Warren and in fulfilment of vows.' The inscription is in the form of the following chronogram: 'Me renoVaVIt G V CLark I Vss Vb Vs DaVI Warreni et pro VotIs.'—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (REV.)
Hinton-on-the-Green,
Evesham.

A CORDIAL WELCOME AT LLANDUDNO

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from Llandudno, and now reading the letter from A. Burton in 'The Ringing World' dated July 18th, I would like to say that—On Sunday, July 19th, my wife and I (both ringers), together with five other visitors from various places, visited Holy Trinity Church and received a most cordial welcome. We joined in ringing Grandsire and Bob Major, as well as call changes with the learners, before morning service, and returned again in the evening when we rang more call changes with them; so I would like to suggest that perhaps there was some good reason, not disclosed, which caused the 'walk-out' he experienced on Coronation Day.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. CROCKER.

HANDBELL MUSIC WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to obtain copies of handbell music published by the late W. G. Gordon, of Stockport, for tunes using up to 50 bells (three chromatic octaves).

If any readers have copies they might be prepared to sell or loan, I should be grateful if they would kindly communicate with me.

These are required for use with my school handbell team and tunes suitable for 15 or more bells would be very welcome.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.
33, Brecklands,
Broom, Rotherham.

TO MR. FRANK BENNETT

Dear Sir.—I should like to offer my congratulations to my old friend, Mr. Frank Bennett, on accomplishing his 1,600th peal, also to his band. I have great pleasure in saying that I have had the good fortune to have taken part in a few of them.—Yours truly,

ALBERT J. HUGHES.
Bangor.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of August 1st, 1913

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 26th, 1913, in 3 hours and 2 minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation).
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

Ex-Sgt. J. Williams	Treble
William Poston	2
Campbell Kings	3
Harry Kemp	4
Charles L. Sadler	5
Arthur S. Boar	6
Joseph T. Dyke	7
Arthur Bushnell	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke

Rung . . . to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law (first in the method) 1 Mary W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham (first in the method) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, E. E. Trusler 6. Also on July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside') 3, Maureen Fellows (first in the method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, J. Sexton 6. Rung for the 27th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A.).

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Mills 1, E. H. Knapp 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, R. Squire 4, D. J. Laker 5, I. Butcher 6, J. H. G. Gardner 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor: Betty Posnett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. McHugh 2, E. H. Bowley 3, A. Spradbury (first quarter) 4, P. Smith 5, A. Bradshaw (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the 9th anniversary of the Rev. F. W. Pratt's ministry at Birstall.

BLOOMSBURY, W.C.—At St. Giles in the Fields, on July 5th, 1,264 Bob Maor: G. Parsons 1, Miss J. Freer 2, F. Barker 3, D. Woodham 4, S. Howard 5, M. Sinden 6, B. Sullivan 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, Mrs. L. G. Coburn 2, J. Salway 3, P. Davis 4, E. Rowe 5, J. Arbury 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, C. R. Sandford 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BUCKERELL, NEAR HONITON, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Sparks (first quarter) 1, F. H. Parr 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb 5, R. Broadhurst 6. Rung for morning service and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Parr, a member of the tower.

CHEPSTOW, MONS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. Jones (first 'inside' in method) 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D.J. King (cond.) 7, C. Bryant 8.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hoverd 1, R. Jarvis 2, I. Harris (cond.) 3, A. Leach 4, W. Clarke 5, R. Hoverd 6. First quarter for 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W. — At the Church of St. Stephens, on July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tonkin 1, Miss S. Marrington 2, Miss D. Maidment 3 Miss E. Kiernan 4, Mr. Taffender 5, Miss M. Jackson 6, G. Lucas (cond.) 7, J. Rea 8. For the 21st birthday of the ringer of 4.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sidaway (first quarter) 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, J. Griffiths 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, H. Wyre 6, R. Dunn 7, A. Wyre 8. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 10th, at St. Alkmund's Church, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 540 Grandsire, including 1 Morris' 240): Rev. G. W. Hatch (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Foulke (first of Doubles) 2, M. F. Hatch (first in three methods and as cond.) 3, D. Gebbett (first in three methods) 4, G. Barratt (first of Doubles) 5, Miss R. Carr (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six by the Duffield Society.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. M. Page 1, R. Mackerill 2, H. Belcher 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, W. Rawlins 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles.—C. Mason 1, S. Hollis 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to C. Morris and G. H. Denness (conductor's father).

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, A. Fudge (first quarter 'inside') 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Smith, father of the ringer of the 4th.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman and 780 Grandsire): Roy Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, Ronald Marshall 3, E. Wilson 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung on the occasion of the engagement of Mr. John Worsley, son of Sir William and Lady Worsley, of Hovingham Hall, to the Hon. Carolyn Hardinge, South Park, Penshurst, Kent. First quarter on the bells since being rehung on ball bearings, the work being carried out by the ringers with the assistance of a local engineer.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Stapleton 1, G. Seth 2, C. Clarke 3, B. F. Sims 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5. Rung for Keysoe Feast.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Steele 1, W. S. Richards 2 P. A. Clifton 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. Richards 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells since their restoration in 1952. Rung for evening service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. R. Smith 3, R. C. Heazel 4, J. Grove 5, C. A. Hughes 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. Beard 3, C. R. Smith 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampton 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. A. Hughes 8. Also on July 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, C. R. Smith 2, C. A. Hughes 3 D. W. Beard 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 6.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. G. Butler 1, J. V. Temple 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, Miss R. M. Barwell 4, P. G. Butler (cond.) 5, P. W. Campling 6. To commemorate the dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Grantham the previous evening.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Old 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, J. Harrold 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, A. E. Sibley 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester to morning service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pamela Willes (16) 1, Angela Willes (16) 2, R. M. Dixon (13) 3, W. J. Hitch 4, M. A. Collings 5, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Price 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis (cond.) 3, D. A. Davis 4, G. Hancock 5, A. Turner 6.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Shire 1, G. W. Walford 2, A. H. Reed 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, W. A. Thcobold (cond.) 5, W. G. Gigg 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): R. Thatcher (first quarter) 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, E. Brown 3, C. Marshall 4, F. Carter 5, A. Jones 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,440 Doubles (360 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and Plain): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5. Rung for the baptism of Nicholas, the son and heir of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, A. A. Livings 5, J. Terry 6. Rung in honour of the patron saint.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. West 1, Miss Y. Drewe (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Warren 3, Miss M. Dowsett 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, P. J. Came 6.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—At St. Paul's Church, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Meredith 1, J. T. Williams 2, J. Solly 3, J. Edney 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, W. G. Rees 6, Miss T. Burns 7, F. Buttery 8. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to Swansea.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss J. Harding 3, F. W. Lack 4, E. C. Jefferies 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker (first away from tenor) 1, H. J. Wilde 2, H. Meads 3, C. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rt. Rev. A. B. Karney for the 58th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Haynes 1, A. Whittle (cond.) 2, Freda Robinson 3, Joan Smith 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss N. Hales (first of Grandsire 'inside') 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also on July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales (first of Stedman) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, J. Hales 8. Both rung as compliments to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings on their first wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, whose wedding anniversary fell in the previous week.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 600 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Denrocke 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, J. Chapman 4 P. N. Devenish 5, F. Corfield 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. A 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Major and Mrs. K. E. Hart.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON EXTENSION

(Continued from Page 489)

PIVOT BELLS

Application of the foregoing formula and rules will ensure that the treble lead is a correct extension of the parent. It now remains to join the leads of the course together to ensure that the order in which a bell occupies the different positions at the successive lead-heads of the parent is maintained in the extension; e.g. Cambridge Minor—2.6.3.4.5; Major—2.6.7.3.4.8.5; etc. The reasons for this and examples of pivot sequences were given in the 1952 report and need not be repeated here, but further investigation has revealed that satisfactory results are obtained by some additional sequences from Minor to Royal, omitting Major and Maximus; from Minor to Maximus, omitting Major and Royal; and from Major to Maximus, omitting Minor and Royal. The full table of these sequences is given below.

	Extensions from Minor				Extensions from Major			
	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult
Minor ..	6	3	6	3	6	3	–	–
Major ..	8	3	–	–	–	–	6	5
Royal ..	0	3	6	7	–	–	–	–
Maximus ..	T	3	–	–	7	6	6	9
Minor ..	5	2	5	2	5	2	–	–
Major ..	7	2	–	–	–	–	5	4
Royal ..	9	2	5	6	–	–	–	–
Maximus ..	E	2	–	–	8	7	5	8

	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult	Pivot 2nd	Pivot Ult
Minor ..	3	4	–	–	3	4	–	–
Major ..	3	6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Royal ..	3	8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maximus ..	3	0	–	–	9	4	–	–
Minor ..	4	5	–	–	4	5	–	–
Major ..	4	7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Royal ..	4	9	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maximus ..	4	E	–	–	0	5	–	–

The Committee is aware that the insistence on correct lead-head sequence may cause apparent anomalies. On the other hand, there is evidence that the waiving of these requirements will cause further anomalies. The matter will be kept under review and any adjustments found to be necessary will be reported to the Council.

GENERAL

The adoption of these recommendations will result in so-called border-line extensions being excluded, as indeed would be the case whatever criteria were adopted. It is considered that such a position is preferable to the spate of worthless extensions which would result from a broadening of these recommendations.

In view of the impossibility of regularising the position of incorrect extensions which have been rung in the past, except by wholesale renaming, the Committee proposes that these recommendations become operative in respect of any new method extension rung after the date of the adoption of this report and that those previously rung to peals may continue to hold the names under which they were originally rung.

THE DISCUSSION

The president said this matter might be very contentious. He asked members to speak briefly and to the point.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he would divide the report into three parts, one of which was not mentioned. The first was extension, consisting of ten pages. It stated the rejection by the committee of any kind of version and the acceptance only of mathematical true extension based on extension obtained from standard methods over which there was no question.

The committee organised a meeting in London at which anyone interested could attend. They had a full and frank discussion.

He would like to say on behalf of the members of the Methods Committee that there had been certain things said about their work on extension for the past two or three years—sometimes critical. He thought it was only fair to say that it was the Council who asked the committee to do it, and, secondly, they did not want the job, but having been given it, they had done their best with the results before them. He moved the adoption of the report on extension.

Mr. K. Lewis, seconding, said to a lot of people the report would be difficult to understand. Explaining terms, he said the portion in front of the treble was the front sub-section, and that behind the back sub-section; the whole made a section.

Mr. Harold Poole said last year he challenged the report on behalf of two people who had made a study of the subject. They had seen the report and they came away quite happy and thought some good would come out of it.

Mr. A. B. Peck: I should like to be assured that the five members of the committee absolutely understood the report. Frankly, I don't.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: I do (laughter).

Mr. A. D. Barker: Mr. Felstead mentioned the meeting in London. I went along and was bundled out before they started the business.

Mr. Kippin replied that Mr. Barker turned up an hour too soon. The committee had arranged to meet first.

The Hon. Secretary: I arrived a little earlier than expected and I just escaped with my life.

Mr. W. Wilson said he was prepared to provide 300 or 400 roneo copies of the report.

The meeting then voted on the method extension section of the report, which was carried.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said the second subject was irregular methods and this applied to Minor methods alone. They had made an investigation and had found no reason for altering the decision of the Council made some 50 years ago. Suffice it to say, they had found there was nothing in the irregular methods that was not in the regular ones and that in many cases there were definite advantages in the regular methods in the scope of composition. Although they could not point to any particular reason for disallowing them, it was the accumulation of small points. The committee recommended that the present decision be adhered to.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded, for, as a Minor ringer, he said, all his early ringing was on six bells and even now he was still at heart a Minor ringer though he did sometimes venture on higher numbers.

An investigation was made into the question of Minor methods both regular and irregular and it was found that the Plain Bob lead heads and ends were the only set which were common to both seconds place and sixths place methods. For example, most Minor ringers knew that Cambridge and Primrose were identical, row for row, until the handstroke of the treble's full lead and that if one rang a plain course of each one would have rung the same changes but in a different order.

The irregular methods had not this feature and two methods in which the first lead was row for row identical until the treble's handstroke lead would have quite different plain courses—one for the seconds place method and one for the sixths place method. This, he considered, was the most serious defect.

'Now as to types of work. For example, if we divide the work of Treble Bob minor methods into work below and work above the treble we get 36 different works below and 14 different works above, which, when combined together, give a possible 504 methods. Of these, 147 methods have a five lead 'regular' course and 146 methods a five lead 'irregular' course. The remainder are one, two or three lead courses only. No work which is contained in any irregular method is omitted from the regular methods. For instance, you cannot ring Cambridge below and Oxford Treble Bob above and get a regular method, but you can ring Cambridge below and Kent above and get Oswald. In this connection I am willing privately to help any band who want to progress and do not know how to set about it, if they will let me have a list of the methods they know.

'As to the question of 6-5's we find that a greater proportion of the irregular methods produce 6-5's in the standard calling than do the regular methods. Eighty-one out of 146 against 53 out of 147. Finally, a scrutiny of a collection of irregular methods made by a former and honoured member of this Council, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, discloses that only about 30 irregular methods were practised and most of those in the county of broad acres.

'In my investigation I started with an open mind and endeavoured to make a case for the irregular methods if it were possible, but I feel that there is no good case for them, and unwilling as I am to prevent anyone from ringing what he pleases, I cannot help being driven to the conclusion that it would not be right for the Council to recognise lead ends other than those of Plain Bob.'

Mr. C. Roberts said he thought Mr. Lewis had made an able exposition for retaining these lead ends which they knew so well. Mr. Lewis had left out the question of music. It came back to enthusiasm for good Minor methods as against reversing the bells in 5-6. He had never tried to ring any of the irregular methods because it was one of the things which was not done.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Methods Committee appeared to have gone only on the scientific side. The Oxford Guild at its last meeting asked for the whole position to be investigated.

The Rev. K. Felstead: We were asked to go into it and this is our finding.

The resolution was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. K. Felstead said last year they did not come to a definite decision about three lead courses of Royal methods, but they did put an announcement in 'The Ringing World' that it was their opinion that such methods should not be allowed in Spliced ringing because they did not get the full course of the method. He asked the Council to accept the resolution published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The president said there were certain Royal methods with only three leads and they could not get a full course. The Methods Committee said these should not be allowed.

Mr. C. K. Lewis reminded the meeting of a saying of Mr. Driver, that it was up to the

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people who did splice to keep the game clean. They were going backwards if they allowed it.

The resolution was carried.

Upon the adoption of the report Mr. A. B. Peck asked for a ruling on the peal of London Surprise Royal he had rung. According to his peal book he was credited with it, according to the Council he was not.

Mr. Felstead: You are referring to the very first peal of London Suprprise Royal.

Mr. Peck: Yes.

Mr. Felstead replied that the peal rung was London Surprise Royal No. 1 Version. He rang in a peal the previous day which was London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version. There were a lot of versions and the first was Stepney.

Mr Peck: It is entered in our peal book as London and as London it will always remain.

Mr. Felstead: The decision was that they retain their own names.

Mr. C. Roberts said London Surprise Royal had a very chequered history. Suffice it to say, Mr Gabriel Lindoff produced some methods which came very near to the extension of the Maior. The peal was rung by ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The title of Stepney was suggested after a long debate for the peal, but the Ancient Society were not consulted. He thought any decision to call the peal 'Stepney' could be discounted He thought the best thing was to call it London Surprise Royal No. 1 Version.

The report was then carried.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

	Present	Absent
Life Members	4	3
Honorary Members ..	11	8
Representative Members	106	42
	121	53

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and Six-Bell Contest was held at Heptonstall on July 18th. The contest was judged by Mr. George Perrin, of Saddleworth, and resulted as follows: Lindley, 44 faults, penalties nil, total 44: Liversedge, 40 faults, penalties nil, total 40; Shelley, 55 faults, penalties nil, total 55; Meltham, 46 faults, penalties nil, total 46; Friezland, 21 faults, penalties 10, total 31.

Friezland were therefore declared the winners of the Association's Silver Cup and a pair of chrome candlesticks each.

The balance sheet was approved by the members and revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. The officers were re-elected en bloc.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Heptonstall, the churchwardens and the local company for the use of the bells, and to the local ladies for their services in producing and serving a very good tea.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Ringers of Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers met at Wellington on July 11th, when visitors were welcomed from Bristol, London, Coombe Martin, Whimple and Sowton, Devon.

At a short business meeting it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Halse on September 19th and the August, October and November practice meetings at Norton Fitzwarren, Cheildon Fitzpaine and Bradford respectively, subject to local incumbents' permission.

Ringing was enjoyed on the bells in a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S WHITSUN TOUR

The University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual Whitsun tour in the Watford district of Hertfordshire and in South Bucks. In spite of a grim forecast, weather was excellent for the whole week-end; in fact it proved a trifle too hot for the six cyclists in the party who had to ride several miles between each tower.

Ringing began on Friday night at St. Matthew's, Oxhey, but since most members had travelled a long way and wanted their suppers, the ringing was not of the best. The Society accordingly adjourned to one of the more sinister cafes in Watford for the rest of the evening.

On Saturday six towers in the Hemel Hempstead area were visited. Valuable assistance was given (and a set of handbells lent) by Mr. Walter Ayre, who met the party at Apsley End and toured with them for the rest of the day. In the evening the handbells were taken into a hostelry at Abbots Langley, but the landlord said that he wasn't licensed for music. Not to be discouraged by this rather mixed compliment the members rang in the nearby churchyard, much to the amusement of passers-by, one of whom chimed in on a bicycle bell.

On Sunday the Society joined local bands in service ringing at Watford and at St. Albans in the morning and evening, and rang at Aldenham in the afternoon.

Monday was the hottest day of the week-end and members took refuge from the sun in the belfries of Rickmansworth and five South Buckinghamshire towers (Chalfont St. Giles, Amersham, Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal and Stoke Poges), leaving the raising of the bells to the more energetic of those present.

During the week-end a selection of methods was rung which was varied, if not very advanced. Touches of Erin Triples, Double Oxford and St. Clement's were attempted and, in a few instances, brought round: while, much to the disgust of a Central Councillor (who, nevertheless participated), a course of the irregular, not to say illicit, Double Stedman Slow Course Minor was rung at Chalfont as a salute to the august gathering in session at Bournemouth on that day. The president's suggestion of splicing it with something more respectable to make an honest method of it was not realised in practice on this occasion.

A thoroughly enjoyable week-end of ringing ended at Stoke Poges with an excellent course of Cambridge and, most appropriately, one of London Scholars' Pleasure, a method which shows signs of becoming the Society's signature tune. The party finally broke up after an hour 'among the pots' at the Good Companions, when Miss Pamela Martin, who organised the tour, was enthusiastically thanked for arranging a most enjoyable week-end. D. R.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS

Situated some six miles from Basingstoke, Preston Candover possesses an unusually fine ring of five bells, unique in the fact that the treble is impossible to hear from inside the ringing chamber whilst the bells are ringing. This is due to the fact that its position is ten feet above the others owing to the narrowness of the tower.

The Vicar, who is in touch with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., intends to have recast and rehung the present five bells with the addition of a new tenor of four cwt., dating back to 1624, which was presented by the Rector and churchwardens of Overton on the demolition of the old church at Laverstoke.

The estimated cost, including the recasting of the new tenor, will be in the region of £800 which it is hoped will be raised by next year.

The Vicar intends issuing an appeal when wellwishers of Hampshire will have the opportunity of helping this small village of 500 to raise such a large sum.

A WEEK-END WITH PETER

A 'Tower-Snatching' Orgy

At the invitation of Mr. Peter N. Bond, five ringers—two from Nailsea and one each from Long Ashton, St. Albans and Horsell—assembled at Hildenborough, Kent, on the night of June 12th. After a short night and a session in the kitchen with the ladies in charge, began the serious business of the day. Ringers from Folkestone, Hornsey and Chislehurst augmented the party to nine.

Twelve towers were in the programme, starting with the joyful little six at Leigh. At Penshurst (8) was set the fashion of the day by ringing the back six down in peal, catching in Queens at the end.

The National Trust village of Chiddingstone, after our half-hour on the good-toned eight, provided interest in the form of souvenir hunting before we continued along the twisting lanes to Hever. Here, before use was made of the six (the opinion being expressed that the back five didn't live up to the treble), the Vicar proudly showed the visitors the 15th century solid log staircase to the ringing chamber and told of the village's association with the Boleyn family.

After a much-needed lunch came Cowden, where an added enjoyment was by being able, from outside, to watch the wooden tower swaying with the movement of the six bells and, from up aloft, to watch the landscape swinging as if past a ship.

Edenbridge (where the clock is one-handed) was a popular favourite, with its fine-toned, easy-going eight.

At Limpsfield (Chart) the only touch of London of the day was rung and was followed by three quick and extremely well-struck touches. The squat tower at Oxted had one drawback; the ringers would have been glad to hear less of the bells and more of the calls! When Limpsfield was reached the showers of early afternoon became a downpour but the party cared little and the four touches on the six were followed by the best ring down of the day.

At Westerham (back in Kent) we gladly paid the sixpence per rope fee for a chance on this nice, stately eight, rung from the ground floor with the 15th century spiral staircase in the corner.

Sundridge caused much amusement with its seven (six bells and the frame) and the Reverse St. Bartholomew, long awaited by the Doubles lovers, was voted by them the best and most enjoyable ring of the day.

The perfect end to a perfect day was reached at Brasted, where the left-handed six know all the methods by heart and ring them well with but little help. Time alone persuaded the party to leave them and, tired and happy, they adjourned to the local for a short session on handbells before wending their way bedwards.

Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, New Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Stedman, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Norwich, London and Spliced Kent and Oxford.

All the bells went well, some better than others but none badly, and thanks are accorded to those who made the outing possible by arranging to have the towers and bells ready and by giving us so kind a welcome. We cannot forget our thanks to Mr. P. N. Bond for his hospitality and masterly organisation. Thank you, Peter.

On Sunday the 'original six' joined the local ringers at Tonbridge (8) for morning service ringing and were treated to a free snowstorm when the white splice of the tenor sally parted.

In the early afternoon Shipbourne (6) was visited for three quick touches (joined in one by two local ringers) and then on to Seal (St. Lawrence's) where, in the tiny ringing chamber, the long host rang the tenor on his knees.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

BOLSOVER

The Bolsover Parish Church ringers, accompanied by wives and friends from Bawtry, Heath, Warsop and Worksop, fully enjoyed a long excursion to towers in Yorkshire on June 27th. A slight delay at the start and at Worksop caused a thirty minutes' late arrival at Otley, but Mr. Manning was waiting and the bells were soon set going to various methods. Several of the party had their first experience of the queer Yorkshire rope ends, and some difficulty was experienced in disposing of the spare rope when ringing down.

A slight delay owing to an unfortunate accident with two young cyclists resulted in a further late arrival at Ilkley. Unfortunately, it was impossible for anyone from the local band to meet the visitors, but everything was left ready and several good touches were rung at this famous birthplace of the Yorkshire Association. The numerous references to Jasper W. Snowdon were of much interest to older members of the party.

An excellent and substantial lunch at Ripon seemed to affect the performance of several members when ringing was recommenced on the fine ten at the Cathedral. Touches of Bob Royal and Kent Royal were reasonably good, but attempts at Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight were not so successful.

When the tour was arranged early in the year Mr. Jackson Ewbank said he looked forward to some good striking at Birstwith (near Harrogate), and he was certainly not disappointed. Touches of Little Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise were exceedingly well rung, and it was unfortunate that the morning delays did not permit a longer stay. All the visitors were full of praise for the fine ring at Birstwith.

Tea was taken in Harrogate, where several of the non-ringers met the party after spending the afternoon in the beautiful inland health resort.

The last call of the day was at Tadcaster, where members of the local band joined the visitors. Having been warned that the back end needed 'ringing,' the party was agreeably surprised at the excellent 'go' of the bells. A touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major and an excellent fall completed a very enjoyable day in the Yorkshire Dales. The outing was arranged by Mr. A. B. Cooper.

EASTBOURNE

Favoured with a fine day, the Eastbourne ringers, with friends from Hailsham, Hellingly, Mayfield and East Grinstead, held their annual outing on July 11th. Canon Meredith and Mrs. Meredith were able to accompany them this year.

Withyham, a good ring of eight, was the first tower visited, and some very good ringing was achieved, while non-ringers admired the pleasant countryside. On to Reigate, where the ten bells of the Old Church were rung for an hour, viz.: Rounds for the learners, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal for the more experienced ringers. An excellent lunch followed.

During the afternoon the rather noisy but good ring at Dorking were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Oxford Treble Bob. The handbells were put to good account on the journey to Horsham, and one young lady was very surprised when 5-6 landed on her lap whilst the coach took a sharp turn. Arriving at Horsham, tea was waiting and it was first class.

The bells of Horsham Parish Church were rung to methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich, and, of course, plenty of rounds.

The last tower, although not in the original programme, was Turners Hill, permission being obtained on the spot for half an hour, and no doubt several of the ringers will remember the last touch at this tower, a perfectly struck touch of Double Norwich. R. W. P.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

On June 20th a strong party of ringers, their wives and friends of the Maulden area, left their 'Beds' early for the annual ringers' outing, organised by Mr. R. J. Sharp. A start was made a 7 a.m. in spite of the fact that many of the party live several miles from the point of assembly. The area of operations was the Guildford district, so we sat back and admired the beauties of the countryside as we travelled south-west via Berkhamstead, Amersham and Windsor to Bagshot, where a short halt was made for refreshments.

At Worplesdon we were met by Mr. Petter, and these very pleasant eight bells were soon set going to a variety of methods. Another short run brought us to Guildford, where, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, we were met by Mr. F. A. Munday and several of his fellow ringers in the impressive atmosphere of this belfry, with its rich array of peal boards, reminding us of performances of giants of the past (and present). We enjoyed several touches on a fine eight. Mr. Munday had, at short notice, arranged for us to visit S. Nicolas, and, after an excellent lunch, we ascended to the belfry and sampled this very 'manageable' ten. And so to the open road again, through glorious country to Haslemere, where Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, who had very kindly helped in arranging tea, shared with us what was perhaps the best ten-bell ringing of the day, Cambridge Royal and Stedman and Grandsire Caters being tapped off in grand style on this delightful ten.

The homeward route was via Warfield, where several of the party renewed acquaintance with Mr. Fleet, and, among other methods, a truly 'Superlative' course of Major was rung, and to Hughenden, where we were met by Mr. R. Biggs. This splendid eight, recently recast and rehung, made a most suitable finish to a very enjoyable day's ringing.

Thank you, Ron Sharp, and all who contributed to our enjoyment!—A.E.R.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

Bedfordshire was the objective of the ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, and their friends for their annual outing this year, and a punctual start was made at 8.45 a.m.

The recently rehung bells of Hemel Hempstead were first visited, and Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire rung. An interesting feature at Leighton Buzzard were the heavy beams overhead and joists above floor level. This, however, did not affect the ringing, as a good course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters proved. Lunch followed at the Cross Keys Hotel.

Then came Luton Parish Church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the 10 as wedding bells for a happy couple. Owing to the driver being sent on an erratic course, ringing at Hatfield had to be restricted. At Watford, the last call, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung.

It was a pleasure to visit such beautiful and well kept churches and ringing chambers, and we are indeed grateful to the clergy and tower representatives who made us so welcome and to Mr. Elson for his successful arrangements.

S. H.

STONY STRATFORD

Ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, had a full day on July 4th on the occasion of their annual outing. The programme included the bells of St. Benet's of Stedman fame, the massive Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds, a welcome by Mr. S. H. Symonds and an hour on Lavenham bells, a brief stay at Thaxted's wonderful Parish Church, and a ring on the fine bells at Saffron Walden, which Mr. Mumford had in readiness. Home was reached at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

HUTTON, ESSEX

Outings that combine a suitable collection of towers and a continual source of interest to non-ringing friends need skilful arranging. Hutton ringers regard their visit to Hertfordshire as combining these two considerations.

Ringing took place at Radbourn (a Coronation ring of six), Flamstead, Sandridge, Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon, all fine towers.

Places of interest visited were St. Alban's Cathedral, Whipsnade Zoo (the two hours here just sufficing for lunch and a brief look at the animals), and Hatfield House (tea was served in the Old Palace and, while the ringers afterwards made a gladsome noise, the others enjoyed a conducted tour of the great house).

Thanks are accorded the Ringing Master of the day, the Vicar of Flamstead (for showing the party some of the treasures of his church), the secretary of the Hertfordshire County Association and ringers who met the party at various churches. To anyone considering such an outing we would say, 'Go to Hertfordshire—it has much to offer.'—E. M. B.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association, together with wives and friends, spent an enjoyable day in the Buckinghamshire area, on their annual outing, on July 4th.

The first tower visited, after a stop for coffee, was Rickmansworth; next came Denham. We were joined, after lunch at Burnham, by Mr. G. Gilbert. Unfortunately, owing to there being a wedding at Burnham and other visiting ringers at Bray, ringing was somewhat curtailed at both these towers. Tea and a short stroll by the river were both enjoyed before leaving Bray. The next tower was Wooburn, and last, but not least, Beaconsfield. A good variety of methods was rung during the day.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE

On June 27th Holy Cross, Morton, bellringers, together with ringers and friends from Ashover, Blackwell, Burbage, Chesterfield, Clay Cross and North Wingfield journeyed by coach into Cheshire.

The first stop was at Holmes Chapel where the six bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were rung to various methods: some of the local company joined in the ringing.

The next call was made at the eight-bell tower of St. James', Christleton, where, owing to late arrival, we missed meeting the local company but, on finding the verger, who unlocked the tower, we ascended to the ringing chamber and kept the bells going until lunch time.

After a good lunch at a cafe in quaint old Eastgate Street, Chester, the party assembled by the west door of Chester Cathedral, where a very efficient guide gave us an extremely enjoyable tour of the Cathedral. We were, however, disappointed at not being able to ring on the bells, but the Dean and Chapter had previously furnished us with very good reasons.

At St. Mary-on-the-Hill the Vicar gave us a most hearty welcome and ushered us up to the ringing chamber via two vertical-positioned ladders. The bells, however, proved well worth the climb and touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Trioles were rung along with rounds and call changes for the younger member of the party.

After tea and a brief period of time for individual sightseeing we travelled on to Tarvin. St. Andrew's ringers, together with the Rev. J. D. Pearson, gave us a very warm welcome and all joined in ringing on the fine six bells of this huge tower until we were ushered into the Parish Room and were given what has now become a coined phrase amongst the party, 'a Tarvin supper.' This consisted of as much as it is possible for 36 people to eat (and enough for another 36 left over) of finest quality sandwiches, cakes and tea. No ringing tour could have received a better welcome. 'Thank you, Tarvin.' Home was reached at 12.30 a.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C., during the month of August.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2934

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MEETINGS

ESSEX and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton Road, E.5, on Saturday, August 1st, 4 to 5 p.m. Tea shops locally. Ringing at St. John-at-Hackney, E.9, from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. V. Gant and T. J. Lock, Secs. 2911

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, August 1st, Abbots Langley (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2917

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Speldhurst (8), Aug. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 28th to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2904

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, August 1st, 3 p.m. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2921

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, August 3rd. Bells from 3 until 9. Service 4.30. Tea at near-by cafes 5.15 for those who notify by July 30th, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury. 2925

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

A letter on matters arising out of the Central Council meeting has been sent to Secretaries of all affiliated Societies. In view of changes which may have taken place, will any Secretary who has not received a copy please let me know.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 8th, 3 p.m. Tuesday practices as usual.—A. B. Peck. 2897

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, August 8th, 2,30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, not later than August 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m.. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Netherseale Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2938

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, August 8th. Bells of St. Peter's from 2 p.m. Service in St. Peter's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Institute, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — There will be a meeting at Weaverham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, August 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2949

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, August 8th, Alderminster (6). Please arrange own tea. Tredington (probably) in the evening. All welcome.—R.J.E. 2939

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Balcombe (8), August 8th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, Glebe Farm, Balcombe, by August 6th. —C. A. Bassett. 2940

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (5), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided. —J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2944

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Petham, Saturday, Aug. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cash, please, to me, not later than Wednesday, August 5th. Details of bus service on tower notice. Further copies can be supplied if required.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, August 8th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. All names to Mr. W. H. Rawsthorne, 35, Liddell Road, West Derby, Liverpool 12. — J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2935

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, August 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2942

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—E. London Guild.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, August 8th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea from shops locally.—T. V. Lock, Sec. 2933

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Naseby, August 8th. Names for tea must reach me by August 4th, please. — E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2936

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Ellesmere, August 8th. Usual arrangements. Good attendance requested. Rehung eight. Midland Red, 2.5 from Shrewsbury. Advise for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 2929

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—The meeting arranged for Warsop on August 8th **is cancelled.**—H. Denman. 2943

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday, 28th, to Mr. R. P. Wood, 232, Dominion Road, Worthing. 2945

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watergate Road, Newport. 2926

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of the Lincoln, Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts. Also Ladies' Guild at Wolesby (8), August 15th. Picnic tea. — C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 2947

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Codsall, August 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, August 12th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 2937

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at Catherington on August 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. W. Bessent, Victory Avenue, Horndean, by August 8th. 2952

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, Rochdale, August 29th. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion, Whitworth, 5s. each; names to Mr. Colin Taylor, 36, Hallford, Whitworth, by August 26th. Bells available, Whitworth, afternoon (also in morning on application to Mr. Taylor); Christ Church, Healey, from 3 p.m. 2941

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH. —Preliminary announcement.—The dedication of the recast and rehung ring of ten (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham will take place on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. 2932

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Old Bells of Shifnal

The Shropshire Association continued their successful meetings at Shifnal on July 11th, when more than 40 ringers from Shrewsbury, Wallaston, Wellington, Chester, Albrighton, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Dawley, Malins Lee, Coalbrookdale, Birmingham and Lichfield attended.

The old bells now 'go like tops,' although new ropes, which were hung too low in some cases, did not improve the striking.

After the usual service and tea a brief spell of ringing ended when the clapper of the fourth broke and put an end to proceedings.

However, we had rung the standard methods, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, and everyone expressed pleasure at finding these bells, which had made so much local ringing history, in order again.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, N. Mallett 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WEST HAM, E.—On July 12th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: L. E. Last 1, E. W. Furbanks 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Hughes 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. E. Willmington 7, L. W. Bullock 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, C. T. W. Coles 10.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON

The Ottery St. Mary ringers held their annual outing on June 27th, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price), the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, the people's warden (Mr. S. Morgan) and Mrs. Morgan, together with wives and friends. Starting from Broad Street at 7.30 a.m. the first stop was at Okehampton. Holsworthy was reached at 10.15 and this nice ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was soon going to Stedman Triples, some rounds for the learners and a touch of Grandsire Triples. Next came the glorious eight (tenor 22¼ cwt.) at Stratton and here Stedman and Grandsire were rung.

A lovely drive brought the coach to Clovelly, the North Devon gem, where two hours were spent. At Bideford a good tea, the gift of the ringers, was waiting at the Rose of Torridge Cafe and this was followed by a visit to St. Mary's Church, where the bells were soon going to Stedman.

Everyone voted it a most enjoyable trip, with thanks to the captain, Mr. C. Turner, for making the arrangements.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Tunnicliff 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, D. Walklate 3, H. Letts 4, C. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, K. Scott 7. Rung as a farewell to K. Scott, who is leaving for Canada.

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HABIT

A WELL-KNOWN Surprise ringer remarked recently that he had had some difficulty in ringing the treble to a course of Cambridge Maximus. Two things had embarrassed him. One was that as he passed from back to front or front to back he experienced an almost irresistible urge to omit dodges and to run through. The second trouble was that he could not reconcile himself to striking two blows behind over the same bell. The explanation is, of course, quite simple; he was the victim of habit. Nowhere in his normal ringing of Cambridge 'inside' was he required to dodge in every position, nor yet to strike two blows behind over the same bell, and only by the very greatest conscious effort could he bring himself to overcome his natural impulses.

Similar difficulties, arising from force of habit, are constantly occurring in the practice of change ringing. The man who has rung the treble for a long time to Plain Bob may find the place-making bells in 5–6 in Double Norwich a trifle disconcerting when he hunts through them on his way to lead. Although he is plain hunting in each method, his ear and eye suggest that the bell he turns from behind should go on down to lead; to find it turning round to look at him, as it were, is a little troublesome until he gets the hang of it. It is not unknown, too, for an inveterate 'inside' ringer, when asked to cover, to follow the 'inside' work so intently that he brings the covering bell into the changing work quite involuntarily. This is more than likely if he is attempting to correct a trip made by one of the other 'inside' men.

The deceptive influence of habit is often experienced, too, in a strange ringing chamber, where one looks instinctively for the 6th in a particular corner or the treble near a familiar window. The force of habit is even more marked when one tries to ring in a tower where the bells hang the reverse way round.

Habit of mind certainly leads the ringer to follow a familiar routine, and his brain must make a determined (and sustained) effort to cope with new conditions and new demands. But there is another habit perhaps, even more difficult to overcome or adapt to fresh requirements. It may, perhaps, be called muscular habit, and its most familiar manifestation occurs in handbell ringing, where two hands and the brain are working together in a mysterious and wonderful way. The ringer of 5–6 in Bob Minor, having rung a number of extents called W.R.W., will certainly notice, if the calling changes, that his hands will still for a time want to follow the previous pattern. The ringer of 7–8 to Stedman Caters or of 9–10 to Stedman Cinques knows what is so likely to happen when the bells are turned from the tittums to the handstroke home. The very muscular movements that have sustained the tittum rhythm for perhaps two hours refuse to co-operate in a new way, and for some courses, possibly to the end of the peal, the ringer will tend to move his hands the wrong way and to look in the wrong direction.

The difficulty, too, may be aggravated by another slight complication. In the handstroke home of Stedman Caters and Cinques, 7 and 8 (in Caters) and 9 and 10 (in Cinques) come from the back each time with one bell between them. Thus on one journey both bells go in slow, and on the other journey both bells go in quick. The muscular movements on each journey are, of course, the same, but the bell in between is not the same, and the eye can be strangely perverse in looking in the wrong direction.

Disconcerting and embarrassing, therefore, as these things can be, we have to recognise that habit plays a large and important part in all that we do. Moreover, reflection will convince us that habit is largely due to repetition. The Stedman Cinques handbell ringer may find the change from tittums to handstroke home trying because he has repeated the other muscular movement incessantly for two hours. One wonders, indeed, if Spliced Surprise Major would be more exacting if a longer portion of each method was rung without a change. Repetition establishes habit, and an important lesson follows for us all. In the style the beginner practises so will his habit be formed, and the pattern of the repetition should therefore be correct.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	7
Muriel Reay	2	Henry H. Fearn	8
Albert Walker	3	*Clifford A. Barron	9
Winifred M. Burton	4	†Anthony Ager	10
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Arthur V. Pearson	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus 'inside.' First peal of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	John R. Smith	6
Harold J. Poole	2	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Michael D. Staniforth	8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	4	William J. Root	9
*Peter J. Staniforth	5	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 50th peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method by all the band.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	6
*Jean C. Brown	2	†Ronald M. Edwards	7
†Ruth M. Jackson	3	Frank Reynolds	8
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	Percy H. Derbyshire	9
Rev. F. F. Rigby	5	David Vincent	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope.
Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

W. George Turner	*Treble*	Ralph Beaumont	6
Geoffrey F. Bryant	2	John Pearson	7
Peter F. Borer	3	Roy Mann	8
Allan Wear	4	Cyril S. Jarrett	9
Geoffrey Crossley	5	Sydney H. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Pearson.
First peal of Treble Bob Royal for all except tenor ringer.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in C.

*Fredk. W. Pinchbeck	*Treble*	†Reginald Scott	6
†Geoffrey Paul	2	†Denis A. Frith	7
Stanley E. Bennett	3	H. Leslie Pask	8
Archer T. Lowman	4	*H. Reginald Woods	9
†Raymond F. Smith	5	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Robert Dawe	*Treble*	Frank H. Hicks	6
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Leonard Stilwell	7
*C. Ernest Smith	3	Raymond Overy	8
William Rogers	4	Fredk. A. Munday	9
Kenneth Snelling	5	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rogers.
* 500th peal. First peal of Lincolnshire Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Watch Tower.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

Robert W. Leighton	*Treble*	Charles McGuiness	5
Kenneth Arthur	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Denis A. Bayles	3	J. Allan Ainsworth	7
Margaret Fidell	4	*Edmund P. Crowdy	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Edmund P. Crowdy.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5152 BANSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Roberts	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
C. Edward Jefferies	3	Alfred J. House	7
Thomas H. Francis	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Harold Marcon	*Treble*	Ernest F. Jelley	5
Wm. Thornley	2	*George Bailey	6
Winifred M. Burton	3	*John Jelley	7
John A. Acres	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Thornley.
* First peal in the method.
A 15th birthday compliment to John Jelley.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A.

H. James Turner	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Henry H. Fearn	6
Muriel Reay	3	John Pinfold	7
Clifford A. Barron	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Fletcher and Mr. Henry H. Fearn.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Wed., July 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

J. Richard Chaundy	*Treble*	Walter F. Judge	5
Victor J. F. Bennett	2	Edwin G. Moore	6
Philip Walker	3	Francis A. White	7
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	4	Graham A. Webb	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung as a farewell peal of Margaret L. Tutt, who is leaving Oxford to take up an appointment in Canada.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MARY SHEARSMITH	*Treble*	MRS. A. E. MARSH	5
SIDNEY KEIGHLEY	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW	4	JOHN AMBLER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to Sidney Keighley and his completion of 50 years as a ringer. Also as a silver wedding compliment to William Scrimshaw and a wedding compliment to his daughter.

LEESFIELD, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Oldham and District Society.)
On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOAN CORDWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	JAMES CARTER	6
OGDEN MOORES	3	FRED PRITCHARD	7
†JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	GORDON HALLS	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
A farewell compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. Dimmock, on his retirement.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., July 20, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
PHILIP WALKER	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Frances A. Edgar and Brian D. Thelfall.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
HAROLD P. BURTON	2	*RICHARD KENDALL	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	†BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.
* First peal of Cambridge away from the treble. † First peal of Cambridge.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*JAMES B. BICKNELL	*Treble*	EDGAR MARLOW	5
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	7
†DAVID M. LEES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21lb.

*MRS. F. DUMBELL	*Treble*	*R. W. ADAMS	5
E. MALIN	2	†R. G. W. BROUGHTON	6
A. D. COLLINS	3	R. L. HAWKSWORTH	7
R. J. WARRILOW	4	A. G. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. L. HAWKSWORTH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*ANTHONY R. BATES	*Treble*	‡DEREK W. STONE	5
†C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	CYRIL A. BURGESS	6
‡WILLIAM BUTLER	3	ERNEST E. GOSLING	7
†RONALD J. SHARP	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the Oxford Variation. ‡ First of Major in the method.
Rung with muted bells as a last mark of respect to Mr. John Rance (chorister, and many years captain of Binfield, Bucks, tower). Funeral on Wednesday, July 22nd, at Binfield.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK	*Treble*	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	WALTER LEE	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	EDWIN J. UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Wilfrid H. J. Hooton; also of Miss M. Vaisey, of Tring.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Painswick and Yorkshire, 1,408 Superlative and 704 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	*RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
*FRANK RUFFLES	2	*WALTER RUFFLES	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE (16)	3	*WALTER W. MILLER	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Spliced in four methods. First peal of Spliced in four methods as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells and the first of Spliced.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. WHITE	*Treble*	HENRY HUTTON	5
AUDREY WHITE	2	COLIN A. HOPPER	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
Arranged and rung as a compliment on the birthdays of H. Hutton (75) and T. W. White.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	HARRY POYNER	6
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ROSELYN CREWE	*Treble*	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	5
DAPHNE LLOYD	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to His Grace the Duke of Westminster, patron of this church and the Chester Diocesan Guild, whose funeral took place at Eccleston, near Chester, earlier in the day.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

MILTON FOWLER	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*TERRY SENIOR	*Treble*	STANLEY BONES	5
JUNE STARLING	2	ALAN SYDER	6
CECIL BARKER	3	TERRY EARLE	7
PETER WOOD	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of the Feast of St. James.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	3	DAVID J. KING	7
*SYDNEY LUNN	4	HAROLD G. BLICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal. The fastest peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Coles, wife of the ringer of the 6th, and also to Mr. R. L. Bailey, son of the ringer of the 3rd.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOREEN DUTTON	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ALEX J. MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method on the bells by the band and the Association.
Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Pickering, Vicar of Christ Church. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian Threlfall and Miss Frances Edgar.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	4
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Minor. Last peal on the bells before recasting.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ERIC OLIVER	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SKELTON	4
*J. EDMUND HENDERSON	2	*RICHARD OLIVER	5
WILLIAM TYSON	3	*PHILLIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*GRAHAM H. NICHOLS	*Treble*	†VICTOR E. LUCAS	4
ROGER O. FRY	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	WILFRED F. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by REG G. HOOPER.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Major. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung on the silver jubilee of the bells.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240, Morris's Arrangement.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MOIRA I. HEMER	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ..	2	EDWARD CONNOCK	5
S. ARTHUR READ	3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 3rd bells, and to Mrs. G. Naylor, mother of the conductor.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*H. CECIL CAUNT	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in four methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Victoria Ketteringham, sister to the ringer of the 2nd.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*JOHN VERNON	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	WM. THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of Minor.
A 63rd birthday compliment to Joseph Taylor.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

D. CLARKE	*Treble*	L. COLCOMBE	4
*T. GUNDY	2	†S. BOWYER	5
†R. G. POWELL	3	*R. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. POWELL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and first peal as conductor.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*KENNETH BROWN	*Treble*	†ROBERT E. LESTER ..	3
†ALAN G. FEVER	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Believed to be the first known peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

*GEORGE T. ACOTT	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	4
ARTHUR WEMBAN	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
†KEITH MINTER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. A birthday peal for the ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd.



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SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

W. GEORGE PAGE .. ..*Treble*	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
*DAVID M. LEES 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor on a 'working bell.' † 550th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. V. Rodenhurst on her birthday.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DONALD C. ANDREWS ..*Treble*	*FELIX H. ERITH 4
ANN V. LEWIS 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HARRY BARNES .. .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE 4
GEORGE A. INGLEBY .. 2	LESLIE H. SQUIRES 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes on the 40th anniversary of their wedding at the above church.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

MICHAEL J. DYER .. ..*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT 3
JOHN J. PAWLEY 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
FRANK W. LACK .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANK W. LACK.

Believed to be the first peal on these bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*WALTER WESTON .. ..*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	HARRY BARNES 5
WILLIAM H. DALE 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods.
This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Barnes, who hails from Stainton, near Rotherham. Also a welcome return to peal ringing for Mr. W. Weston after a very serious accident two years ago.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*JAMES BENNETT, SEN. ..*Treble*	GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* Has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

H. L. James' Composition. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN ..*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET SWANN 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
*GEOFFREY PAUL 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of London.
Rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN .. ..*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER 4
ERNEST BRITTAIN 2	HORACE BENNETT 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Carter, one of the local ringers.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*KEITH CARR .. .. ..*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE 4
MARY C. PAYNE 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH .. 5
H. LESLIE WYKES 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST..*Treble*	*DAVID M. LEES 4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor in the method.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH .. ..*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 4
*DAVID M. LEES 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in four methods on a working bell.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*C. A. S. HARWOOD (14) *Treble*	*WILLIAM J. HITCH 4
†MICHAEL ORME (15) .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
†PHILLIP MEHEW 3	DEREK P. JONES .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of St. James.

EXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ROBERT V. GUNTER	*Treble*	GILBERT G. DAVIS	4
HENRY W. LLOYD	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
*ALEXANDER R. JONES	3	*CYRIL W. WYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First peal.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Single Oxford Bob (Nos. 58 and 59) and five 720's Plain Bob (Nos. 28, 29, 34, 50 and 52). Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4
*ROSELYN CREWE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Duke of Westminster.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*WINIFRED MELLIN	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
WILLIAM H. MELLIN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First six-bell peal.
Arranged for Mr. W. H. Mellin and Miss W. Mellin, on holiday from Essex.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
	*JOHN A. ACRES	9—10	

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten different callings. Tenor 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
	*DERRYCK A. H. TALBOT	5—6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal 'in hand.'

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
Being 38 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings) and four six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
	†DERRYCK A. H. TALBOT	5—6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* 25th peal. † First in two methods.

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For his 77th birthday Mr. J. Hodgson rang his first quarter of Major at Giggleswick, Yorks, on July 25th. This is real encouragement to youngsters, who find that changing takes some time to master.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bedfordshire Young Ringers have their fourth tour from August 15th-23rd. The itinerary includes Winchester, Southampton, New Forest, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth. Special methods earmarked for the tour are Carisbrooke Delight, Bedford Delight, Double Oxford Bob Triples, Single Norwich Court Major, Tiverton Little Bob, Bedford Surprise, St. Clement's Bob Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Major J. H. R. Freeborn was among those who attended the funeral service for Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, reported in our last issue.

After 25 years' service Mr. F. W. Goodfellow has resigned his position as secretary to St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

Mr. W. Watson, of Banbury, has rung on all Royal occasions since Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee (1897) and now rings at St. Mary's Church, Banbury. Although 75 years of age he is not the oldest member of the tower. This honour is held by Mr. F. Selwyn, now 83. Another veteran here is Mr. T. Impey, aged 74.

For the annual Founder's Day service of Huntingdon Grammar School held this year in All Saints' Church, the bells were rung prior to the service by five pupils assisted by one local ringer in rounds and Queen's. This is believed to be something new in the history of the school of which Oliver Cromwell was once a pupil.

Now in his 89th year, Mr. F. V. H. Sinkins is the only surviving member of the band which rang the first peal in the borough of Huntingdon on August 2nd, 1890. The peal was Grandsire Triples and the ringers were:— W. Leader 1, W. Wilder 2, F. V. H. Sinkins 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. C. Fussell 5, A. Pittam 6, G. Newson 7, A. Jacob 8. Mr. Sinkins still rings for Sunday services at Slough, Bucks.

Mr. James Bennett on July 24th 'completed the circle' at All Saints' Church, Ashbocking, where he was taught to ring. He was one of the original band when the bells were augmented from two to six in 1904.

Through a typographical error the peal of Plain Bob Major reported on page 482 to the memory of Mr. R. W. Crofts was rung at Elm and not Ely. Our regrets.

While listening to the B.B.C. commentary on the Sussex v. Hampshire match from Bournemouth at mid-day on July 18th the sound of bells was heard in the background. The ringing was not continuous. Was the ringing that of an outing? asks 'Cricket Enthusiast.'

Miss June M. Hill, who recently conducted a peal of Plain Bob Minor at the age of 13, is to be commended upon the excellence of her performance. She conducted with all the precision of anyone 20 years her senior, writes one who participated in her peal.

After the peal at Leadenham (Lincolnshire) on July 22nd, the band were hospitably entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes' brother. The peal was in honour of the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, and their hospitality was much appreciated.

After having been posted as missing since her quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, on June 7th last, Mrs. J. D. Niblett turned up for practice at Cheltenham Parish Church on a recent Thursday evening. The sentence pronounced that she should not be allowed to sit out for the remainder of the evening was borne by her with commendable cheerfulness. That her husband will also report very shortly is looked forward to with great pleasure.

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ONCE again we are off—this time to the hills and dales of Derbyshire. Leaving Crawley at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 5th, we started our long ride, picking up old and new friends as we travelled via Oxford, Coventry and Derby to the lovely little village of Ashover, near Matlock. The country hotel here was our headquarters for the week, and we were greeted by our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick, of Porthcawl, and also Mr. J. Slack, of Wakefield, who was on his first tour with us.

The first tower on Monday morning was Darley Dale. After climbing long steep hills we reached the 13th century Church of St. Helen. Mr. E. Taylor was waiting to welcome us, and soon the bells were going to a well struck course of London; this was a high standard to follow, but was ably done. Great interest was taken in the large yew tree reputed to be 2,000 years old. On through the lovely Chatsworth Park, the home of the Duke of Devonshire, to Dronfield, where again ringing was enjoyed on a good octave. At Eckington Mr. Parker was unable to meet us; here various methods were rung.

BOLSOVER'S GREETING

St. John the Baptist, Staveley, was our next stop—an interesting 12th century church with a good octave, tenor 19 cwt. We were warmly welcomed, and the ringing was good. The high spots of the day was meeting Mr. A. B. Cooper and other ringers at Bolsover, where the bells have recently been rehung and the 'go' is good. This lovely old church is slowly being undermined by the working of a coal seam.

After tea at Chesterfield a visit was paid to the really beautiful church with the crooked spire. Through a misunderstanding we could not get into the tower. The Archdeacon came to our rescue and said, rather than disappoint us, he would force the door with a screwdriver, but this was not done as keys and screwdriver arrived together. This lovely ten was rung to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Royal and Cambridge. The Archdeacon also placed us in his debt by kindly telephoning our hotel requesting our meal to be put back. We also met Mr. C. W. Knight and other old ringers, who had been listening outside.

On Tuesday we left for Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffordshire, the birthplace of Sir Oswald Mosley. Mr. F. Topley gave us a warm welcome, and ringing here was from the ground floor. The long climb to the musical ten at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was worth while; good ringing was again enjoyed. Before lunch some of our members sampled the Burton water (discoloured). To Overseale the route was through industrial country. Here we were welcomed by Mr. J. W. Cotton. The bells, a new eight, are easy to ring; unfortunately, this church is badly cracked from the coal seam which runs underneath.

Netherseale, the Mother Church, is associated with Mr. W. W. Worthington and also Melbourne, where he gave two trebles and the tenor. At Melbourne we were caught by the B.B.C. with a hope to put us on the air. The Rector, the Rev. M. Morris, himself an old ringer, and one of his lady ringers met us. Pews were moved, as ringing is done from the central aisle with a long draught. The non-ringers' were able to see the Coronation robes in Melbourne Hall and other interesting features.

THE PRIDE OF THE PEAK

Our first tower on Wednesday was Youlgreave with a massive tower refashioned in the Perpendicular period, but with a Norman core. These bells, we had been told, were men's, but the ladies managed quite well, as the 'go' is good. A good touch of Bristol was rung (tenor 26¼ cwt.). The spire of Ashbourne is called the Pride of the Peak, and rises some 212 feet. Here again, ringing is in the centre aisle, and we were not anxious to overstay our time because of the long draught and springing ropes.

The famous Dovedale was passed on the way to Leek, where a splendid lunch was waiting us. Then across the wild moors to Fairfield Buxton, where we received a most warm welcome from the Rev. H. S. Williams and his ringers. They were sorry to see us go, but we were due at Bakewell, a fine eight which are now only rung by visitors. After tea came the only six-bell tower of the tour at the lovely village of Edensor in the park at Chatsworth. Minor ringers shone with a beautiful touch of London.

Leaving in the rain on Thursday, we wended our way through some of the best scenery, passing Lady Bower's reservoir which has submerged the village and church of Derwent, and through Snake pass to Featherbed Top, where, unfortunately, the clouds and mist obliterated the country (1,680 feet high). At Glossop ringing is from a gallery, and we were watched by the Vicar and schoolchildren. The eight bells at Hayfield go well, and the less experienced were happy. After an hour's pleasant ringing at Hope we came to Tideswell, the Cathedral of the Peak, where the ringing was good, and one local ringer took part in his first course of Major for many years.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND BOSTON

A visit to John Taylor's Bell Foundry had been arranged for Friday. We were met by Mr. Colin Harrison, who, while in the tuning shed, gave us a few tunes on an upturned ring of eight. We were now all keen to try the light foundry ring and, after a few rounds, Stedman Caters was rung to our credit. It was here that the ladies gave the males a rest from the back end, except Miss Wyman, who rang the treble very well.

Feeling that we had not disgraced ourselves, we said good-bye, and on through the flat fen country (what a change) to the heavier ten at Boston Stump. Getting out of the coach we were met by the Rev. R. A. Davis, a ringer, late of Worcester, who had heard we were coming, and Mr. F. Dewry, the captain. After admiring the beautiful church, we plodded our way up to the ringing room, where the grand ring of ten bells is worth the climb. Some of the hardier members climbed to the top of the tower to see the view. One or two of us who had been here before the bells were raised and rehung agreed that the improvement was good. Tea at the Peacock and Royal, and we said good-bye to Boston.

Leaving Ashover in sunshine on Saturday, our first call was St. Alkmund, Duffield, the home of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood. It was he who converted the old ring of six into a ten. Here a course of Duffield was well rung. Again young local ringers were given a chance to ring, as they have not got a ten-bell band.

Derby Cathedral was our next stop, where we were met by Mr. H. Taylor. The tone of the tenor of this fine ring gives one the impression that she is much heavier.

Lunch and away to Sawley, where we were able to give a young couple, just married, the pleasure of hearing the bells and our best wishes. Tea followed at Alfreton, and then to Matlock, a nice octave. Unfortunately, the second rope broke, so a touch of Minor was arranged for those who had not rung. After dinner we visited Ashover Church, and finished the week with some beautiful courses of Surprise on this lovely octave.

At least one young lady will long remember her first ringing tour with us, as she rang some of her first courses on eight and ten bells, learning also the right end of a billiard cue.

During the tour 1,018 steps had been climbed. Twenty-five methods rung from Doubles to Spliced. The total mileage covered was 1,024 miles. An appreciative gift was made to Miss F. Wyman for her hard work in organising the tour. Our thanks must also go to the various incumbents and members of the Midland Counties Association, especially Mr. A. B. Cooper and Mr. J. W. Cotton, for their kindness and help. We were truly welcomed.

G. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Summer Festival is the Bedfordshire ringers' equivalent to the annual Three Choirs' Festival. Whereas the festival choir and orchestra moves between the cathedral towns of Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford, the Bedfordshire Association visits in turn the three Districts of Bedford, Biggleswade and Luton, and on June 27th the Biggleswade District had the honour of welcoming members to the small country church of St. Mary, Maulden.

This church stands high above the village, overlooking the warm and fertile soils of the market gardeners' fields, beyond which stretch the peaty areas of Flitwick Moor, a good hunting ground for the naturalist, and in the distant south can be seen the outlines of John Bunyan's 'Delectable Mountains.' With a sunny day and such views to gaze upon, is is no small wonder that many of the 40 or so ringers present spent much of the afternoon and evening sitting on the churchyard seats or low stone walls reminiscing over past ringing days or arranging future tours and peals.

Ringing on the eight bells was in charge of Mr. L. Bywaters, and among the many methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Yorkshire, London, Bristol and a course of Spliced Surprise Major. A service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Adams); the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Gulld) gave an address in which he emphasised the attainment of good striking for Sunday service ringing, a far more important quality than the attempting of complex methods or compositions.

At tea, arranged by the local ringers and prepared by the Mothers' Union members, the company fed on the produce of the surrounding fields—lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes and radishes. How ringers do appreciate a good spread such as this, with the tea tables loaded with plates of cakes and fruit salads! Then, after one item of business, the decision to hold an Association dinner at the Angel Hotel, Bedford, on Saturday, November 7th, a short walk took the company back to the church where ringing continued until nine o'clock.

A NORTH SOMERSET TOUR

A small party of ringers from Hertfordshire, with a friend from the Scottish Association and another from Bedfordshire, gathered at Wrington during the first week-end in June to spend seven days visiting towers in the surrounding district.

Ringing began on the Saturday evening on the fine ten at Wrington, when we much enjoyed some good ringing at an open practice. We were again privileged to ring these bells the following evening for service, after an afternoon spent walking in the hills and exploring nearby Goblin Combe.

Monday's proceedings opened at Chewton Mendip, whose lovely Taylor eight were a pleasure both to listen to and ring. An hour's Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and St. Clement's passed very quickly, and we were soon on our way to the magnificent Cathedral at Wells. Here striking was not up to standard, and, after courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and three leads of Kent Major, we felt disappointed that we had been unable to do justice to an excellent ten. The eight at Wedmore (tenor 30 cwt.), in the afternoon, were much easier to ring, and we were really delighted with the 'go' of the six at Axbridge.

Our first call on Tuesday was at Blagdon (8), followed by the six in the small but very interesting church at Ubley. Later the fine bells at Chew Magna were very much enjoyed, as was the Mears ring at Winford, where the Minor ringers were once again able to excel. A visit to Congresbury in the evening, with a 35 cwt. tenor and 70ft. ropes, appealed to the stronger members of the party!

Wednesday morning saw us at Mark, where we were very pleased to meet and ring with one of the local band, a wheelwright by trade, over 80 years old and still carrying on his craft in excellent fashion. After lunch at Weston-super-Mare a pleasant hour was spent ringing Little Bob, Cambridge and St. Clement's on the light octave there. A visit to the Taylor eight at Banwell completed the day's ringing.

On Thursday we travelled north to Backwell and Barrow-Gurney, both eight-bell towers. All appreciated the visit to Long Ashton in the afternoon (where the first touch proved to be the best!), and much interest was taken in the electrically driven silent apparatus used for practice ringing during the war. Later we spent an hour at Wraxall (8) before returning to Wrington for the local practice night.

Some excellent Minor ringing at Nailsea opened our final day's programme, then we turned west to the coast to Portishead (8), with its exceedingly ornate collection of peal boards, and Clevedon Old Church, situated next to the sea. A much enjoyed visit to Yatton in the evening for touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples brought the week's ringing activities to a close.

Many thanks are due to Mr. H. W. Knight for his splendid arrangements and practical assistance. We thank also the incumbents and local ringers who greeted us at their towers, the Somerset ringers who accompanied us on part of the tour to supplement our numbers, and Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman for conducting the tour so successfully. P. M.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

For the July meeting at Meltham the following towers were represented: Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Crofton, Friezland, Felkirk, Horbury, Lindley, and the local company.

Ringing started about 3 p.m., and tea was served at a nearby cafe.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the vice-president, Mr. J. R. Brearley, being in the chair. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing followed.

The August meeting will be at Wentworth, and the cup contest at Felkirk on September 12th.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Petition Against Demolition

Mr. S. Harrison, of 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, who is organising a petition, if necessary, against the suggested demolition of the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, thanks most sincerely those who have responded to his appeal.

He is circulating the following form of petition, copies of which can be had on application:—

'We, the undermentioned ringers from the Church of
protest most strongly against the suggested demolition of this beautiful Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester.

'The bells in this tower are well known throughout Great Britain as a magnificent example of the founder's art and craft, whether tone, tune or "go" of them is considered. To dismantle these would be a serious act of desecration and an insult to the memory of the man who placed them in their present position to the Glory of God and the Service of His Church.

'Were these bells removed elsewhere they could never be the same, as conditions would be different, and they would not be the bells of St. John the Divine as they are now.

'We give our full support to the congregation and parishioners who are fighting against this sacrilegious act of threatened destruction of all they rightly hold dear.'

TWENTY MILES ON SUNDAY FOR SERVICE RINGING

Despite his 78 years, Mr. George Lowe, of Gnosall, Newport, Salop, rides 20 miles every Sunday on his auto-cycle to ring at Newport Parish Church, where he is the oldest member of the band.

Until last winter, when he was kept indoors with bronchitis, Mr. Lowe had been absent from Newport belfry not more than half-a-dozen times since the war ended. He had, therefore, travelled nearly 6,500 miles for his service ringing.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Widdecombe

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild had a quarterly meeting at Widdecombe-in-the-Moor on July 18th, when the weather turned out fine after a very unpromising morning.

Ringing took place to suit all tastes during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church which, in the absence of the Vicar, was conducted by the priest-in-charge of Leusden, who gave a very able address. Mr. W. J. Harvey, of Totnes, acted as organist, being assisted by the Branch secretary as organ blower.

After an excellent tea at the North Hall Cafe the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, who, at the commencement of the meeting, proposed the usual votes of thanks.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were confirmed, the secretary reporting on matters arising, and apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. R. Lilley, Mrs. J. E. Lilley, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox and the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge.

It was reported that, subject to the usual permission being obtained, the next meeting would be held at Stoke Gabriel on October 24th and that the Branch outing, on August 22nd, should be held in the South Hants area.

After a discussion on matters concerning meetings generally it was decided to send a communication to the General Committee.

This concluded the business and ringing took place at Buckland-in-the-Moor in the evening.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 8th, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Most people who understand anything about method construction have probably anticipated criticism of the method rung at Caversham and published as 'Washbrook's Surprise Principle,' particularly in regard to its name. But the opinion passed on it by the Legitimate Methods Committee is as crushing as it is brief.

[The Legitimate Methods Committee, as it was then called, said: 'The system produced by Mr. Washbrook . . . is assymetrical, and therefore illegitimate; it is not principle and it is not Surprise.' This was signed by the Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. H. Dains, E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope. Messrs. Washbrook and J. J. Parker defended it in a later issue, as did Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who added ironically that 'no man [was] allowed to set his bell more than a whole pull at one time, to collect his thoughts.' !]

NEW RECTOR OF SOLIHULL

The induction and institution of the Rev. H. Hartley, B.Sc., as Rector of the Parish of Solihull, took place on July 25th. The Archdeacon of Aston (the Venerable Michael Parker) officiated, and a great concourse of people listened to his very stirring address.

On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters were rung by W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, N. D. Lane 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, A. W. T. Cleaver 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10.

After the quarter peal the new Rector visited the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their excellent striking. Mr. Hartley and his wife have both learned to handle a bell, but the Rector confesses that so far he has not advanced any distance in the art of change ringing. Mrs. Hartley, it is understood, has done some change ringing and it is hoped that she will be able to visit the ringing chamber frequently.

Mr. Hartley, who comes from Malvern Link, was formerly clerical secretary to a branch of the Worcester and Districts Association, and so has considerable knowledge of, and interest in, ringers' affairs. E. C. S.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Hutton Cranswick on July 11th.

The bells were raised and rung during the afternoon to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge, 35 members taking part in the ringing.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave a short address. After giving a welcome to the ringers on the third anniversary of the installation of the ring of bells in his church, the Vicar spoke of the years of service given by the old bells since the reign of Charles I. Ringers had given service during those years with cheerfulness, teamwork and comradeship, and he hoped they would continue to do so, but he warned them to beware of the harm done by petty ambitions, slackness and jealousy.

The annual report and statement of accounts were presented to the Society and accepted. Mr. A. E. Sellers, Mr. F. W. Dale and Mr. L. Rodmell were re-elected president, vice-president and Ringing Master respectively for a further year in office.

A new office was created and the Rev. G. Storer was elected to the position of chaplain to the Society. Mr. Storer had filled the position unofficially for the past three years and accepted the honour conferred upon him.

Further ringing took place in the evening till 8.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—It has become increasingly apparent to me that all is not well with the Exercise to-day. Probably as far as peals go all is well. but that is far from the main function of the Exercise. That function is to call people to Sunday worship.

In the region around my own village I can name dozens of churches in which the bells are not rung on Sunday and in fact have only one or two keen ringers in each tower. In my own tower the bells are only rung spasmodically for Sunday service although we have round about 20 ringers capable of ringing Surprise Minor and nearly another 30 capable of ringing a bell! What is wrong? Why this apathy? Is it due to degeneration in the religious way of life in the community as a whole? I can find no reason. I myself have taught about 20 people how to handle a bell and some of them have rung Plain Bob. but not one of them now remains. At first I thought it to be my own personal fault but now I discover that it is a general case!

At the turn of the century most of the towers in which the bells now hang silent had enthusiastic bands; that is, enthusiastic as far as their own towers were concerned. Their bells rang out Sunday by Sunday and woe betide any defaulters. They have left behind them reminders of a past tradition in the framed rules which hang mouldering in the belfries. It is of great sorrow to me that this great duty to God and His Church no longer stirs the hearts of the people. We are living in an age of change, but seemingly also one of decay.

I may be wrong in all that I have said and pray God that someone can prove to me that it is so. I have written that which has come to me in my visits to different towers and from conversation with ringers who rang in those bygone days, when Sunday service ringing was at its peak!

Is this present state to-day a legacy from the past? If so, those stalwarts of years gone by were to blame. I very much doubt this explanation.

It is, therefore, up to those of us who are left to fight, not halfheartedly but wholeheartedly in this worthy and noble cause. If we can each one of us during our stay bring one keen ringer into the Exercise then we shall have done our part and have done it well. I am still trying and. God willing, one day I may succeed.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincoln.

SELF-TAUGHT YOUNGSTERS

Dear Sir.—At the neighbouring tower of Ticehurst the bells are rung from cards. A little while ago Mr. Ponting brought over two of his boys to learn method ringing. They both learned to plain hunt and at a recent meeting I was surprised to see one of them stand in a 120 of Stedman Doubles.

When I asked where he learned the method I was told that since he had learned to hunt a bell. this chap had watched himself moving up and down as he rang from the cards at home, then, with the aid of 'Standard Methods Diagrams' he has been able to ring, without previous practice, 120's of Plain Bob. Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.

Has any other ringer learned to ring 'method' this way?—Yours faithfully,

Wadhurst. CHARLES A. BASSETT.

'THE TOWER CAPTAIN'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Seaman is entirely wrong. The backbone of the Exercise rests on the shoulders of those regular and loyal Sunday service ringers. Peals are not even of second importance.—Yours faithfully,

W. SIMMONDS.

Hersham, Surrey.

THE KINGSTHORPE CONTROVERSY

Sir,—The controversy over a notice appearing in this journal respecting an informal ringers' gathering arranged by the Kingsthorpe ringers leaves one profoundly shocked. It is, to my mind, one of very bad taste which can only bring discredit to the Exercise in the eyes of the non-ringing fraternity.

Having first obtained permission from the Vicar of Kingsthorpe, the local ringers had a perfect right to hold such a practice and to extend a welcome to visitors from the Peterborough Guild, or any other Association for that matter. The protests from the Northampton Branch secretary seemed to be petty, to say the least. Surely the spirit in which Kingsthorpe ringers arranged their practice is an example to other bands to follow, provided that clashing with the local Branch meeting is avoided.

I would say to those responsible for this controversy, 'Don't increase petty jealousies which obtained amongst the Northampton ringers over a number of years; try and co-operate with bands who are doing their best for the common good.' Bearing this in mind you will go a long way to getting regular ringing from all Northampton towers on Sundays.

It is seldom that I write to the Press, but in doing so I feel that I am defending the good name of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with which I am proud to have had such long association.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that with this letter you will close the correspondence which is getting us nowhere, doing no one any good ,and only wasting space in such a valuable journal.—Yours faithfully,

B. P. MORRIS.

Kettering.

Note.—We agree with Mr. Morris that this incident must now be regarded as a closed book and trust that everybody concerned will be the best of friends.—Editor.

MINOR FIVES

Dear Sir,—The bells at Everdon (Northants), Roxton (Beds) and Everton (church in Hunts), are Major fives, not Minor fives, as Mr. Amos would have us believe! Everton is a parish where the boundaries of three counties meet. The village proper is in Bedfordshire, the church in Huntingdonshire and Diocese of Ely, and the local chapel in Cambridgeshire. The Beds-Hunts boundary runs across some allotments on the south side of the churchyard, as indicated by white stones let into the east and west walls of these gardens. Some tenants have their plots situated in both counties. Mr. Dove in his 'Guide' only gives us Tetworth, Hunts, whilst the full name of the parish is Everton-cum-Tetworth.

The bells at Wappenham, Northants, are the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an octave. Similar fives exist at Marston St. Lawrence in the same county, and Wetheringsett in Suffolk. There is also a five of the same type at St. John's, Coventry, but these have not been hung for ringing for more than 60 years. Genuine Minor fives, i.e., the front fives of sixes, exist at Astley, Lapworth, Rowington and Shotteswell, all in Warwickshire. The tenor at Lapworth is 18 cwt.

Please note.—That at Rowington the tenor is 43in. diameter, 14 cwt., note F natural. The 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. given us by Mr. Dove is the weight of the treble, not the tenor! It would be only fair to add that. concerning Ashton (Northants) and North Kilworth (Leics), Mr. Amos is perfectly correct.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

RE JOINT PEAL AT SHOREDITCH

Dear Sir,—If the writer of the letter concerning the above has the courage of his convictions to append his name to his effusion instead of hiding behind a nom-de-plume he may probably get a reply.

I would add, too, Mr. Editor, that I am surprised at you so far forgetting the dignity of the paper you represent in publishing anonymous letters of criticism.—Your truly,

F. E. COLLINS,
Master,
Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE FIELD OF DELIGHT RINGING

Dear Sir,—It is unfortunate that Mr. Dodd has misunderstood me. A further study of my letter of June 12th must surely show that we are in agreement, not disagreement, that the field of Delight can be as rewarding as the conventional field of Surprise. Indeed, Chelsea Delight Minor is an excellent example of the interest and difficulty which can be found in the Delight structure, and it is a pity that there appears to be no extension of this method to higher stages.

The figures are appended of two Delight Major methods which, so far as I know, have never been rung, and are my own compositions:—

(a)	(b)
13254768	12436587
12345678	12345678
21436587	21354768
12346857	12537486
21438675	21573846
24136857	25178364
42316587	52713846
24135678	52178364
42315768	25713846
43251786	27531486
34527168	72354168
35421786	73251486
53247168	37524168
52374618	73254618
25736481	37526481
27534618	35724618
72356481	53276481
27536841	35726841
17583624	17583624
Bob: 15738642	Bob: 15786342

Method (a) has false course heads 53624 and 65432, and is Bristol Surprise above the treble; method (b) has false course heads 24365, 32546, 53624, 65432, 46253 and is London above the treble.—Yours faithfully.

H. POYNER.

Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Fourteen resident and seven non-resident members were elected at the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association held at Ashtead on July 11th.

Mr. F. E. Collins presided at the meeting, and members stood in sympathy on receiving a report of the death of Mr. Otway, of Leatherhead.

The Chairman also reported the illness of Mr. D. Cooper, and the meeting requested that a letter be sent to him expressing regret and hoping for his speedy recovery.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. G. J. Halsey) for conducting the service, the organist and choir (which included some lady ringers) and Mr. Symonds and his helpers for the tea arrangements. Mr. Hoyle paid a visit to Mr. G. A. Cook, who, unfortunately, is still unable to do any ringing

A DAY IN CORNWALL

Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, Outing

The second Saturday in July has now become a tradition with the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, and so again on that day they set out with wives and friends for their annual outing.

It has been the practice to alternate the tours, one year by remaining on the 'mainland' and the other by crossing the border into the delectable 'Duchy.' This year it was the turn to visit Cornwall, and the day's ringing brought the total number of Cornish churches rung at by the band up to 47.

At precisely 7.30 a.m. we set off, catching the 8 a.m. ferry at Torpoint, arriving at Lostwithiel at 9.20, ten minutes ahead of schedule. Here the ringers formed two parties, one proceeding to the church to set the very nice six into motion, the other adjourning for coffee. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Webber) and Mr. Stephens, the local captain. Rain had started before reaching St. Stephen-in-Brannell, but those who had not been with us previously soon found that a little rain was no deterrent, and our enthusiasm for a good ring was in no way 'damped.'

At St. Stephen's we were welcomed by the Rector, Canon Gilbert, who congratulated us on our ringing, and particularly the 'lower.' Probus was visited before lunch, with its fine eight and noted tower. On arrival at Truro the party went their separate ways for lunch, to meet at 1.45 at the Cathedral to ring on the only ten in Cornwall. Mr. Parkin, the local secretary, received us. Mr. T. G. Myers, of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and Mr. R. Southwood, of Plympton St. Maurice, must have felt quite at home in the Cathedral belfry, as on May 30th they took part in the Coronation peal of Grandsire Caters there, Mr. Myers having been the conductor.

A WEDDING ASSIGNMENT

We probably made history at Kenwyn, as, by a pre-arranged plan, we were due there at 3 p.m. to ring for a wedding. We duly arrived in a deluge of rain at 2.50, to the great relief, no doubt, of one of the young lady ringers of Kenwyn, who was a guest at the wedding. The local ringers, with others from the Cathedral and Kea, were attending a Guild meeting at Stratton. The fee for ringing was donated to the Kenwyn Church Bells Restoration Fund, and at the conclusion of our visit the Vicar thanked us for changing our programme slightly to be present at that time, otherwise the young couple would have had no bells.

Before tea a visit was paid to the most modern of the six parish churches visited during the day—St. Kea, with its lively ring of eight—and at 5 p.m. we assembled at Messrs. Treleavens, Truro, for tea. Here our captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, expressed the regret of the whole gathering at the absence through illness of Mr. Hatch, the vice-captain. Mr. R. Bennett, our secretary, and Mrs. Marks, the wife of one of the ringers, with the wish they would soon be restored to health.

Thanks were also accorded to Mr. H. H. Thomas, organiser of the tour. Appreciation was also voiced to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the Rectors and Vicars of the churches visited for kind permission to ring, and to them and the local ringers for the welcome extended to the party. The Vicar (the Rev. D. Wakeling) thanked the band for inviting him; it was his first visit to the district. On the homeward journey we visited our last church, up the hill to the grand old church of Ladock. Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung during the day. H. H. T.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. V. Glascodine (first quarter) 1 Miss M. Goodenough (first 'inside') 2. Mrs. I. Webb (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Clarke 4. S. Webb (cond.) 5. E. Jones (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local band for evening service

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On July 22nd, 168 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Waters 1, Miss L. Thomas 2, A. Hoare 3, E. Morris 4, R. Savory 5, K. Sibbering 6, A. J. Pitman 7, L. Hughes 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Waters 1, A. Hoare 2, J. Williams 3, E. Morris 4, R. Savory 5, L. Hughes 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, K. Sibbering 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cyril Hughes, who died suddenly in tragic circumstances and was buried on this day. For many years ringer and sidesman at this church.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Sutcliffe (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, C. Harwood (first of Major 'inside') 3, T. Holehouse 4, L. B. Scoot 5, W. Collins 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hough 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. Hill 3, A. A. Lucas 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, J. Needham 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. L. Hough, serving in H.M. Forces. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wilebore (first quarter) 1, A. A. Lucas 2 Miss P. E. Hough (first 'inside') 3, J. Hill 4, A. H. Hough 5, C. R. Hough 6, T. K. Deacon (cond.) 7, J. Needham 8. A farewell to Mr. D. C. Goodson, lay preacher, of the Hinckley district, who is leaving for Germany.

BICESTER, OXON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, Miss M. Skelton 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Whiting (first quarter) 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for the signing of the truce in Korea.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On July 1st, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 600 Lightfoot): A. E. Scott 1, Miss E. M. Taylor 2, C. Wade 3, W. H. Oldman 4, F. W. French 5, J. W. Haw 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. Neale and Mrs. W. Fayers, who were both interred this day. Their husbands were both ringers at this church.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Apps 1, I. Emery 2, P. J. Spice 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, D. Kirby 5, K. Minter (first of Triples) 6, A. Purdom 7, J. Hurrell 8. First quarter for 1 and 5. First in the method on the bells.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. H. Humphries 1, Mrs. H. E. Oatway (first of Kent Treble Bob Minor) 2, E. W. Razzell 3, W. F. Oatway (first quarter) 4, S. Howard 5, R. Davies (cond.) 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Keyte 1, F. W. Soden 2, T. W. Timms 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, H. Pratley (first Grandsire Triples) 5, B. J. Hall 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, J. Keyte, jun. (first of Triples) 8. A 56th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On July 18th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Angus 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, Mrs. M. Lawson 3, D. R. Airey 4, K. Lawson 5, F. Robson 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, J. Robdrop 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung in connection with the church centenary celebrations.

DURRINGTON, WILTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: J. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. Richardson 3, I. Emery 4, W. Rawlings 5, G. Daynes 6, F. Hurrell 7, B. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For the 75th birthday of Mr. J. Hurrell.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marsh 1, Miss M. Tomlin 2, C. Eades 3, P. R. Jennett 4, F. Farnsworth 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, Miss E. S. Wyles 7, F. Pack 8. Rung before gift day and musical service.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,320 Minor (240 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, G. Waud 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six bells.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Bromfield 1, W. Mumby 2, G. Rusby 3, F. Bloomfield 4, A. Swain 5, J. Parker 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce M. Roberts 1, G. E. Akehurst 2, W. M. Stepney 3, B. Stepney 4, C. J. Piper (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung for the wedding of Joyce Ellis, daughter of the tenor ringer, who was a ringer at the tower.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Also on July 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, H. S. Peacock 3, G. Perkins 4, N. Mallett 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Hare 1, Miss J. Dear 2, M. Orme 3, L. Bywaters 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 12th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. M. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, D. M. Salisbury (first in the method) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, C. E. Wright 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sibbick 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, A. Charman 3, E. R. Warner 4, A. Boylett 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Thelma Irene Grainger and Mr. Leslie Edwards.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Marks 1, P. W. Croft 2, W. Brown 3, G. Cherry 4, A. Childs 5, F. W. Croft 6, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 7, B. L. Marks 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 5th, 1,280 Spliced Kent and Oxford (Worcester var.): S. Smith 1 M. T. Symonds 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, F. Mortlock 4, F. Day 5, E. Cracknell 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Uden 1, J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, N. Small (first 'inside') 4, E. H. Evelcigh (cond.) 5, T. Money (aged 14, first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the wife of the 4th ringer.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, F. V. Gant 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, C. E. Brown 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Brown (cond.) 1, R. Rose (first of Doubles) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop (first of Doubles) 4, H. King 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. Peirce.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jacks 1, R. Bagnall 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, J. Thornley 4, O. Davies 5, A. Lomas 6, C. Cooper 7, B. Howarth (first quarter) 8. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who has now left to do his National Service.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. J. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, W. E. Simpson 3, W. R. Harrison 4, C. Geary 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6, R. A. Hickton 7, R. G. Newsum 8. Rung for the Sunday School festival service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Ayre 1, F. Kirk 2, C. F. Sayer 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, for many years secretary of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.

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LATE NOTICES

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ellesmere, August 8th. **Correction:** Buses at 1.10 and 3.10 p.m. from Shrewsbury. 2981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch. — Practice meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness. —N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2979

LANCASHIRE ASSDCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton Christ Church on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Thursday, Aug. 20th, to Mr. J. Lunham, Primrose Cottages, near Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2980

OBITUARY

MR. T. J. HAMLIN

The recent death of Mr. T. J. Hamlin at Clevedon, at the age of 91, will be of interest to many of the older members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

A native of Yatton, Somerset, he came to Pentre, Rhondda, during the 'nineties' and was a member of the St. Peter's (Pentre) Society of Change Ringers for 45 years and its secretary for 30 years. During this period the Society became one of the most progressive bands in Wales, and between 1910 and 1933 rang, as a local band, the first peals of Stedman, Erin, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise for the Association.

He will be remembered by his many friends for his loyalty, faithfulness and punctuality. Mr. Hamlin returned to Yatton in 1940, and in recent years resided at Clevedon but his interest in the church, bells and ringers remained undiminished till the end. As a mark of respect and affection the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, July 26th. H. C.

MR. WALTER PERKINS

A well-known member of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. Walter Perkins, died on July 19th, aged 85. He was also a member of a number of Guilds.

Coming from Finedon to Irthlingborough soon after St. Peter's bells were augmented to eight, he shared with Mr. A. Y. Tyler in conducting most of the large number of peals rung on these bells since 1893.

Walter had been ill for several months and his last months were spent in St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering, where quite a number of his old ringing friends visited him.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, on July 22nd and four of St. Peter's ringers acted as bearers. A course of Grandsire Doubles, with tenor covering, was rung over the grave by A. Y. Tyler, A. Bigley (Branch secretary) and C. H. Chambers.

Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Other ringers present were:—Messrs. J. R. Main (Finedon), T. Garley (Isham), G. D. Deighton (Higham Ferrers), H. Plowman (Wellingborough), H. Pettitt (Burton Latimer), Kilburn (Desborough), G. Hewitt and G. Shortland (local).

The bells were rung half-muffled soon after the funeral and again in the evening. A. B.

MR. O. WARNER

A familiar figure to ringers visiting Cranleigh, Surrey, was Mr. O. Warner, who for 40 years had been parish clerk and verger of St. Nicholas' Church. His death at the age of 77, on July 17th, will be regretted by many friends.

Although not a ringer, he was very fond of bells and had occasionally rung the tenor behind. He often took, in his car, his two sons to neighbouring towers for practice. At Pirbright he always received a warm welcome from Mr. Fred Cherryman.

The funeral took place at Cranleigh on July 21st, the Rev. H. L. Johnston (Rector) officiating. Miss G. Ball was the organist and the singing was led by the church choir.

In the evening the local ringers attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect. Unfortunately this came to grief about halfway through. Further touches of Grandsire were rung, and a good lower in peal concluded the ringing. Those taking part were: J. Elliott 1, C. Stevens 2, G. Charman 3, L. Warner 4, C. Charman 5, E. R. Warner 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, A. Tidy 8.

THE LATE MR. W. H. J. HOOTON'S PEALS

The late Mr. Wilfrid H. J. Hooton rang 366 peals of which he conducted 211. These were rung for 22 Societies in 83 towers and 26 counties. His first peal was rung on September 2nd, 1919, at Sawston, on tower bells, for the Cambridge University Guild, conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. His last was one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 'in hand' at Lincoln for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, on June 1st, 1952, conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner. Details are as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Stedman 1 (cond. 1), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 7 (5), Cambridge Surprise 9 (8), two methods 1 (1), three methods 4 (2), four methods 4 (3), five methods 2 (2), six methods 1, seven methods 12 (4), eight methods 5 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 8 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 17 (9), Little Bob 4 (3), Double Oxford 2 (1), Cambridge Court 1 (1), Double Norwich 19 (11), Kent Treble Bob 14 (5), Cambridge Surprise 10 (3), Superlative 5 (1), Yorkshire 3, London 3, and one each of Bristol, Ipswich, Warwickshire, Ashtead, New Cambridge and Spliced (four methods).

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 3.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Double Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Total.—156 (68).

HANDBELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 16 (13), Cambridge Surprise 1 (1), two methods 3 (3), seven methods 5 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 72 (56), Double Bob 4 (2), Little Bob 5 (4), Plain and Little Bob Spliced 1, Double, Plain and Little Bob Spliced 1 (1), Double Oxford 3 (3), Cambridge Court 6 (6), Shipway's Court 1 (1), Double Norwich 43 (27), Kent Treble Bob 19 (11), Cambridge Surprise 1, London Surprise 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal Spliced 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 11 (8), Double Bob 2 (2), Little Bob 1, Plain and Little Bob Spliced 1 (1), Plain and Medium Bob Spliced 1, Kent Treble Bob (Granta variety) 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1, Bob Maximus 1.

Total.— 210 (143).

Grand total.—366 (211).

MR. HARRY MILLER

On July 22nd the Southgate ringers and many ringing friends met at Christ Church to pay their last respects at the funeral of Mr. Harry Miller. Being a lifelong resident of Southgate there was a large congregation and the service was fully choral, the Rev. J. Yates officiating.

Interment took place at Southgate Cemetery and at the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. G. Nash 1-2, S. Wade 3-4, A. W. Coles 5-6, R. H. Begrie 7-8. There were many floral tributes among which was one in the shape of a bell.

On the following evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,263 Stedman Caters was rung by W. J. Bowden 1, I. J. Attwater 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, J. G. Nash 5, R. Charge 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, S. G. Peck 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, A. W. Coles 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD IN KENT

Leaving Tunbridge Wells at 8.30 a.m. on July 11th, a pleasant ride was enjoyed through the lovely Weald of Kent to arrive on time at Appledore, where the Vicar was waiting to welcome us. The handy ring of eight in a very squat tower were soon pealing out and when everyone had had a pull, we made our way across the Romney Marsh to the lofty tower of Lydd, to enjoy some good ringing on this tuneful octave. At Hythe we found another good octave and it was a pity that we had to cut our time. The full force of a stiff sea breeze was felt at Cheriton, with its light eight, and this gave all an appetite for the excellent tea at Ashford.

At Charing, the Minor fans took over, with methods up to Cambridge and a good lower in peal, and so on to Egerton for more Minor ringing.

Leeds was the last tower of the day, where we were welcomed by the Maidstone District, who were holding a meeting there. The barn-like ringing room, with its open gas jets, was rather a novelty and, as time was short, it was a case of one pull and get out. Some of the company took the opportunity to have a look at the 'Barham' grave. So ended a most enjoyable day. C. A. B.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Test match, Test match weather and holidays all affected adversely the attendance at the July meeting of the Society held at St. Peter's, Bramley, on the 25th ult.

The bells were kept going in the standard methods from 3 to 5.30 p.m. when a break was made for tea and the business meeting. The president was in the chair for the meeting. One new member, Mr. Briggs, of Sowerby, was elected.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Drake (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Messrs. P. Whitaker, T. Hill and A. Hartley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was moved by Mr. G. Benfield and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. Mr. S. Helliwell suitably replied.

The next meeting will be held at Collingham on August 29th and, as this was desired by the members, their support is earnestly requested.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Collingham, Halifax, Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tong, Woodlesford and the local company. I. S.

ODE ON THE PROSPECT OF ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL FROM THE TOP OF A CITY STORE

(Written on a scrap of paper found blowing along Temple Row, Birmingham)

O classic pile that dominates the city:
Thy bells are silent now. Ah, what a pity!
From thee the fervent soul so often drinks
The vintage draught of Carter's Stedman Cinques;
From thee, through city street, arcade and goyal,
March forth the measured notes of Yorkshire Royal.
O Walker, Hampton, doth the heart not burn?
O Pearson, Pinfold, Haynes and George E. Fearn!

Confusion seize all churlish commentators:
For you the sparkling tones of Stedman Caters!
Let others into Bach and Handel delve;
For you the measured roll of Cambridge Twelve!
And now, unheard, thy melody still lingers,
Poured forth by twelve enthusiastic ringers.
O classic pile that dominates the city:
Thy bells are silent now. Ah, what a pity!

E. C. S.

MORE JULY RINGERS' OUTINGS

A SUMMER AFTERNOON IN CHESHIRE

There is a time and a place for everything, and the St. Hilary, Wallasey, ringers certainly picked the right time and place for their annual half-day ringing-cum-sight-seeing coach trip on June 27th.

We had originally planned to start at midday, but owing to the lack of co-operation by one of our ringers, who chose that day to get married, we had to postpone the start for half an hour or so while we rang her in and out of church. We send you, Monica, our best wishes in your new life, and may you have as much Delight and Spliced Surprise as you want!

St. Mary, Weaverham, our first stop, is an example of late fifteenth century architecture and is very well preserved. It contains some interesting articles of furniture, not the least of which are a Chippendale altar and a Jacobean table in the Lady Chapel. There is a ring of six bells—three by Abraham Rudhall—which were recast in 1873 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They bear some interesting inscriptions. The treble is rather unusual, in that its note is one tone higher than it should be; it sounds as though it ought to be the second of a ring of eight based on the same tenor. Some of us found this slightly disturbing.

And so to Astbury, near Congleton, where we decanted the ringers while the rest of the party went on in the coach to Moreton Old Hall, a well-known National Trust property. St. Mary's is a church which is different. Although there is a church mentioned here in Domesday Book, the present structure was built during the fourteenth century. The tower, which was built round about the same period, looks at least a century older, while its imposing spire was rebuilt in 1838. The rare wooden ceiling of the nave is certainly among the finest examples of fifteenth century craftsmanship in Cheshire. The original four bells here were recast in 1925 by Messrs. Taylor, and were made into six without the addition of any metal. They go very well.

By a quarter to five the Moreton Hall contingent had returned with the coach, and so we left Astbury for the two mile run into Congleton for tea at the Lion and Swan Hotel. The tea was just the sort of meal needed by bellringers on a hot afternoon.

St. Peter's, Congleton, designed by one of Sir Christopher Wren's pupils, bears a certain resemblance to St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Of its eight bells, four are the work of the ubiquitous Abraham Rudhall, but we did not try them. The last tower of the day, at the tiny picturesque village of Marbury, near Whitchurch, has five of the pleasant ring of six bells cast by the Rudhalls, and, although the ringing chamber is on the ground floor and there is a very long draught of rope, there is very little spring and the 'go' is excellent. In fact, some of the best ringing of the day was accomplished here.

Of course, things hotted up on the homeward journey, and in a momentary fit of aberration, there being no call for a navigator, the luckless secretary was lured up to the back seat, where he was set upon by a horde of young Amazons.

And so ended another annual outing. I suppose it was very much the same as any other ringers' outing, but it was none the less enjoyable—even for the secretary!

PORTHKERRY, GLAM

Porthkerry (Glam.) ringers and friends held an all-day coach outing on July 18th, when towers visited were Baglan, Neath, Duffryn, Cadoxton and Aberavon. After a long climb over the mountains to Llangynwyd, they found the bells had been declared unsafe two days earlier. Despite this, and two broken ropes at earlier towers, an enjoyable day was spent.

WILTON, WILTS

Towers in 'The Ringing World' area were the objective of the Wilton (near Salisbury) ringers and friends for their tour on July 11th.

In view of the long distance involved, ringing was restricted to three towers only—at Seale (a lovely light six near Farnham), the beautiful bells at Ottershaw, and the no less excellent six at Binfield, near Windsor. The Wilton band were very impressed with the strange yet beautiful 'muffled' effect in the ringing room at Ottershaw. Members taking part in ringing at these towers included Wilton's latest additions, young Susan Farmer, aged 8, and Raymond Haines, aged 9. The return journey was made via Reading, Newbury and Andover.

Special thanks are due to Mr. G. Grover for his very ready help in arranging lunch at Guildford and for his advice concerning towers.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Mr. F. A. Munday, who organised this year's outing of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Society into Kent on July 4th, selected a series of interesting towers.

Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Westerham, St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, All Saints', Birchington, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, and St. Nicholas', Leeds.

The presence of Mr. Russell and his kind co-operation added to the enjoyment of the ringing at Quex Park. At Leeds, in the overgrown churchyard, the grave of James Barham was found.

After tea at Birchington, Mr. Munday was thanked for providing the company with such an enjoyable day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

'An excellent day' was the verdict of everybody when the St. Andrew's band and friends arrived home after their annual outing on July 18th to the Thames Valley. The towers visited were Beaconsfield, Shiplake, Sonning, Wokingham and Cookham.

A summary of the day could well be 'good'—good weather, good scenery, good time keeping, good food, good ringing (some not so good, 'tis true) and good company.

To everybody who met us at the towers the band extend their sincere thanks, with a special 'thank you' to Cookham and 'mine host' at the Royal Exchange.

CHECKENDON, OXON

On July 25th twelve ringers from Checkendon tower toured South Oxfordshire. Under the leadership of their foreman, George Hearnes, they rang at Warborough, Little Milton, Watlington and Chinnor, spending about an hour at each tower.

At Warborough the bells are hung in reverse order which rather confused the first band to ring. However, this was soon overcome and some pleasant ringing followed. After scaling an unusually high ladder to the ringing chamber at Little Milton the band rang several touches.

From there the party drove to the White Hart at Watlington for a very generous tea. The Watlington bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Pocock, late churchwarden. The band were much impressed by the beautiful tone of these bells. At Chinnor, as at the other towers, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. It was regretted that there were not enough Triples ringers to make full use of the bells at Watlington, but Doubles were rung with 6, 7 and 8 covering.

Mr. Hearnes is to be congratulated on his organisation, and the Checkendon ringers thank the members of the towers they visited, whose co-operation made this enjoyable tour possible.

W. A. K. G.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT'S OUTING TO HERTFORDSHIRE

The annual outing of the Maidstone District this year, on July 18th, was into Hertfordshire, where we enjoyed ringing on some very fine bells. Our first ring, at St Albans Cathedral, was unfortunately cut short by a miscalculation on the time taken to cross London, but the rush here was quickly forgotten as we made our way to a suitable inn for a picnic lunch.

An enjoyable ride along narrow country lanes brought us to the musical six at St. Ippolyts. From here we went to Stevenage, where the staircase proved a very useful place from which to ring the tenor after the rope had broken!

At Norton we were welcomed by several of the local ringers, and some good touches were rung on this light eight. By this time we were looking forward to the heavy eight at Hitchin, about which we had heard such good reports, and it was here that we first rang Lincolnshire Surprise, our special method for the day. Meanwhile the coach driver was less happily employed in changing a wheel, but this was completed in good time, and he was able to join us at the Hill View Restaurant for an excellent tea.

We enjoyed the last tower of the day, Chipping Barnet, so much that we stayed about twenty minutes over time, to the consternation of a few who thought we were wasting valuable drinking time!

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. V. Frost and to all who helped to make this such an enjoyable day.

R. L. S.

STOWMARKET RINGERS IN ESSEX

Essex was visited by Stowmarket, Suffolk, for their annual outing on July 11th. An admirable programme had been arranged by Mr. O. G. Barnard, who was unfortunately unable to accompany the party for business reasons.

Leaving Stowmarket at 7.30, the first stop was Bocking, where Miss H. Snowden met the party, and ringing in various methods was enjoyed. Time was pressing on arrival at the next tower, Felstead, where the Vicar was waiting to meet the company, and the ringing here was somewhat curtailed. It was a joy to ring on the glorious ring at Great Dunmow. There was no need to ask Garnham's opinion of these bells, as his counteance expressed it as he rang the tenor to Superlative.

Thaxted, with its beautiful church, came next, and the 90ft. draught of rope caused no undue worry. A good course of Yorkshire terminated the ringing here. With time still pressing, a move was made to Saffron Walden, where an excellent lunch was quickly served. Very soon the 12 bells in the tower of the fine Parish Church were being rung in rounds, with the beginners acquitting themselves well in their first pull on 12. Treble Ten and various methods on the back eight followed. We were pleased to meet once again Mr. Ernest Pye and enjoy a pull with him.

Finchingfield, with its massive tower and very fine Norman doorway, has a rehung ring of eight. Cambridge was rung here by a mixed band, as another visiting company was here on arrival, and some old friendships renewed. It was a pleasure to meet again Frank Roper, a former Stowmarket district ringer. A short run followed to Great Bardfield, where ringing in various methods was enjoyed on a good going and tuneful eight.

Two of the local company were waiting for the visitors at Sible Hedingham. Ringing on this fine ring was of short duration. So on to Sudbury, where Mr. Haynes was waiting, and also another excellent meal at the Four Swans. The day's ringing concluded at All Saints', Sudbury, with members of the local company joining the party.

Sincere thanks are due to Mr. O. G. Barnard, Mr. H. D. Lister and Billy Button for the able manner in which he carried out the duties of Ringing Master.

R. E. L.

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BIRTH

SPEED.—On Monday, July 27th, 1953, at University College Hospital, to Anne (nee Stockdale), wife of Richard F. B. Speed, a son (Jonathan Richard). 2956

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Threlfall will be living at 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey, as from August 10th, 1953. 2965

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MISCELLANEOUS

'ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, HORSLEY, NEAR DERBY.—Ring of Five.—Various efforts are being organised to raise money for a sixth bell, and on Saturday, August 29th, the bell ringers, for their contribution, are holding a garden party at the Vicarage. On that day the tower will be 'open' to all ringers who care to pay a visit and they are assured of a warm welcome. Refreshments may be bought at a reasonable price at the garden party. During the evening it is hoped to have a team of handbell ringers to entertain. 2963

ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.—There will be no meeting at St. Michael's in August.—A. B. Peck. 2978

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Wrenbury **cancelled.** Please note revised meeting dates: Marbury, August 29th; Acton, September 19th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 2966

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Balcombe (8), August 8th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, Glebe Farm, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 2940

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (5), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided. —J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2944

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Petham, Saturday, Aug. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Details of bus service on tower notice. Further copies can be supplied if required.—B. J. Luck. 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2920

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—E. London Guild.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, August 8th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea from shops locally.—T. V. Lock, Sec. 2933

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nempnett Thrubwell, August 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2965

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2975

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening practice meetings at Linton (5), Saturday, August 15th; Balsham (5), Saturday, September 12th, 6.30-8-30 p.m. Next full meeting: Bourn (8), Saturday, August 29th. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2976

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, August 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Sec. 2961

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Mayfield on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by August 12th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 2955

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Much Dewchurch, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by August 11th, to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2957

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Ashwell, August 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Sandal T.B. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2954

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, August 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea pro ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting on August 15th at Heversham (6 bells), 2.30-8. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 2972

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, August 15th, 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2973

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Ramsbottom on Saturday, August 15th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2974

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Swepstone, August 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names, by 12th, to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham, Leicestershire.—C. W. Hall. 2889

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Illston-on-the-Hill, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea: bring own food.—L. W. Allen. 2970

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of the Lincoln, Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts. Also Ladies' Guild at Walesby (8), August 15th. Picnic tea. — C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 2947

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Harlington (8), Saturday, August 15th. Bells from 3. Tea and quarterly business. Cranford (6) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 2964

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Codsall, August 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, August 12th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 2937

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, August 15th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Further ringing after tea. 2958

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, August 15th, Chailey (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by 12th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2953

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at Catherington on August 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. W. Bessent, Victory Avenue, Horndean, by August 8th. 2952

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 22nd. (Please note change of date and place of meeting.) Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Otter at 5 p.m. Very important business to discuss and all members are asked to attend.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2967

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Five Bells. Names to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 2971

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, Glinton, August 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than August 18th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 2962

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Limpsfield Chart, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Buses: 464 from Westerham, 2.20; 465 from Edenbridge, 3.21; 410 from Westerham (change at Limpsfield). Names for tea, by August 19th, to L. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Limpsfield.—C. Champion, R. Whitehead, Dis. Secs. 2968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlesbury, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, August 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d. each) at 4.30. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Bells available: Hazelbeech, Naseby, Creaton, Spratton, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Ravensthorpe, West Haddon, East Haddon, Watford, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Long Buckby, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. All towers open after tea, also Welford and Guilsborough.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 2959

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BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY OUTING

The annual outing on July 4th was a very enjoyable trip, when two buses full of ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, visited Wetherby and Ripon and district. The first call was at Wetherby, where breakfast was waiting at Field's Café. After a very good meal ringing at the Parish Church was thoroughly enjoyed. The Vicar, the Venerable C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, who is also President of the Yorkshire Association, came into the ringing chamber and assured all of a very hearty welcome. A short visit was paid to Fountains Abbey.

The new handy ring of six at Kirby Hill was next visited. After lunch at the Unicorn Hotel, Ripon, the bells of the Cathedral were at the disposal of the ringers, and here Mr. Tingle made everyone welcome. The ten bells were rung in rounds, Major on the back eight and Minor on both the front and back six, and were thoroughly enjoyed.

A long climb followed to Pateley Bridge and to the Red Lion at Burnsall for tea. Finally came ringing on the fine bells at Guiseley, where Mr. Dixon made everyone welcome. All agreed that a very happy day had been spent with ideal weather conditions.

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REMEMBERED WITH GRATITUDE

'Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal,
Which few can know, and fewer still reveal,
Whether with little bells, or bells sublime,
To split a moment to the truth of time:
Time so oft truly beat at length o'ercame,
Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.'

THIS tribute to a ringer is found at Arreton, Isle of Wight, and the author of these rare lines seems to be unknown, but they commemorate a ringer whose work in the Isle of Wight is not easily forgotten. The name of William Rayner was best known at Newport, some five miles from Arreton, where he was a prominent worker for the 'Union Youths of Newport,' a society for which he acted as recorder. He was a turner by trade, and he must have gazed with pride at the stone tablet which records that 'the six ancient bells of this Steeple were augmented to a peal of eight by voluntary subscription, and were opened on February 14th, 1809.'

William Rayner must have been very keen to have an octave in the tower, for in 1786 he started to save ½d. a day, and 22 years later, when the sum had amounted to £16 14s. 7d., he gave the money to the augmentation fund for Newport's scheme to secure two new bells. Those years, 1786–1808, were difficult ones and no doubt Rayner could have broken into his savings on many pretexts, yet it was his noble example of self-sacrifice that appeals to us as ringers, because his mind was set on a definite object, viz., a voluntary subscription towards the cost of two new bells for the church.

Little seems to be known of Rayner's skill 'in the mystery of the pleasing peal,' but from 1809 till his death in 1823 he must have felt a sense of gratification whenever he heard Newport's octave peal out. For many years, on May 15th, the anniversary of his death, his memory was commemorated, and though war conditions halted many old customs, we trust this is one which will not be allowed to die out.

In these days we are apt to forget the patience, self-sacrifice and hard work of past workers in the augmentation of bells, especially from six to eight, and though William Rayner's ½d. per day might be a unique way of saving over a period of years, it certainly encouraged ringers in many parts of our ringing island to do their share towards augmentation and restoration.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, DUBLIN

THE tall tower of the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist, in Thomas Street, Dublin, is a familiar sight, being set upon the highest point of the city proper. It contains a magnificent ring of ten bells, which can be heard in all directions.

Opposite to the church there was the famous bell foundry of John Murphy, whose bells are world renowned. It was fitting, therefore, that the original eight bells of the Augustinian Church should come across the road. They were cast in 1872 and were dedicated on St. Patrick's Day, 1873. These eight bells did service for 25 years, when they were rehung and two trebles added by the now defunct foundry of Charles Carr, of Birmingham. The ring of ten bells was opened on the 24th November, 1898. They were rehung on ball bearings in 1949 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

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2.—St. William.
3.—St. Bridget.
4.—St. Patrick.
5.—St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
6.—St. Thomas of Villanova.
7.—St. Joseph.
8.—St. John the Baptist.
9.—St. Monica.
Tenor.—St. Augustine. (The tenor is said to weigh 25 cwt.).

It was here that the late Daniel Kennedy rang for so many years. In all, he had over 60 years' ringing to his credit before he died in 1950. Dan was decorated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. for his services to ringing, when he received the Medal Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice.

There is at present a team of ringers who are keenly interested in keeping their bells ringing and are learning change ringing. One of their number is Mr. James MacManus, Eastern District chairman for the past two years.

Only one peal has ever been rung on these bells, that was on Sunday, September 11th, 1904, when a team consisting of six famous English ringers with four Irish ringers rang a peal of 5,001 Stedman Caters in 3 hours 25 minutes.

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ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
BRIAN G. WARWICK	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.
Specially rung as a farewell to the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, D.D., M.C., Lord Bishop of Leicester, upon his retirement. The peal commenced immediately following the service at the Cathedral at which he preached his farewell sermon to the diocese.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	10
JOAN BERESFORD	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
*JOHN PINFOLD	6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., August 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
*RICHARD E. PRICE	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
JOHN A. WORTH	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
RALPH G. EDWARDS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	†J. NEVILLE HAILLE	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	8
*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS (83)	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
JOHN E. S. MORETON	5	ROBERT ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Stedman on tower bells.
Rung as wedding compliment to Frank Moreton, son of J. E. S. Moreton, and formerly a ringer at this church.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	6
ROBERT E. MOULDS	2	JOHN PEARSON	7
*JOHN F. BRYANT	3	†ROY MANN	8
RALPH BEAUMONT	4	†ARNOLD ROTHERY	9
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5	†ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the Korean Armistice.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	†DAVID M. LEES	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	PETER BERESFORD	9
MAURICE G. TURNER	5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.
* 100th peal for the Society. † First peal on ten bells. 500th peal for C. Wallater. 450th peal for H. Howell.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. B. Ashley upon completing 13 years as Vicar of St. Giles'.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
*STANLEY W. COPLING	4	†BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal in method.
Rung on the 109th anniversary of the 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major at this tower, conducted by Thomas Greenwood.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD R. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK L. LOCKWOOD	5
*JAMES REED	2	JOHN E. KIRBY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
JAMES H. KIRBY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells.

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 816 changes of Double Oxford, 672 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, 528 each of St. Clement's College Bob and Hereward Bob, 288 of Pershore College Bob and 240 of Double Norwich Court Bob; 299 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 9 Major methods by all, on the bells and for the Association.

BENSON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ABSOLOM	*Treble*	TOM BOWLES	5
JAMES GODMAN	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
FREDERICK S. SMITH	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
JACK BERRY	4	ERNEST GARRAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan Foster and Miss Joan Hill, married this day at Cowley.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

CHARLES BAILEY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

NANCY E. MARKLEW	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
T. KELHAM DEACON	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
ALAN HOUGH	4	CECIL E. CARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Steven H. Mayor, of Manchester, and Miss Janet A. Newton, only daughter of Mr. G. Newton, tower captain at Earl Shilton.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	FRANK E. DARBY	6
ROBERT G. LAY	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY C. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	BARBARA J. BEESON	5
JOAN GRAY	2	*F. ALAN BENNETT	6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
VALERIE W. WILLARD	4	CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

LLEWELLYN R. HALL	*Treble*	HAROLD J. SHUCK	5
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
HAROLD WHITE	3	*WILLIAM DAVIES	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* 50th peal together.

The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., July 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	JOHN E. TURLEY	5
*IRVING BUNKER	2	BARRY HOLLAND	6
†ELIZABETH BATE	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY COLMAN	*Treble*	HERBERT KNIGHT	5
KENNETH MEDWAY	2	FRANK LUFKIN	6
JOHN WALTON	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
MARJORIE LEGG	4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	*ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	*SIDNEY H. JONES	6
*WALTER G. SOAR	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method.

First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
*MRS. E. CHANDLER	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
*FREDERICK A. JAINE	4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. E. THOMPSETT.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*HEATHER EVANS	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE	5
JEAN POWELL	2	JACK ALSOP	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	*GRAHAM FLOWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ELHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK VERNEY	*Treble*	THOMAS H. HOLMES	5
BETTY VIDLER	2	WILFRID S. PALIN	6
EILEEN S. WYLES	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † 125th peal.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	2	IVAN KAY	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by PETER BRICKELL. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*†BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	†CLIVE M. SMITH	6
*DAVID W. BARR	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
‡JOHN R. JOYNER	4	*JOHN HOLMALEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JAMES DRAYCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

DIANA M. MATTHEW	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	5
ALBERT E. WHITING	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W MILLER	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

*BARBARA MARKS	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
†PETER W. CROFT	2	FRANK W. CROFT	6
†WALTER BROWN	3	†DAVID L. GULLICK	7
†GEORGE CHERRY	4	*BERNARD L. MARKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First as conductor.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WINIFRED MELLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. MELLIN	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	6
MARGOT THOMPSON	3	*ALAN G. FEVER	7
*C. JACK GIBSON	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as birthday compliments to David Brand, of Haughley, and Paul Blythe (brother of conductor).

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*FRANK R. HAWKINS	*Treble*	†FRED W. LAWRENCE	5
†JOHN F. PENFOLD	2	†GEORGE E. RUCK	6
E. THOMAS ELLENDOR	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
†MYLES R. HAWKINS	4	FRED A. RYE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., August 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	DOREEN E. SMYTHE	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	DAVID THORLEY	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A first birthday compliment to Alan, son of the tenor ringer

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	WALTER WILKINSON	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
JACK S. DEAR	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

SIX BELL PEALS

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA HALDANE	*Treble*	JACK POUNDS	4
*RUTH CORE	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ELLEN PARKER	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
On Tues., July 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

A birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the conductor. First peal in three methods on the bells, rung after meeting short for Grandsire.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JILL HAFFENDEN	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
LUTHER J. HONESS	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	5
†BETTY VIDLER	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*MARY C. STRACHAN ..	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	4
BRYAN S. COPE	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ..	5
MARGARET ROWE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOYCE DODDS	*Treble*	GILLIAN R. LAMONT ..	4
*COLIN R. LAMONT	2	†MARTYN W. HARBOTT ..	5
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

Rung for the births of Andrew Martin Dodds (nephew to the conductor) and Jonathan Richard Speed.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	*RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE ..	5
*†FRANK PEARSON	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. First in seven methods as conductor. First peal in seven methods rung by members of the Bunwell company.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN ..	2	*HENRY DOUGLAS	5
*PHILIP EVANS	3	†ERNEST F. WILCOX ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Redgwell, a ringer at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, to Mr. R. Hughes.



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ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon. August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	*LESLIE NICE	4
*RICHARD ROSE	2	WALTER PERRY	5
HARRY KING	3	KENNETH BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH BROWN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

UPLYME, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., August 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	4
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	*GEORGE BURTON	5
BRIAN PIDGEON	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* 50th peal. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

*JACK H. BRETT	1—2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ..	3—4
OLAVE E. BROYD	5—6		

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.
* First handbell peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse Bob, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, 224 Crayford Little Bob and 1,472 Plain Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	JAMES E. DANIELS	7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
The conductor's 75th peal in Spliced methods 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT 126A, LONDON ROAD, LEICESTER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7—8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE ..	9—10
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6	*GEORGE W. PIPE ..	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on handbells.
A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., August 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELFRY.
A PEAL OF 5328 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. REGINALD HEATH ..	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	THOMAS F. VARNEY	7—8

Composed by ALBERT E. AUSTIN. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

QUARTER PEALS

BOSTON, LINCS.—On July 5th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Brown (first quarter) 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, F. P. Harwood 4, S. Jessop 5, T. Freeston 6, A. Freeston 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

BUCKLAND DENHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pearce 1, H. Carver 2, D. Flower 3, E. Bray 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, H. V. Plumley 6. First quarter peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prescott.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Queen Bess Minor: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the Armistice in Korea, and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Broadhead.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. S. Woodburn 1, R. O. Fry 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, Miss M. J. Taylor 4, W. J. Prescott 5, P. W. Weeks 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. To celebrate the wedding of Dr. G. C. K. Herepath to Miss P. M. King, daughter of the local tower-master.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers (cond.) 2, F. Sterry 3, T. Lockwood 4, L. Forster 5, A. Cook 6, R. Ward 7, E. Cracknell 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. R. C. Hobbs, who was interred the same day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 2nd, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Cartwright (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, N. D. Brown 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Abbott 5, R. Davies 6, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKS.—On July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hodgson (first quarter Major) 1, Miss A. Lord (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Schofield 3, G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 4, F. Postlethwaite 5, J. Close (first quarter Major) 6, E. Proctor (first quarter Major) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and also to the ringer of the 6th.

HILLESDEN, BUCKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Coleman 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, F. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. M. Baker 1, P. B. Wright (first quarter) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong.

LEEDS, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, R. Sills 2, F. Macey 3, W. G. Cantrill 4, R. E. Lambert 5, T. E. Sone 6, R. T. Lambert 7, W. R. Mancer (first in method) 8, B. Baker 9, P. C. Wright 10.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, R. Smith 2, A. H. Worboys 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, R. W. Stannard 5, C. E. Wright 6, J. Grove 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Triples for 2, 5 and 7. Rung as a farewell to D. M. Salisbury, who is leaving for National Service.

LISS, HANTS.—On July 28th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire doubles: T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, G. Norris 4, A. Belsworth (cond.) 5, D. Wheeler 6. Rung to commemorate the bi-centenary of the recasting and augmentation of the five back bells 1753–1953. The treble was added in 1897.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. A. Swann 1, F. C. Arnold 2, D. E. Griffin 3, A. J. Millward 4, E. Martin (first as cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, E. P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 3, 4 and 5.

PAUL, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, Elizabeth Ford 2, J. Waters (first as cond.) 3, Decima Carne 4, R. Curtiss 5, J. Ladner 6. Rung for Evensong, and for the induction of the Rev. D. H. P. Davey as Vicar on July 20th.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Stevens (first quarter) 1, C. J. Stevens 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, A. Atyeo 5, E. Bawden 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Bawden, son of the tenor ringer, who was married to Miss B. Trump at Wellington Parish Church this day.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Aug. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Pritchard 1, W. Farmer 2, Miss B. Carter 3, C. Lee 4, L. Hewitt 5, C. Barron 6, J. Butler 7, F. Beddow (cond.) 8. H. Douglas 9, E. Willcox 10. First of Royal for 9 and 10. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Redgewell and Mr. R. Hughes.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on July 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Bishop 1, Miss P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Townsend 5, Miss E. L. Roberts (first of Major as cond.) 6, R. G. Townsend 7, W. W. Daniell 8.

UPAVON, WILTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. G. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Aug. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, R. F. Deal 6, W. H. Coles 7, H. M. Page 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wright 1, T. Templeman 2, J. Clouston 3, G. Wright 4, R. Webster 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. Rung as a 'Welcome Home' to St. Oswald's first curate (the Rt. Rev. C. Cooper, Bishop of Korea), recently freed from Communist internment. Also at St. Oswald's Church on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wallace (first quarter) 1, G. Wright 2, T. Templeman 3, J. Cloughston 4, H. Short 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. Rung on the 21st birthday of G. Wallace.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. S. Woodburn 1, Miss S. Drake 2, G. H. Cross 3, R. J. Cousins 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, T. J. Hayward 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, E. King 8. The first quarter of Stedman on the augmented ring.

WHITFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Saunders 1, C. Gough 2, C. Haynes (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. J. Chester 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung on the bells.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wickham 1, P. Cannon 2, K. Medway 3, Marjorie Legg 4, J. Walton 5, F. Lufkin 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, G. Lilley 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss R. Snell (first quarter Bob Major) 1, W. A. Fitchford 2, P. S. Whalley (first quarter Bob Major) 3, C. H. Page 4, W. Massey (first quarter Bob Major) 5, G. E. Kettle 6, E. H. Edge 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Snell 1, W. A. Fitchford 2, P. S. Whalley 3, G. E. Kettle 4, W. Massey 5, E. H. Edge (first quarter as cond.) 6, D. R. Whalley 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. Rung fully muffled on the death of Queen Mary.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grove, jun., 1, G. Daynes 2, E. B. Crowder 3, A. Grove, sen., 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, R. A. Johnson 8. Rung for the patronal festival and in honour of the former Rector (the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, Bishop of Croydon).

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,371 Stedman Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, G. H. Harding 2, J. M. Stallard 3, T. Marks 4, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, R. J. Fox (first quarter) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. Hansford 8, I. H. Trueman 9, T. J. Setter 10. Rung to mark the dedication of a peal board presented by members of the Craft of Freemasonry.

New Bob Triples

1234567
2135476
2314567
3241657
2346175
3264715
2367451
3276541
2375614
3257164
2351746
3215476
3124567
1325476

1352746
Bob
1325476

1235746
Single
1325476

1325746

5,040
(Hubbard's Ten-Part)

23456	W	M	H
45236	—		—
24536			—
52436			—
64523	—	—	—
56423			—
45623			—

9 times repeated; Single for bob halfway and end.

The first peal in this method was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on March 28th, 1750, conducted by George Partrick.

5,056 Ashtead Surprise Major

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	W	M	H
24536		—		2
43265	x			3
52364			—	—
65324		—		
26354		—		
23564		—		2
25634		—		2
53246	x			3
23645			—	
64235		—		—
52436			—	—
35426		—		3
23456		—		3

Rung at Ambrosden, Oxon., on December 13th, 1952, conducted by A. R. Pink.

COMPOSITIONS

Shalford Surprise Major

12345678
21436587
12346857
21438675
24136857
42318675
24138657
42316875
24361857
42638175
46231857
64328175
46238715
64327851
46372815
64738251
46372851
64738215
46783251
64872315
46782135
64871253
68472135
86741253
68714235
86172453
68712435
86174253
81672435
18764253
81674523
18765432
17856342
Bob
17856423
6ths place bob

5,056
By E. A. BARNETT

23456	O	H	F	I
34256	—			
34625	—	—		
46325	—			
63425	—			
42635	—			—
26435	—			
64235	—			
23645	—			—
36245	—			
62345	—			
62534	—	—		
53624	—			—
36524	—			
65324	—			
32546	—		—	—
25346	—			
53246	—			
24536	—			—
45236	—			
52436	—			
43526	—			—
35426	—			
42356	—			—
23456	—			

Rung at Shalford, Surrey, on July 16th, 1953, conducted by C. Ernest Smith.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, W. H. Mellin 2, C. J. Gibson 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, R. S. Payne 5, R. J. Darch 6, E. J Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8.

Wicken Surprise Major

By J. S. CARTER

12345678
21354768
12537486
21357846

23158764
32517846
23157486
32514768

23541678
32456187
32541678
23456187

32546817
35248671
53426817
54328671

45238761
42537816
4th Place Bob

COMPOSITION 5,024
By E. W. TIPLER.

23456	W	B	M	H
26435	—		—	2
32654		x		2
63425	—		—	3
63254		x		1
42635	—		—	—
62534			—	
53624	—			—
53246	—	x		3
52436	—			2
35426	—			3
23456	—			3

First rung at Wicken, Northants, on July 12th, 1953.

5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major

By G. FREEBREY

W	M	H	Course Ends
—	—	2	26435
	—B	—	46325
	—	—	53624
—			25634
—		3	32654
—		2	36524
—		3	23564
—	—	3	52436
—		3	35426
—		3	23456

First rung at West Hallam on May 16th, 1953.

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The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was originally arranged for August 22nd has been postponed until August 29th. The postponement arises from the induction of the new rector fixed for August 22nd.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Readers will remember the Coronation peal failure at Elham, Kent, when the M.C. stopped the peal in the last 50 changes. Amends were made on August 1st when a peal was scored conducted by Mr. John L. Morris.

The peal of Surprise Minor reported on page 498 was rung at Harston not Marston as printed. The error is regretted.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, lost a peal on Coronation Day. Although a little belated, the honours were duly paid by Grandsire Triples on July 26th.

When a visitor walked into a Midland tower he was asked if he knew Dick 'So and So.' 'No,' he replied. 'I haven't looked at that method yet.' Perhaps he had been reading 'One Man Bands'!

At the end of the peal at Brentford, Martyn Harbott rapidly lost all his blisters when he tried to set his bell. He had not noticed the ominous thump when his slider jumped off in the first lead of the peal!

Congratulations to Mr. Christopher Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffs, on ringing his 500th peal. The peal was rung in his home tower, Willenhall, on August 1st and was also Mr. Howard Howell's 450th.

For the wedding of Miss Janet A. Newton, daughter of Mr. G. Newton, tower captain at Earl Shilton, Leics, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his own tower on July 25th by fellow-ringers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Congratulations from a wide circle of friends will be extended to Mr. John Davis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth, upon his wedding last Saturday at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth. Mr. Davis is a member of the staff of Bromsgrove High School.

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. F. E. Collins, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Sunday, August 2nd. The band was composed principally of North Country ringers. Such visits do much to popularise the Society in the provinces.

In progress this week is a North Cornwall tour.

Now 83 years of age, Mr. Adolphus Roberts has just rung his 100th peal for the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

The band of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, is closely associated with St. Giles' Senior School, as eight of the ringers are scholars.

Birthday compliments were paid to Mr. Ernest Morris with a peal of Gainsborough Little Bob Major at Cole-Orton, in which he participated, and a peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Leicester, conducted by Mr. Harold J. Poole.

We are pleased to note that the signing of the truce in Korea was marked by ringing of peals and quarter peals. Typical was the ringing at Bakewell, Derbys, arranged at short notice on the evening of July 27th, when ringers were present from Doncaster, Darley Dale, Staveley, Bolsover, with a strong local contingent.

One of the best known ringers in the country is Major E. F. M. Sampson, son of the Rev. A. M. Sampson, of Loughborough, and the news of his wedding will be an occasion for widespread congratulations. Major Sampson has visited most parts of the country and, as far as his military duties permit, has entered fully into local ringing. He met his bride while ringing at Betchworth. His wedding was at Coulsdon on August 1st.

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When the bells were dedicated in 1886 a band from St. Philip's, Sydney, was invited by the Mayor (Mr. Frederick Bryant) and Mr. Henry Aldridge to ring for the opening. The bells were a gift of Mr. Edgar Thomas Aldridge in memory of his wife.

Since then the bells had not been visited by a ringing band until last Easter when six members of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers rang them.

Appended is Mr. W. M. Rowe's story of the journey.

The second tour was undertaken by the first band of change ringers to visit the tower and covered the four-day Easter holiday, April 3rd to April 6th. The members of the band were Messrs. W. M. Rowe, L. Curran, J. Stacey, J. J. Cummins, J. Rainsford and E. J. Fowell. Many are the comments which have been made on the tour, some people considering 1,780 miles by car in four days to ring bells subscribed very much to the view that the participants were mad, but the more charitable of their critics described them as just plain crazy. Still, each and every one of the party have no regrets whatsoever in taking the trip and will always remember the hospitality they received from the bell-ringing fraternity in Maryborough, the daughters of the late Mr. Frederick Bryant, in the persons of the Misses E. and A. Bryant and Lady Duce, and the numerous people in Maryborough who opened their homes to the band. Should another trip to this tower be contemplated, it would not be difficult to induce these ringers to take part.

The party left 15 First Avenue, Five Dock, at 6.5 p.m., after the usual unrehearsed delays, and picked up the balance of the team at Turramurra. Continuing through the very heavy Easter traffic up the Pacific Highway, slow time was made to Maitland, where we called in for supper at the home of Mr. J. E. Arkell at 10.45 p.m. After a very nice supper provided by Mrs. Arkell and Elaine, we left Maitland at 11.25 p.m. As we continued on and the hour became late, the traffic became scarce and good time was made to Guyra, 356 miles from Sydney, where the party did justice to a very excellent breakfast, leaving this town at 7 a.m.

With daylight now well advanced, good time was made over the next part of the journey, and we arrived in Lismore, the home town of John Cummins, at 1.30 p.m. Here the party decided to have a walk-in walk-out lunch of fish and chips, giving John only about 20 minutes with his relatives.

We then travelled on to Alstonville, where the Rev. Mr. Williams, a member of the N.S.W. Association, is the Rector. We inspected his church, rang his handbells, but were unfortunate enough not to meet our friend, the Rector, as he was taking a Good Friday service in a distant part of his parish. So, with as little waste of time as possible, the party continued on to some of the more scenic parts of the trip — Bangalow, Murwillumbah (home town of Tom Goodyer) and Tweed Heads, in New South Wales, and across the border to Coolangatta and Southport in Queensland. After leaving Southport in twilight, with 659 miles up, darkness fell and the party had supper at a roadside restaurant, a few miles out of Brisbane.

26 HOURS WITHOUT BREAK

Arriving in Brisbane at 8.30 p.m., after travelling 680 miles in 26 hours without a break, six very weary bell-ringers slept very well until 6 o'clock the next morning when Bill Rowe roused them and they set off at 6.45 a.m. to inspect Brisbane in the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately, we did not get the best of views, as the fog was rather heavy on the river and only in patches where we able to appreciate the beauty of this northern city. A run down a very wide boulevard by the banks of the Brisbane River was well worth while, and after a short period of sight-seeing, we set off for Maryborough, which we had arranged to reach at 1.30 p.m. that day.

We had breakfast at a roadside cafe and here we met a very charming personality in the hostess, who was most intrigued with the antics of several of the team. We promised to call in at 10 p.m. on the Sunday night for tea on our way back and entertain them with handbells. After a most enjoyable meal and with a car full of bananas, just picked from the stalk, we set off over some of the most beautiful scenic country in Australia, arriving at Gympie, an important town in Queensland, at 12 noon. Here liquid refreshment was taken, very little time was lost, and we were on our way for the last lap of this long journey.

FIVE MINUTES LATE

We arrived in Maryborough, 853 miles from Sydney, at 1.35 p.m.—5 minutes late! It must be admitted that we were somewhat dirty and rather tired. However, the warmth of the welcome we received from our Maryborough friends soon caused us to forget our bodily discomforts and we made our way to our hotel, where a shower and a shave made a wonderful difference.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

The editor cannot entertain in future anonymous letters, even if the name and address of the sender accompany them.

The employment of a nom-de-plume to a contributed article will only be accepted provided the subject is non-controversial.

We met at the tower again at 2.30 p.m., rang a quarter peal, praised the tone of the bells, congratulated the steeplekeeper on the excellent 'go' and met and fraternised with the local ringers until 5.30 p.m., when we adjourned to the hotel for a dinner given by the wardens and council of the church.

During the afternoon, Miss E. Bryant, of Harold Wood House, Pialba, was introduced to the band by Mr. T. E. Klupp, the secretary of St. Paul's Society. Miss Bryant is a daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Bryant, who invited the St. Philip's ringers to open the bells so long ago. Miss Bryant gave us welcome on behalf of her sisters and invited us to make the short 21 miles trip to Pialba and visit her home and meet the other members of the family who were so closely associated with these beautiful bells.

After leaving the tower at 6 p.m. we were entertained at dinner by the wardens and Parish Council of St. Paul's, presided over by the Rector and Mrs. Taylor. The Rector gave us a very warm welcome to Maryborough, to which Mr. Rowe suitably replied. After dinner the evening was spent at the tower, where some more ringing was enjoyed, and finally four of the party decided that bed was the best place, whilst two of our younger and more energetic members decided to spend the rest of the night at a dance.

BROADCAST THROUGH QUEENSLAND

On the Sunday morning a quarter peal was rung, the whole of which was broadcast throughout Queensland, this being the first occasion on which a complete quarter peal has been broadcast in Australia. The striking was good and all were quite happy that we had done justice to ourselves. Immediately after the ringing of the quarter peal we set off to Pialba and were entertained to morning tea by the Misses E. and A. Bryant and Lady Duce. We were then shown some very interesting photographs and mementoes of the early settlers in Queensland. After reluctantly leaving these very charming people, we were whisked away by Mr. Klupp to the home of Miss Montgomery, where we availed ourselves of the unexpected yet no less appreciated offer of making use of the changing room and going for a swim in the bay. All the party were amazed at the warmth of the water, but were a little bit disappointed that we did not have the rollers so much appreciated on our own beaches. However, somebody found a tennis ball among his belongings and a very hectic half-hour was spent chasing this around the bay. All this takes time, so one more meal was missed.

We arrived back at the church at 2 p.m. and rang there until 4 p.m., our scheduled time of departure. We said cheerio to the St. Paul's ringers and visited Mr. Neal, who had been a ringer for 50 years, but who had recently had a breakdown and was unable to ring for the Coronation, which he had very much hoped to do.

Eventually all farewells had been said and, escorted by the captain of the team, Mr. Bert Hurford, we left Maryborough, completely overwhelmed by the hospitality we had received and all determining that some time in the future we would once more make the acquaintance of these very enthusiastic people.

We arrived back at the cafe we had promised to visit at 10 p.m. after a detour (to see the sea—strictly unauthorised, but which somehow crept into the itinerary). A most enjoyable supper was had, the hostess keeping her word, and six very full persons left on the final run home. We ran through Brisbane at 1 a.m. and had to make a few minor adjustments at Ipswich at 2 o'clock in the morning, daylight catching up with us at 6 o'clock, 1,229 miles having been reached on the speedo. We arrived at Armidale, one of the big cities on the northern tablelands of New South Wales, and witnessed a students' procession at 11 a.m. and then ran on to Tamworth, where we had a look at the city from a very magnificent lookout. We continued on to Maitland, where we arrived at 5.25 p.m. Here again the Arkell family provided a very nice cup of tea and we started off for our final run to Sydney at 7 p.m. We arrived in Sydney at 11.20 p.m. after having done 1,780 miles in four days.

We had a most enjoyable trip and met some very enthusiastic bell-ringers. The cordial welcome extended to us is one that we will never forget. This trip was in itself a pioneer achievement and it is hoped that as the roads over this part of the country are now in really good condition, it will be the first of many and will bring our Queensland friends nearer to the southern states, so that they will not feel that they are as isolated as they have been for the last 60 years.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The South Norfolk Branch visited Winfarthing for their summer meeting on July 25th, when 32 members and friends attended. The Rector, the Rev. B. F. Ritson, extended a cordial welcome to the ringers during the service, after which, by the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Ritson and the local ringers and friends, the members adjourned to the Rectory lawn and sat down to an excellent tea.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the meeting, during which Mr. Herbert Woodrow, of Winfarthing, was elected a ringing member. It was decided to visit Brockdish for the autumn meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and Mrs. Ritson and the local ringers, especially Mr. W. Elsey, who made the local arrangements. Shelfanger bells were also rung during the evening.

IN DEFENCE OF IRREGULAR METHODS

Two Readers Question Central Council Commentators

Dear Sir,—At last the long awaited report of the Methods Committee regarding Minor methods has been published, and we are greeted with the information that irregular methods have little or nothing to condemn them. We were forewarned of the fact that no case could be proved against irregular methods by two front page articles recently published which feebly endeavoured to support the Methods Committee.

The first writer stated, as a schoolmaster might reprove a naughty child, that 'he hoped this was the last which would be heard of the matter.' How blissfully optimistic!

The second writer, 'E. C. S.,' states:—'. . . the Council sensed that in the main the right thing was being done and that to oppose the adoption of the report was to open up fresh difficulties.' By this we assume that the Central Council has taken the easy way out and airily dismissed the matter as unworthy of much discussion.

E. C. S. raises a further point in comparing irregular methods with Victorian hymn tunes, but does not say if the church congregations were increased by eradicating the offending tunes; I may say that a similar change of hymn book at Cawthorne caused a substantial drop in the congregation and we have now reverted to a new hymn book which contains hymn tunes old and new. No mention has been made of the possibility of acquiring new members for 'The Ringing World' by means of the Methods Committee's action. Perhaps some old subscribers may be lost, but in the fight for right there are inevitably casualties which I suppose the Central Council will bravely bear.

The Minor peal columns make interesting reading. Rarely do we see a peal in seven different methods excepting by the crack bands, the reason being that in Treble Bob only Oxford and Kent remain as full lead methods. Surely the Methods Committee occasionally glance at the Minor peal columns.

Mr. C. K. Lewis in his report has obviously taken much trouble to present a case against irregular methods, but is definitely biased in his opinions, and as work in regular methods is taken largely from irregular methods, his case will not hold water.

The Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax and District Society are definitely six-bell organisations and we should welcome news of other Minor dominated societies.

In conclusion, I should like to take up a point raised by the writer of the first leading article, who said the question of favouring regular methods was largely tradition. I suggest you open Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' pages 370–371, which gives details of peals rung at Darfield, 1812; Wath-upon-Dearne, 1815, 1816; Bingley, 1826, of numerous methods, 'many not now considered regular.' Is not this tradition? These lads were ringers!

On page 363 Mr. Morris gives the following lines from an old MS:—

'Because there's peals of twelve in town
Shall five or six bells ne'er be rung?
I think 'tis a very stupid thing
Of men that take delight to ring
To rail at variety.'

All right, Mr. Felstead, Let t' battle commence!—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read ('Ringing World,' June 12th) that the report of the Methods Committee went through without a lot of 'acrimonious discussion.' From reports since published, it appears that there was very little discussion, acrimonious or otherwise, concerning the vitally important subject of so-called irregular Minor methods.

One wonders if the members of the Council would have accepted with equal complacency a more justifiable proposal from a hypothetical committee composed primarily of six-bell ringers that: 'In view of the poverty of its music and the sterility of its composition we shall no longer recognise Cambridge Surprise Major.'

I can quite understand E. A. B. finds it 'dicult to put into words any better reason than tradition' for disallowing so-called irregular Minor methods, but shudder to think what a queer world it would be if everyone adopted attitudes without justification.

I find it piquant that ringers should be asked to produce reasons for ringing irregular Minor methods, but none for condemning them.

To say that there are 'far more regular methods available than anyone can possibly need,' when a group of monstrosities, of little or no practical use to the average ringer and incapable by themselves of producing an extent of Minor, has been concocted in order to fulfil the demands of a fractional percentage of record-breaking experts, makes strange reading indeed.

In 1929 I was a member of the local band at Felkirk, Yorkshire, which rang in 12 months upwards of 250 720's in different methods (I myself rang in about 240 of them). Seeing that the number of regular methods on Minor that will produce an extent is in the region of 180, it is obvious that in order to equal or exceed that record irregular methods must be rung.

I suppose I ought to be grateful to the Central Council for ensuring that the record remains for all time!

In the absence of any specific reasoning by the Methods Committee perhaps we should turn to those given by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, at the seventh ringers' rally at Bournemouth on May 23rd, as reported on page 365 of 'The Ringing World.'

'What the Council did was to say what produced the best music from the bells and recommended to the members what it was desirable or not desirable to ring.'

And further in the same paragraph:—

'The Council could not lay down the law, but it tried to recommend that the methods that were rung were as musical as possible and as pleasant to the public ear as possible.'

Words of wisdom about which no one would quarrel.

That these statements 'exclude' most, if not all, irregular methods in Major and above is recognised by everyone, but Mr. Lewis and the Methods Committee know full well that neither they, the Central Council, nor a section of the public, including Sir John Barbiroli and the Halle Orchestra, could tell the difference MUSICALLY between a regular and irregular Minor method.

For why? There just is none!

In conclusion, let me say that a person who cannot see that the Central Council (including the Methods Committee) has done, is doing and will continue to do excellent work must be suffering from mental myopia, but in this country, this citadel of democracy, it is, I presume, the duty and privilege of everyone to criticise what he considers unfair or unjust, and at the risk of being unpopular I still maintain that in this instance the Central Council is wrong, especially when it can produce no 'convincing reasons' to the contrary.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 of Plain Bob, 360 of April Day and 540 of Grandsire): W. Absolom 1, J. Godman 2, F. Smith 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. D. Wells and Miss E. Townsend.

PRESENTATION TO CANON C. CAREW COX

Lyme Regis Ringers' Appreciation of 25 Years' Service

On Saturday, July 18th, twelve members and friends of St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, set out in two cars into Devon and Somerset for their annual outing. This year the members had decided to run the outing at their own expense so that the money generally contributed from parochial funds for this purpose might be given to the Bells Restoration Fund.

Wellington, the first tower visited, was reached after a journey along some narrow winding lanes over the Blackdown Hills. Meanwhile the leading car, having taken a wrong turn, found itself in Buckland St. Mary encountering even narrower lanes. The time table, however, was not put out and the bells were raised promptly at 9 a.m. The party here was joined by three other friends, Preb. E. V. Cox, Dr. E. L. Taylor and S. H. Green. Ringing on these bells was enjoyed for an hour and a half before the cars, now numbering four, began the ascent of the Quantock Hills to Milverton Parish Church, where the eight bells are somewhat out of tune. Despite this, some good ringing was achieved and a course of London was brought round in fine style.

An amusing incident occurred on the road from Milverton to Tiverton. One driver, who must have imagined himself to be Ascari or Stirling Moss, raced into the lead and would have reached South Molton had not the driver of the second car started the chase with one hand constantly on his horn. Before reaching Tiverton a stop was made for lunch on the banks of the Exe outside Bampton. In the afternoon all our expectations were fulfilled of a fine ring, and very appreciable comments were passed about the bells. Ringing here was followed by a salad tea.

Uffculme was where the first stop was made after tea. As this was the last time when Canon Cox would be accompanying them as their Vicar, the ringers had decided to present him with some token of gratitude for all the great work he had done in their interests. When everyone had assembled in the belfry at Uffculme the presentation was made. Mr. C. W. Powell, on behalf of the ringers, formally thanked Canon Cox for his 25 years' devoted service in the Lyme tower. Mr. G. H. Whitemore, the oldest member of St. Michael's Guild, then presented Canon Cox with a shooting stick suitably inscribed.

In reply, Canon Cox, who was taken quite by surprise, spoke on how it had always been his aim to establish a competent change ringing band in his own tower and thanked all the members who had made this possible. It would be his greatest joy, he said, to see the church in which he had served so long with a peal of bells worthy of the ringers who would ring them. Preb. E. V. Cox then thanked Canon Cox on behalf of the visitors who had been invited to join the party and for the tea which he provided.

St. Andrew's, Cullompton, with its ring of ten bells, was the last tower visited. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking all incumbents for the use of their bells and the local ringers of each tower for making the party so welcome.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Royal, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lyme, Rutland, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Double Norwich.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 19th, the last quarter of Holt's Original: G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, G. Daynes 3, G. Ashdown 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, F. Hurrell 7, E. Long 8. For Evensong, and also for the engagement of Miss Coralie Smith to Mr. Brian Seamon, and an 83rd birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Daynes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE MAN BANDS

Dear Sir,—It is a pity there are these types of men and there is not much you can do about it, or is there?

I know, among others, one of the most delightful O.M.B.'s, and this is intended as a sincere compliment to him and a warning to all others.

Recently I was having tea, reading 'The Ringing World' and listening to a lovely eight (tenor 26 cwt.) well up a Cheshire river, and recalled to mind several O.M.B.'s, one in particular, but with the difference that he knows more than a few touches, he has called many peals, he does visit other towers and also encourages his ringers to visit them; but he has all the other qualifications mentioned.

I had not intended replying to the above, but on Sunday it was mentioned that the O.M.B. was in very good form the previous Saturday.

Coming back to the important question of 'or is there anything you can do about it?' my answer is 'Yes,' and this is how it was done. The tower had quite an array of good ringers, some very good, and was quite recently honourably mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' Here the good pupils had been told many times, 'There was no bob there,' and 'You were in the slow when you ought to have been quick bell in,' and all the other stock-in-trade of the O.M.B.

Well, the youngsters began to put their heads together and check up, and when the O.M.B. said one was wrong, one of the others would come down on him well supported by the others and soon convinced O.M.B. that he was wrong. Sometimes O.M.B. would shout so loud and try to say too much that he got himself tied up. He has shouted a good many into ringing and I don't know of any he has shouted out.

Moral: (1) Don't shout if you don't know what you are shouting about. (2) Don't be shouted down, if you do.—Yours,

FRANK STENSON.

WASHBROOK SURPRISE PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read in your issue of July 24th the re-recording of the peal in the above method rung at Caversham forty years ago. Living at Caversham at that time and ringing with the band, I learned the method with them and was outside the tower with others when the peal was rung.

I agree with the composer's claim that it is more difficult than London and more musical than Superlative. There was at the time considerable argument going on in the ringing Press and among ringers because of it being termed a Surprise method. Perhaps that was why no other peal of it was rung.

It seems a pity that such a valuable piece of method building should be lost because of a name and one wonders if some present-day enthusiasts could not revive it and ring some more peals in this fine method. Why not?

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham.

CRICKET ENTHUSIASTS

Dear Sir,—'Cricket Enthusiast' heard St. Peter's bells, Bournemouth, on Saturday, July 18th.

They were heard during the midday commentary being rung by an outing party of ringers from Fairford, Glos. During the afternoon commentary the bells were again heard being rung for a wedding by the St. Peter's band and afterwards by Winchester Cathedral ringers also on outing.

I gather that our bells were heard far afield during their unofficial broadcasts on this day.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS,
Tower Captain,
St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

WELCOME AT LLANDUDNO

Dear Sir,—Twice within the last four years I have spent my annual holiday at Rhyl, and each time I have visited Llandudno for a ring. On each occasion I met with the greatest kindness and was invited to ring and conduct in Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major. Each time learners had a practice first, and then left the tower to the more advanced ringers. This local arrangement, which I gathered was the usual procedure, did not concern me, for visitors must take things as they find them. So I can quite understand that on Coronation Day the young ringers may have had their pull first, according to their usual custom.

At Rhyl the same kindly spirit prevailed and at each meeting I was always given the opportunity of conducting in whatever method was being rung. Further, in 1951 the ringers of Llandudno and Rhyl arranged for a ring at Bodelwyddan—the Marble Church—and kindly invited me to call a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. At this famous church I looked on this as a great privilege, especially as it was the first quarter of Triples for two young ladies from Rhyl.

Certainly these ringers of North Wales lack nothing in the way of good fellowship.—Yours sincerely,

W. POSTON.

Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. A. Crocker's letter, 'A cordial welcome at Llandudno,' I am pleased to point out that I have always had 'the usual welcome' each time I have gone to Holy Trinity Church to ring.

With regard to your suggestion of 'some good reason not disclosed' for the walk out on Coronation Day. I am forced to remark that it did not reveal the best of 'belfry spirit.' If the captain had apologised and made a reasonable excuse as to why it was impossible to continue ringing, I should have been satisfied. The action of the other ringers (all learners) in putting on their coats and following him down seems to suggest a prearranged action.—Yours sincerely,

A. BURTON.

Worsley, Manchester.

ST. PETER'S, LISS

Dear Sir,—To commemorate the bicentenary of the recasting and augmentation of the five back bells at St. Peter's, Liss, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on July 28th.

Prior to 1753 there were three old bells in this tower, the age of which we are unable to find out. During that year a certain Charles Coles gave by will £100 towards the recasting of the three bells and casting two more to make a ring of five, also timber for a new frame. This work was carried out by Lester and Pack.

In 1897 a new treble was added by the parishioners of Liss in memory of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. This bell was put in by Mears and Stainbank, who rehung the whole ring at the same time. These bells still go extremely well.

In St. Mary's Church we have a modern ring of eight bells installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1938. I wonder how many villages are privileged with an ancient and modern ring like this. I might add that any band of ringers who come this way on their annual outings are always welcome to ring at either of these churches.—Yours truly,

A. BETSWORTH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, L. Pryke 2, F. Mortlock 3, F. Day (first quarter in method) 4, F. Boreham 5, E. Cracknell 6, W. Jarvis 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. A birthday compliment to E. Cracknell.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 15th, 1913

A NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE

The performance of Miss Hilda Willson in ringing two peals, one of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Caters, in one day is another remarkable tribute to the prowess of lady ringers. Speaking 'without the book,' we are not sure that such an achievement has ever before been attained by a member of the fair sex, but . . . when one considers the age of this young lady, the feat appears little short of remarkable. . . .

[Miss Willson, daughter of William Willson, of Leicester, was only 14 years old at the time. The fact that the Stedman Caters was later found to be false does not detract from the merit of the performance.]

MR. C. ERNEST SMITH'S 500 PEALS

It has taken Mr. C. Ernest Smith 27 years to complete his 500 peals, his first being rung at Haslemere in 1927. In these peals he has been associated with 423 ringers in 172 towers with 41 conductors.

Minor.—Plain Bob 1 (conducted 1), three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 3, eight methods 1, ten methods 1. Surprise: London 1 (1), Cambridge 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 21 (4), Stedman 74 (4).

Major.—Double Norwich 24, Plain Bob 8, College Single 1, Canterbury Pleasure 2, Kent Treble Bob 23* (2). Surprise: London 67 (5), Bristol 44 (8), Cambridge 31 (3), Superlative 16 (2), Yorkshire 31 (8), Guildford 6† (1), Dublin 3 (1), Double Dublin 1, Reverse Dublin 1, Surrey 2, Norfolk 4, Lincolnshire 4 (3), New Cambridge 3 (1), Melbourne 1, Ashtead 5 (1), Painswick 2 (1), Boveney 1, Pudsey 2 (1), Rutland 2 (1), Ipswich 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (2), Aldenham 2 (1), Watford 1 (1), Chiltern 1 (1), Berkshire 1 (1), Shalford 1 (1). Spliced: Two methods 1, three methods 1, four methods 12.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 26‡.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 10 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 21 (3), Yorkshire 8 (1), New Cambridge 1, Albanian 1, Painswick 1, Lincolnshire 1, Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 5.

Maximus.—Surprise: Cambridge 2, York 1.

Total: 500 (conducted 63).

* Including 6,048 and 10.432. † Including 6,144. ‡ Including 10.025.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch at East Knoyle

Stormy weather did not keep ringers away from the meeting at East Knoyle, near Shaftesbury, on July 18th. Some 22 members of the Salisbury Branch and visitors mostly from North Dorset were present at the service, tea and meeting, and others also joined in the ringing before and afterwards.

East Knoyle has a fine old church which was probably the first one Sir Christopher Wren looked at, as he was born here when his father was Vicar. It possesses a very pleasant ring of six, hung anti-clockwise. Ringing was also enjoyed during the afternoon and evening at Hindon, with its light and fast-running six. Some found ringing call-changes 'off the cards' at Knoyle as intricate as the Cambridge that was tackled later! We are glad, however, that there are some young recruits here, and it is hoped to build up a change ringing band again.

At the business meeting three new members were elected: Mr. A. E. Kemish, of Whiteparish, Robin Moreland, of Salisbury, and Susan Farmer (aged 8½) as a member of the Wilton band. The chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles, reported two peals rung in the branch on Coronation Day.

Votes of thanks were passed to the two Vicars for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of East Knoyle, the Rev. B. C. D. Palmer, also for taking the Guild service.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 202)

Not many of our Leicestershire friends are aware that the earliest recorded peal of Doubles I can trace took place at Anstey, and this is how it was reported in 'The Leicester Journal' of September 27th, 1782: 'On Thursday last was rung at Anstey in this County, upon five bells, 5280 Grandsire Bobs in three hours and ten minutes.' It is a great pity no names were given. These old-time ringers had their own set of rules, which are quoted by Nichols, the historian:—

'Whoever takes a bell in hand,
Must first these orders understand.
Before you begin a bell to swing,
Off your hat, spurs, and girdles, be sure you do fling.
He that rings with his spurs on, his girdle or hat,
He must pay down two pence, be sure of that.
He that a bell doth overthrow, I say
Shall two pence pay the clerk without delay;
And he that doth a bell pull back again,
Shall surely pay down sixpence for the same.
If you refuse the stated sum to pay
Presented you shall be, the next Court-day.'

Anstey tenor bell has the distinction of being one of the few—if not the only—church bell with the name 'King Edward VIII.' upon it. Leicester Cathedral tenor originally had it, but on his abdication this was carefully filed off and 'King George VI.' incised in place thereof.

GREAT BOWDEN

Another Leicestershire five-bell tower not heard of much these days is Great Bowden. Here the ropes originally fell in an awkward order, the treble coming down in the middle with the other four at each corner of the tower. They were, however, rehung in 1926 and now fall correctly and the present writer called the first peal on them in that year. The old ringers here had their rules in verse thus:—

'Whoe'er designs harmonious Bells to Sound,
In tuneful changes or the merry Round,
These Orders must Observe.
If you get Drunk and hither Reel,
Or by your Brawl disturb the Peal,
Or with *mumlungeous horrid Smoak,
You cloud the Room, and Ringers Choak.
Or if you dare profane this Place
By Oath, or Curse, or Language Base,
Or if you can presume in Peal
With Hatt, or Coat, or armed Heel:
Or turn your Bell in careless way
For each Offence shall Two Pence pay;
To break these Laws if any hope
May leave the Bell, and take the Rope.
Thomas Buckby, Edward Englehern, Churchwardens. N.B.—He who plucks his Bell over when turn'd, shall Pay six Pence.'

* Stinking tobacco.

The following lines are from St. Nicholas' Church, Austrey, Warwickshire, by a very young writer:—

'Before you begin a bell to sway,
Hats, spurs, girdles, you must lay away.
And he that doth a bell overthrow,
Must pay a groat before he doth go:
He that will not these orders obey,
Bare-headed he must go, or four pence must pay.
Thomas Smith—Scripsit—age 9 years.'

SOUTHILL, BEDS

The following hangs on the wall of the belfry of Southill, Beds (North, 'Church Bells of Beds,' page 192):—

'Rules to be strictly observed by every one who enters this belfry.
We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to Grave,
Good is our use, such usage let us have.
He that wears Spur, or Hat, or Cap, or breaks a stay,
Or from the floor does by a bellrope sway,
Or leaves His rope down Careless on the floor,
Or nuisance makes within the belfry Door,
Shall sixpence forfeit for each single Crime,
'Twill make him carefull at another Time.
Whoever Breaks or injures any of the Handbells shall make the Damage good.
We Gentlemen Ringers are nobodys foes.
We disturb none but those who want too much repose.
Our music's so sweet, so enchanting to hear.
We wish there was ringing each Day in the Year.

To call the folks to Church in time we chime — three seven minute peals Stop one minute between, toll the Tenor four minutes, ring the Ting Tang three minutes. Total ½ an hour.

When mirth and pleasure is on the wing we ring,
At the Departure of a Soul, we Toll.

George Bryant, William Litchfield, John Litchfield, George Stacey, James Handscomb, James Finding, Ringers. John Hale, Sexton. David Dickens, Parish Clerk.'

These lines are to be found on the walls of the belfry at Much-Hadham, Herts:—

'Reade and Marke well these lines I pray
Keep full in mind Ye Judgment Day
Of all your sin confession make,
God's Pardon beg, for Christ his sake.
Now is the time while breath we have.
There's no repentance in the grave,
Then though our passing bell shall ring,
Praises to God we still may sing.
Amen and Amen.
Will Matthews, Church Clerke, Thom Hawkins, Sexton. Benj. Some, Writer, 1715.'

HASTINGS, SUSSEX

Over the belfry door in All Saints' Church, Hastings (Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 27):—

'I.H.S.

1.
This is a belfry that is free
For all those that civil be;
And if you please to chime or ring,
It is a very pleasant thing.

2.
There is no music play'd or sung,
Like unto bells when they're well rung:
Then ring your bells well, if you can
Silence is best for every man.

3.
But if you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you pay, be sure of that,
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a groat before you go. 1756.'

These rules are written with black paint upon the white wall. Only the first word of each verse begins with a capital letter.

Similar verses exist at Rye, Sussex, also at SS. Peter and Paul's, Osbournby, Lincs (North. 'Church Bells of Lincs,' page 597).

MIDDLETON, WARWICKS

On a board in St. John's, Middleton, North Warwickshire (Walter's 'Church Bells of Warwicks, page 190):—

'All you who are ringers
This do ye mark
He who throws O'er a bell
Pays a groat to the clerk
If with hat on or spvr you
Perchance should ring
You must pay two pence
For that very same thing
& for every oath taken
You one shilling do pay
Or be expell'd from the Belfry
Without and delay.
J. Hall, Clerk, 1782.'

ST. CLEER, CORNWALL

Painted on a framed panel in the tower of St. Cleer, Cornwall:—

'The Ringers Articles.
Wee ring ye Quick to Church
the dead to grave.
Good is our use,
Such usage let us have,
Who Swears, or curses
in an angry mood
Quarrell or strike
although he draw no blood
Who wears his hatt or
Spurs ore turns A bell,
Or through unskillfull
ringing, marrs A peall,
Shall forfett Sixpence
for each single crime
Twill make him cautious
against another time.'

Similar lines may be seen also at Northam, Devon.

The following lines we believe were first published in 'Practical Remarks of Bells and Bell-ringers,' by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. They may be welcome to some of our young readers.

He that in ringing takes delight,
And to this place draws near;
These articles set in his sight,
Must keep if he rings here.

The first he must observe with care,
Who comes within the door;
Must if he chance to curse or swear,
Pay sixpence to the poor.

And whoso'er a noise does make,
Or idle story tells;
Must sixpence to the ringers take,
For mending of the bells.

If any like to smoke or drink,
They must not do so here;
Good reason why, just let them think,
This is God's House of Prayer.

Young men that come to see and try,
And do not ringing use;
Must sixpence give the company,
And that shall them excuse.

He that his hat on his head doth keep,
Within this sacred place;
Must pay his sixpence e'er he sleep,
Or turn out with disgrace.

If any one with spurs to heels,
Rings here at any time;
He must for breaking articles.
Pay sixpence for his crime.

If any overthrow a bell,
And that by chance he may;
Because he minds not ringing well,
He must his sixpence pay.

Or if a noble-minded man,
Comes here to ring a bell;
A shilling is the sexton's fee.
Who keeps the church so well.

If any should our parson sneer,
Or wardens rules deride:
It is a rule of old most clear,
That such shan't here abide.

The Sabbath day we wish to keep,
And come to church to pray;
The man who breaks this ancient rule.
Shall never share our pay.

And when the bells are down and ceas'd,
It should be said or sung:
May God preserve the Church and King,
And guide us safely home.

N.B.—A printed and framed copy of these rules may be seen in the church tower of St. Wolfram's, Grantham, Lincolnshire (1764), and until just recently in the Church of St. Swithin, East Retford, Notts. In the latter it is either lost or stolen. H. H.

The following lines are in Gulval Church, Cornwall:—

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RINGERS' RULES—Continued

Good Sirs! our meaning is not small,
That God to praise assemblies call;
And warn the sluggard when at home,
That he may with devotion come
Unto the church and join in prayer;
Of absolution take his share.
Who hears the bells, appears betime,
And in his seat against we chime,
Therefore I'd have you not to vapour,
Nor blame ye lads that use the clapper,
By which are scar'd the fiends of hell,
And all by virtue of a bell.
You ringers all, observe these orders well!
He pays his sixpence that o'erturns a bell;
And he that rings with either spur or hat,
Must pay his sixpence certainly for that;
And he that rings and does disturb the peal,
Must pay his sixpence or a gun of ale.
These laws elsewhere in ev'ry church are used,
That bells and ringers may not be abused.

According to Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaisms and Provincialisms, 'gun' is a north country word for a large flagon of ale. 'Son of a gun' implies a merry, jovial drunken fellow.

ECTON, NORTHANTS

(North, 'Church Bells of Northants,' page 260)

In the belfry at Ecton there is a picture painted in colours on the plaster representing six ringers all in a row and each with his bell raised. They were attired—in the dress of a century and a quarter ago—in knee-breeches, stockings and buckled shoes, with the shirts well opened at the necks. The central figure is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings and a bunch of keys hanging from his 'fob.' On a bench to the left of the ringers stand a huge jug, a mug, and five clay pipes, with what appears to be a tobacco pouch. The remainder of their clothes appear on the floor. The central figure, said to be John Childes, is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings, and a bunch of keys hanging from his fob. There was a bell foundry at Ecton in the latter part of the 17th century. It was carried on by one of the Bagley family.

There were only five bells at Ecton previous to 1749, in which year the present treble was given by George Freeman, Esq. The chimes date from 1690. On the wall of the ringing room are two inscriptions. The first gives the names of the five ringers in 1721; under which are the lines: 'All you that come Into this place Thare names may read and not disface.' The second inscription is: 'April 21st, 1756. We the under written ring the First Six Bell peal 720 upon six bells of this parish; 1st Thomas Cox, 5ft. 6in.; 2nd, Thomas Collins. 5ft. 6½in.; 3rd. Iohn Childes. 5ft. 9½in.; 4th. Iohn Langly, 5ft. 6in.; 5th, Willm Smith, 5ft. 7½in.; 6th, Iohn Jelley, 5ft. 8in.'

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hemer 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, A. Read 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, J. G. Davis 6. Rung to mark the signing of the Korean Armistice.

BERROW, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Monir: J. Walton 1, F. Sweet (first in method) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, R. Short 5, F. Lufkin (cond.) 6.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Verney (first quarter) 1, M. S. Cloke 2, Miss B. Vidley 3, R. Crump 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, J. E. Chittenden 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cornwal' 1, Doreen Coker 2, F. D. Boreham 3, J. Kape 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton (first quarter as cond.) 6, A. Cox 7, R. Schofield 8.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On July 29th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Gapper 1, G. W. Lawers 2, H. O. Thomas 3, W. H. J. Edworthy 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, K. Sims 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

OUTINGS

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS

Hertford College Youths had an enjoyable day's ringing in Hampshire on June 27th.

Leaving Hertford at 6.15 a.m., the first stop was at Basingstoke, where the eight of St. Michael's were soon rung to methods to suit all. The ascent to the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Andover, proved too difficult for some of the older members of the party and the ringing here was limited to half an hour owing to a wedding. The next stop before lunch was at St. Mary's, Twyford, where three-quarters of an hour's good ringing was enjoyed. After a fine lunch at the Minster Cafe, Winchester, and a conducted tour of the Cathedral, the party journeyed to East Meon, where half an hour's ringing at All Saints' was enjoyed. The final ringing of the day was at St. Lawrence's, Alton, where an hour was quickly spent. Hertford was reached at approximately 10.30.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS

On Monday, August 3rd, the East Ilsley bell-ringers with visitors and friends set out on their annual outing. Dorset was the county visited. the first stop being Gillingham, which was reached in good time. Mr. J. Ralph met us and joined in the ringing. Sherborne Abbey was our next call, to ring on the heaviest ring of eight in the country (tenor 46 cwt.). It was on this noble bell that our tenorman, Walter, reached great heights with skill.

Lunch was ready for us when we finished ringing here and was enjoyed, as it was the day's first meal for most of the party. Milton Abbas was reached on time, where we rang on the eight (tenor 11 cwt.) at the Abbey Church. We overstayed at this beautiful Abbey, which made us a little late for our ringing at Blandford (tenor 20 cwt.). However, short touches here, so that we all had a ring, enabled us to catch up on time for tea.

Leaving Blandford for home, we spent a very happy hour at Hazelbury Bryan, where the Rector gave us permission to ring on his six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) at a minute's notice. These bells were a delightful ring and some excellent ringing was enjoyed by all.

The weather all day was first class, the scenery wonderful and food excellent, and we offer our thanks to all incumbents for the use of their bells, to the tower foremen for meeting us and making our day in Dorset one to be remembered. C. J. H.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

On Saturday, July 25th, the Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing. Travelling to Bedfordshire, their first stop was at Cardington, where various courses were rung on the very nice eight.

St. Peter's, Bedford, was next visited, and more Major and Triples courses rung, followed by an excellent lunch.

A trek was afterwards made for St. Paul's, where the ten were soon put to use. The final pull here—rounds for the local youngsters—was cut short by the tenor rope breaking.

Next on the programme was Kempston, where more ringing took place, followed by tea. At Gamlingay, Cambs, the party halted for refreshments whilst the M.C. hunted up the Vicar, who consented to a pull on his bells, which to the said M.C. sounded like the front six of an octave. Here the Minor ringers excelled themselves in Bourne, Netherseale and Cambridge.

Other methods rung during the day were Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich and Superlative.

To the incumbents and 'brother strings' who contributed to this enjoyable day we wish to say 'Thank you all.' G. H. S.

WEDDINGS

Major E. F. M. Sampson—Miss A. F. J. Read

On Saturday, August 1st, the marriage between Miss Audrie F. J. Read and Major E. F. M. Sampson took place at St. John the Evangelist's, Coulsdon, Surrey. The bridegroom's father (the Rev. A. M. Sampson) and the Rector (the Rev. A. Mitchison) officiated.

A short organ recital was given before the service. The bride was rung into the church with the bells (5) by the local band, and after the service the bells were rung by Coulsdon ringers and members of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers. The latter went for a successful peal of Bob and Grandsire Doubles after the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a white gown with crinoline effect and the three bridesmaids were in gold. Fortunately the rain held off long enough to enable the photographs to be taken. The happy occasion was not, however, marred by the weather, and after a reception at the local Council Offices the couple left for Somerset by car.

This was indeed a ringers' romance and marriage: both the bride and bridegroom are ringers and their original meeting occurred in Betchworth ringing chamber.

I feel I am expressing the wishes of all Major and Mrs. Sampson's ringing friends, especially in the S.A.C.R. and at Coulsdon, in offering them both hearty congratulations. D. J. P.

Mr. D. Davis — Miss F. Price

Members of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association of Church Ringers were greatly interested in the wedding at Clay Cross Parish Church on July 18th of Miss F. Price and Mr. D. Davis. The Rector of Ashover (the Rev. P. F. Pleming), a friend of the bride's family, officiated.

The bride was until recently secretary of the Association, and the bridegroom has also held office, as ringing master.

A well struck touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the bells by fellow members of the Association as the happy couple left the church.

Mr. John Davis — Miss Ann Peaty

In the presence of a large congregation, Mr. John Davis, the only son of Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of St. Peter's bell-ringers, Bournemouth, and Mrs. Davis, was married at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, to Miss Ann Peaty, also of Bournemouth.

Miss Mary Davis, also a ringer at St. Peter's, was one of the four bridesmaids, and Mr. Bruce Rogers was best man. Mr. Rogers has been a regular ringer at St. Peter's for many years, but is shortly leaving Bournemouth to take up a position in York.

Another ringer, Mr. Andrew Pearman, A.R.C.O., was the organist. The wedding service was fully choral and the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A., R.D.) officiated. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. E. Peaty.

The happy couple were the recipients of many lovely and useful wedding gifts, and during the reception held at Bobby's Restaurant the best man was kept very busy reading nearly forty greeting telegrams. After a short honeymoon, which is being spent in Jersey, C.I., during which they will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brayshaw (former St. Peter's members), Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis will return to Bromsgrove, where the bridegroom is on the staff of Bromsgrove High School.

Mr. John Cole, deputy captain of St. Peter's ringers, arranged for the bells to be rung as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and the excellent striking was heard and approved by many ringers on 'other duties' at that time.

GODMANCHESTER BELLS REDEDICATED

The bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Godmanchester, Hunts, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Wynn) on Friday, July 17th. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have retuned the bells and erected them in a new frame.

The service started with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.' Prayers were said by the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Disney) and the lesson read by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon (the Ven. J. W. P. Jones). After Psalm 150 a procession was formed and, headed by the crossbearer and including the ringers, the visiting clergy and the Bishop, proceeded to the ringing chamber.

The rededication ceremony having been performed, the Bishop handed the ropes to the Vicar, who in turn passed them to Mr. J. Witney (the local captain). The bells were then rung in rounds.

To the singing of the hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' the procession returned to the choir. The sermon, preached by the Ven. Adam Fox, Archdeacon of Westminster, was preceded by the carol, 'Ding, dong merrily on high.' The service concluded with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.

It was a great disappointment that owing to a transport breakdown on the way, the representatives of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were unable to be present.

On the Saturday afternoon following, the Hunts District ringers held their monthly meeting in the tower. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and a service was conducted by the Vicar at 4.30, followed by tea provided by local ladies. In the evening the bells were kept going in various methods from rounds to Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise. Visitors and members from six surrounding counties were present and all expressed their delight on the tone and 'go' of the bells.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM ARROW

Mr. Tom Arrow, captain of the Betchworth, Surrey, ringers for 22 years, was unfortunately killed in a road accident while cycling to work on Friday, July 31st. He was born in the village in 1878 and had lived there all his life. He started to ring in 1896 and had thus completed 57 years as a ringer in Betchworth tower, being a most regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights.

Tom, as he was affectionately called by his many friends, was a real countryman of the old English type, friendly, reliable and always willing to give voluntary help where needed. He took an active interest in everything connected with his beloved village and had served on the Parish Council since 1939. He had rung at least three peals and a large number of quarters, mostly Grandsire.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, Aug. 5th and was attended by a very large gathering of local residents. The Surrey Association was represented by Messrs. C. J. Champion, C. S. Hoad, E. G. L. Coward and A. P. Cannon, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. G. Hoare, himself a ringer.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major by the following ringers: Rev. K. G. Hoare, Messrs. W. B. Judd, A. Stovell, C. J. Champion, C. S. Hoad, F. T. Hoad, A. T. Shelton, E. G. L. Coward, W. Inwood, E. Grey and A. P. Cannon. In addition rounds were rung with four girls and three boys, whom Tom Arrow had been teaching to ring during the last few months.

He will be greatly missed in the parish, as wherever there was a job to be done Tom was there to help. As a resident remarked after the funeral, 'There'll never be another like Tom Arrow.' A. P. C.

FOR BEGINNERS—
And a Word to the Older Hands

XXXVI.—EXTENDING CHANGES FROM FOUR TO FIVE BELLS

A good deal has been written in the columns of 'The Ringing World' as to the relative advantages of teaching beginners on an odd and an even number of bells. In the last article of this series we showed how changes were produced on an even number of bells, namely, four.

Let us now see how this four-bell ringing can be simply applied to five bells. There are two ways in which the method shown for the four bells can be adapted to five. Both have the same principle of plain hunting for all the bells between the leads of treble. But while in one case, when the treble leads, 2nds place is retained, which causes one of the bells to lie four blows (two whole pulls) behind over the dodging bells, in the other the 'place' is pushed out to 3rds and comes a half-pull later. This, in turn, pushes the dodging from 3–4 to 4–5, and the extra bell is absorbed, if we can use the term, by continuous plain hunting, like the treble.

The following figures show the difference in the methods which occurs when the treble leads:—

A	B	C
	5 3 4 1 2	5 3 4 1 2
3 4 1 2	3 5 1 4 2	3 5 1 4 2
3 1 4 2	3 1 5 2 4	3 1 5 2 4
1 3 2 4	1 3 2 5 4	1 3 2 5 4
1 3 4 2	1 3 5 2 4	1 2 3 4 5
3 1 2 4	3 1 2 5 4	2 1 3 5 4
3 2 1 4	3 2 1 4 5	2 3 1 4 5
	2 3 4 1 5	3 2 4 1 5

A is the method we gave in the last article, which produces the extent of changes on four bells.

B is the same method applied to five bells, with its 2nds place, the dodging in 3–4 and the extra bell lying four blows behind. The three-bell cycle of work in A becomes a four-bell cycle in B, the four blows behind occurring between the dodge in 4–3 and the dodge in 3–4.

C is the method with 3rds instead of 2nds. There are two hunting bells instead of one and, in practical ringing, when the treble is met, the other 'hunt' bell is always the next to be looked for. There are only three bells in the working cycle, which can be compared with the changes on four bells, thus:—

	On 4 bells	On 5 bells
First lead	2nds place	3rds place
Second lead	dodge 4–3	dodge 5–4
Third lead	dodge 3–4	dodge 4–5

We would like beginners to try constructing plain courses of these methods on paper. Both on four and five bells the method with 2nds place begins 2 1 3 4. In the method with 3rds, however, the place falls not exactly at the treble lead, but between the two hunts, that is to say, with one blow when the treble leads and the other when the hunt bell leads. This, therefore, requires 3rds place to be made immediately upon starting, and the bells go off, not 2 1 4 3 5, but 2 1 3 5 4.

Here are the first two or three rows of the methods:—

A	B	C
1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3	2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4
2 4 1 3	2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5

Now write out the plain courses, following the rules of construction which require plain hunting except when the treble leads in A and B, and immediately after the treble's lead in C.

(Concluded)

THE BELLS OF BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY

Situated at the foot of the southern slopes of the North Downs is the old-world village of Bletchingley, where a sense of peace and quietude prevails. The tower is early Norman in its lower storey, dating back to about 1090, but the battlemented portion is modern.

When Henry VIII. welcomed Cardinal Wolsey at Bletchingley on his return from Rome in 1521 the bells, presumably four in number, rang out from the Norman tower, and it is recorded that the sum of 2d. was paid to the bell-ringers for ale when 'they welcomed the King's Grace' that day.

At one time the tower had a tall timber spire, but the parish register records that 'the Stepell was burned the XVII day of November, 1606,' after being struck by lightning. It also relates that it 'did in a very short time burne the spire,' and as a result the bells were lost, for the recording ends, 'and melt to infinite fragments a goodly ring of bells.'

The Royal Inventory of 1553 recorded, 'Item yn the styple ffower bells.'

The present ring of eight dates from 1780, when Thomas Janaway, of Chelsea, cast an octave for this church, but five of these were recast in 1912. The tenor is 18 cwt. in E.

Ringing is done from the ground floor and the ringers are shut off from view by a curtain. To reach the bells means a climb up the long open rung metal ladder from the floor of the tower.

Shortly before the outbreak of war in September, 1939, it was found that the bell frame was badly affected by death-watch beetle. Restoration was, of course, out of the question, and the bells (except one) were lowered to the ground in order that they could be protected from damage by enemy aircraft. They were buried in sand and protected by a brick wall as a precaution against bombing.

Restoration work included a new oak bell frame, for the old one lasted nearly 350 years. Timber for the new frame was grown in the neighbourhood and sent to Fleet, Hants, for preparation, after which the present frame was constructed. The bells were sent to Croydon for renovation after being dug up and, if the writer remembers correctly, they pealed forth from the old tower again during Easter, 1948.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Southern District on August 8th, held at Alderminster and Tredington, was very successful, helped in no small way by the glorious weather. Besides the usual district towers being represented, we were honoured with the company of ringers from Nuneaton, Hinton-on-the-Green, Malvern, Charlbury, St. Albans, etc.

About 40 attended the service and some accepted the Rector's kind invitation to have tea on his lawn. Ringing to suit all tastes was arranged by the Ringing Master, who fixed up rounds for the learners and methods including Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and London for the more experienced.

Thanks are extended to the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Alderminster, and to the Rector of Tredington for the use of the bells. R. J. E.

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, August 15th, Chailey (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Practice meeting at Pawlett, Aug. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short. 2987

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Repton (8) on Aug. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea **must** notify Mrs. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, Derbys, before Thursday, Aug. 20th. 2994

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided without previous notification. Evensong 7.30 p.m. 2993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury and Long Newton, Aug. 22nd. Service 4.30. Bells open at Long Newton 3 p.m., Tetbury 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, Cirencester. 3001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 22nd. (Please note change of date and place of meeting.) Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Otter at 5 p.m. Very important business to discuss and all members are asked to attend.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2967

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 2995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne. August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Five Bells. Names to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 2971

LANCASHIRE ASSDCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton Christ Church on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Thursday, Aug. 20th, to Mr. J. Lunham, Primrose Cottages, near Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2980

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea at 5 p.m. to Miss Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, please. 2991

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Cookham, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at Vicarage. Names by Aug. 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3002

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, Glinton, August 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than August 18th. to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 2962

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Limpsfield Chart, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Buses: 464 from Westerham, 2.20; 465 from Edenbridge, 3.21; 410 from Westerham (change at Limpsfield). Names for tea, by August 19th, to L. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Limpsfield.—C. Champion, R. Whitehead, Dis. Secs. 2968

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Hastings (8). Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Aug. 19th to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2992

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlesbury, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2960

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Ringing festival at Westhoughton, Aug. 23rd. Bells from 1 p.m. Service at 3; preacher, Rev. P. T. Robbins. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Assistant Secretary. 3003

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Abbotsbury, Thursday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing resumed 7.30 until 9. Names by Aug. 24th to J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2986

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by the 25th.—A. B. Peck. 3004

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Please notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2997

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District) and the HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters and E. C. Buck, District Secs. 2982

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Secs. 2994

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upton Pyne (6) available after tea. Names by Aug. 26th. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2984

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Victoria to Beckenham Junction or Charing Cross to Clock House, thence 227 bus.—A. Salter, Dis. Sec., 1, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans. 2988

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, by Aug. 26th to Mr. P. Hallam, 41, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester. 3000

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2998

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, August 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d. each) at 4.30. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Bells available: Hazelbeech, Naseby, Creaton, Spratton, Oxendon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Ravensthorpe, West Haddon, East Haddon, Watford, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Long Buckby, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. All towers open after tea, also Welford and Guilsborough.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 2959

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. —Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Spitalgate Police Headquarters, 3 p.m., followed by dinner at George Hotel 6.15 p.m., and social evening. Ringing from 10 a.m. Details later. Tickets for dinner 11s. 6d. each from secretary.—C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 2985

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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — I.

A review of events leading up to the formation of the County Association, by H. V. Frost (the Hon. General Secretary

THE first ring of eight bells in the county came into existence in 1674 at the Church of All Saints in Hertford, where on Monday, December 21st, 1724, the Peal of Tripples (5,040 changes) was rung by a local band, this being the first great performance of change ringing in the county. This was recorded on a board on the old tower (destroyed by fire in 1891), but has been overlooked by Snowdon (the historian) and, according to the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, was 'so evidently the false 5,040 from the 1703 "Campanologia."'

Two other instances of early rings of eight in the county are worthy of mention, Westmill and Bishop's Stortford. The former church contained eight bells about 1700, but were reduced to five again in 1838, while the latter contained eight in 1713, but we have no records concerning any peals being rung on either of these as rings of eight.

In 1729 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, the existing ring of six bells was recast, while later in the year two trebles were added, and on December 27th of that year the Society of College Youths from London opened them with a peal of Bob Major (5,040 changes), conducted by Benjamin Annable, and claimed it as 'the first whole peal that hath been rung in the County of Hertford.' The bells of St. Albans Abbey were augmented to eight in 1730 by the same founder (Richard Phelps), and they were rung from under the present ringing chamber from a gallery which was removed in 1833, and the bells were silent until 1871 when they were rehung.

Other early rings of eight were at Ware (1735), Aspenden (1736), Braughing (1745), Watford (1750), Hemel Hempstead (1758), Hitchin (1762), Rickmansworth (1765), St. Andrew's, Hertford (1782), Bishop's Hatfield (1786), Benington (1838), Great Berkhamsted (1839), Sawbridgeworth (1871), Barnet (1875), Baldock and Tring (1882).

Peals of Triples by local 'Youths' were rung at Braughing (1746), Aspenden (1764), St. Peter's, St. Albans (1767), Hitchin (1782), Hatfield (1790), Watford (1798), Rickmansworth (1805), Bishop's Stortford (1827), and local peals of Bob Major were rung at St. Albans Abbey (1765), All Saints', Hertford (1767–1782, including 7,056), Braughing, 1778 (10,080), 1779 (12,240), 1829 (6,160), Watford 1780, 1801 (6,160), and Treble Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Hertford, in 1782 (5,280) and 1783 (6,176), although the first peal of Treble Bob in the county had been rung in 1763 by the Junior Society of College Youths at St. Peter's, St. Albans, where also were rung the first Hertfordshire peals of Grandsire Caters (1788), Treble Bob Royal (1788), Stedman Caters (1857) and Kent Royal (1867), but the first peal on ten bells in the county by a local band was rung at Bishop's Stortford in 1830, being a 6,156 of Grandsire Caters.

The Hertford College Youths rang many other peals, as did the Watford Union Youths, who also rang peals at Rickmansworth (1798), Harrow (1810) and Hillingdon (1826). The St. Albans College Youths also rang peals in 1810 at St. Peter's and Hatfield. The famous Benington band was formed by Squire Proctor soon after the bells were augmented to eight in 1838, and in 1849 a peal of Double Norwich was rung, also Kent in 1851, Superlative (5,376 and 6,048) in 1855, Stedman Triples in 1865, London (6,048) in 1870 and 5,600 Cambridge in 1873. All were the first in the methods in the county and the latter was the first true peal of Cambridge ever rung.

Although the old ringing societies were very exclusive, it is recorded that the Hertford College Youths paid a visit to St. Albans in 1769, and in the following year the St. Albans College Youths returned the compliment and rang in the Hertford steeples. In 1779 the Braughing Youths rang their famous peal of 12,240 Bob Major on May 10th and this peal was annually commemorated for well over a hundred years by a Ringing Day. It is a well-known fact that Squire Proctor's band attained for over fifty years a combination of quality that gave rise to the saying, 'Braughing bells and Benington ringers.' Squire Proctor did much to encourage ringing in his day, and with his band attended many 'Great Ringing Days' at Lavenham and Saffron Walden, also many openings of new rings or augmentations such as at St. Albans in 1868 with the College Youths and Cumberlands when the twelve at St. Peter's were opened and again in 1883 when they were reduced to ten again after alterations. The Benington ringers, many of whom wore the old smock coats, rang as a band, each man to his bell, in methods that very few other ringers had even heard before.

At this period, the early 1880's, various local gatherings of ringers were being held at holiday week-ends, notably at Hertford and Sawbridgeworth, when ringers would attend from St. Albans, Benington, Waltham Abbey, Saffron Walden and London for a day's ringing which included a dinner given by one or other of the patrons of

ringing. The Hertford College Youths under Herbert Baker and with the support of Canon Wigram, the Bishop's Stortford Society under Henry J. Tucker, the Sawbridgeworth Society under Mr. George Rochester and Benington under Squire Proctor were all very active and, all these places being on the eastern side of the county near to the Essex border, it is not surprising to find that with the formation of the Essex Association in 1879 these bands soon joined the new Association, although many of them already were members of either the College Youths or Cumberlands.

An attempt had been made by Henry Lewis and E. P. Debenham at St. Albans in 1876 to form a change ringing society, and the St. Albans Amalgamated Association came into being with a paid instructor from London (J. R. Haworth), but after five years it lapsed. Local peals were rung at Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth in 1881, Hertford in 1882 and ringing was revived at Hitchin with W. A. Tyler as instructor in 1883 and soon afterwards at Baldock. St. Albans made a fresh start in 1883 when N. N. Hills came from Canterbury to live in the town.

Several letters appeared in 'The Bell News' at this period on the desirability of an association for Hertfordshire, and resolutions were passed at Hertford and Sawbridgeworth gatherings towards such a project. Messrs. W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), W. A. Tyler (Hitchin) and N. N. Hills (St. Albans) were very much in favour of it, and an attempt was made to get the Essex Association to transform itself into a diocesan association so as to take in Hertfordshire. (At that time Essex was part of the St. Albans Diocese, which had been formed in 1877.) This arrangement, however, did not appeal to the Essex ringers, so the Hertfordshire men were left to their own devices.

St. Albans Cathedral Society was formed on January 1st, 1884, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon W. J. Lawrance, with N. N. Hills as conductor, and in the following September at a meeting the desirability of forming a County Association for Hertfordshire was discussed, and the secretary (Mr. H. L. Waddington) was instructed to write to the change ringing societies in the county asking them to send representatives to a meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 29th, 1884, for the purpose of forming such an association. The meeting was duly convened at the Rectory, St. Albans, and ringers were present from St. Albans, Hertford, Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Ware, Baldock and Great Hallingbury (Essex). The Ven. Archdeacon W. J. Lawrance, Rector of St. Albans Abbey, presided. The Rev. W. Wigram (Hertford) proposed and Mr. N. N. Hills seconded that an association be formed, to be called 'The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.' This was agreed to. The Rev. T. G. Gibbons (St. Albans) suggested that the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. T. L. Claughton) be asked to become the president. The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance was elected as one of the vice-presidents and several other names were suggested. The committee was to be composed of the conductor of each band with one member elected by the said band. Mr. H. L. Waddington (St. Albans Abbey) was elected as treasurer, and the Rev. W. Wigram secretary, with Mr. H. Baker (Hertford) as his assistant. Meetings were to be held quarterly, one of them being the general meeting. The first quarterly meeting was fixed for January 21st, 1885, to be held at Hertford, when rules, etc., would be submitted by the committee. The thanks of the Association were tendered to the Archdeacon for presiding at this its inauguration.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
BASIL JONES	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	8
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C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	FRED E. COLLINS	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The conductor's 500th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	6
O. MICHAEL SLANEY	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
*ALLEN TWYMAN	3	DEREK OGDEN	8
*JOHN A. SOMERS	4	R. GORDON CORBY	9
ALAN PENDLEBURY	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal on ten bells.

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A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
NORMAN CHADDOCK	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th Surprise peal.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
*MARJORIE LEGG	3	LEONARD DERRICK	8
PERCY HULL	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Tenor*

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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On Mon., July 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	HARRY MILLATT	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	ARTHUR W. DAVIS	7
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4	*SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. DAVIS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal of Triples on the bells.

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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ..	7
ALAN CATTELL	4	THOMAS C. BELTON ..	*Tenor*

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GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
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WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

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Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. M. MOORE	..*Treble*	CECIL BARKER	5
EDWIN BUCK	2	*TERRY EARLE	6
*JUNE STARLING	3	*ALAN SYDER	7
JOHN LEEMING	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

NORMAN HAYES	..*Treble*	ALICE M. REED	5
*BERYL PITTAWAY (13) ..	2	BETTY M. FAITHFULL ..	6
MOLLY DENBY	3	†MICHAEL LAKIN (14) ..	7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ..	4	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. W. F. Shail and Mrs. Shail.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	..*Treble*	ROBERT E. COLES	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	2	DAVID J. KING	6
TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
J. ARTHUR HOARE	4	ROGER O. FRY	..*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
The first peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prescott, of Bath.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ..	..*Treble*	*JOHN R. COOPER	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
*MAISIE VANTOM	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	7
*OLIVE M. BOULDING ..	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Bob Major.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., August 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MICHAEL FULLER ..	..*Treble*	†F. ERIC ROBERTS	5
*GERALD BOWEN	2	†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	†LESLIE EVANS	7
†R. GEORGE MORRIS ..	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Guild.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., August 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDNER	..*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ..	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ..	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
*THOMAS F. STONE	4	B. ENID ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
* First on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	..*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON ..	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
HAROLD DENMAN	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHER E. ROWLEY.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ..	..*Treble*	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN E. BIBBY	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Allman.

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OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

LLANFIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
*JOHN E. ALLEN	3	CYRIL WANDER	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	*MAURICE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
JOHN B. BENNETT	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* 50th peal. The fastest peal of Major on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Morris.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., June 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2 extents each of Norfolk, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Hurdibras, Kennington, Leighford, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Costessy, Little Aston, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Newington, St. George's, Marchington and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL	*Treble*	BRYAN E. CARSON	3
JOHN H. JOYNER	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal in 21 methods.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 26 extents (10 callings) and 8 240's Morris's arrangement.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERNARD J. TOWNSEND	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	3
ANN BARR	2	HENRY O. BAKER	4
JOHN R. JOYNER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal on five bells. This is the fastest peal ever rung on tower bells for the Society.
Rung on the back five after meeting short for Minor.

OLD COULSDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), one 240 Morris's arrangement, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*†BARBARA J. MAYERS	*Treble*	COLIN J. CHAMPION	3
ROYDON DAVIES	2	*GORDON P. T. PETERS	4
†WILLIAM F. OATWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Major E. F. M. Sampson and Miss A. Read, both members of the local band. Also a farewell peal to Miss B. J. Mayers, who is shortly going abroad.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*WALTER RICHARDSON	*Treble*	JOHN HARROLD	3
ROGER OLD	2	ALAN C. COZENS	4
IVOR J. DICKIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of St. Cecilia on the first anniversary of the installation of the new treble bell.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES W. GOUGH	*Treble*	*FREDERICK VICKERS	4
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR
Being 7 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Tenor*	PETER WOOD	4
TERRY EARLE	2	STANLEY BONES	5
ALAN SYDER	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
First peal in the method by all on the bells and in the county.
Rung in honour of the conductor's 12th wedding anniversary.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon. August 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	4
*JUNE S. STARLING	2	*JOHN R. LEEMING	5
PETER L. WOOD	3	*†TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal.
Rung for the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Earle, the conductor's parents.

WEARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 9 six-scores each of Stedman and Reverse Canterbury, 12 of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire, and 240 of Morris's arrangement.
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS	*Treble*	MARJORIE LEGG	4
RONALD H. GARDENER	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
GWILYN G. SALMON	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., August 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, wtih five different callings, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	†E. JOHN WELLS	4
*JAMES F. DODSON	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
†ROLAND W. MORANT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor and on the bells.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., August 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 30 methods in seven extents: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College; (2) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob: (3) Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (4) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (5) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob; (6) Hereward, Oxford and Court; (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

C. WILLIAM NUTT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in 30 methods by all and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

DIPTFORD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. HARVEY	*Treble*	WILFRID C. BOUCHER	4
*GERALD A. UGLOW	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT	3	†C. DAVID CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor's first peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEILO,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob, eighteen 120's of Grandsire (10 callings) and six 240's of Pitman's and Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN PRICE	*Treble*	J. ARTHUR HOARE	4
EDMUND MORRIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
RALPH SCUDAMORE	3	ALFRED REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's, 24 extents of Plain Bob, 10 extents of Grandsire and one each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	‡ROLAND W. MORANT	3
†EILEEN M. TURNER	2	§GEORGE L. GROVER	4
		‡E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal in six methods. § First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal in six methods on the bells. The greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal of Doubles for the Guild, and the longest peal of Doubles ever rung for the Guild.



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RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
JUNE STARLING	2	PETER WOOD	5
*TERRY EARLE	3	*ALAN SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SYDER.
* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN SUCKLING	*Treble*	LEONARD LADLEY	4
*HAROLD J. HAZELL	2	ARTHUR BULL	5
JOHN W. PARSLOW	3	BRUCE MCKIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRUCE MCKIE.
* 60th peal.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD HARRIS	*Treble*	*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	4
LUTHER J. HONESS	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
TOM SAUNDERS	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal in more than one method.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., August 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	*Treble*	‡JOHN R. COOPER	4
†MAISIE VANTOM	2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	5
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.
* First peal away from a 'covering' bell. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes.*
AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Five-part.
Tenor size 15.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	1—2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7—8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
Umpire: WILLIAM WENHAM.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
Being seven different callings.
Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		*WILLIAM HALL	5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † 50th peal 'in hand.'

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 537)

'Here Bells Melodius move with Art Sublime
And various numbers Beat in Mood & Time
Let Clamour cease the cause of dire Mischance
In Joyfull silence lead her mystic Dance
So Music raises her Majestic Strains
Whilst Notes Harmonious reach the distant Plaines.'

These lines are over the tower arch of the ringers' chamber of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton. (North, 'Church Bells of Northants,' page 350.)

TWO CHESHIRE TOWERS

As already shown, the old rules for ringers in whatever form they took were all designed for the betterment of the ringers themselves, their art and the holy place they practised in. Thus, these lines from All Saints', Daresbury, Cheshire, were copied and sent to me by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council:—

Dare not to come into this sacred Place,
All you good Ringers, but in awful Grace;
Ring not with Hatt, nor Spurs, nor Insolence;
Each one that does for ev'ry such Offence
Shall forfeit Hatt, or Spurs, or Twelvepence;
But who disturbs a Peal, the same Offender
Unto the Box his sixpence shall down Tender;
Rules such no doubt in ev'ry Church are us'd,
You, and your Bells, that may not be abus'd;

Peter Lowton
John Okell } Wardens,; 1730

Multa rogare, rogata tenere, retenta docere;
Hoc tria Discipulum faciunt separate Magistrum;

From the same source I am indebted for the following (St. Lawrence's, Frodsham):—

Rules for Ringers in Ge=
neral to be used in Frodsham Parish.
F–rom faults observe you Ringers well,
R–ing true and don't o'erturn your Bell;
O–n each default by him that's made,
D–own sixpence surely shall be paid;
S–wear not in this most sacred place,
H–ere come not but with awful grace,
A–nd whoe'er rings with Spur or hat,
M–ust sixpence pay or forfeit that.

Edward Moss
Samuel Buirchwood } Wardens 1776.

It will be seen that the initial letter of each line reads downwards to form the name Frodsham.

DUNSTER

The following is at Dunster, Somerset (Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 30):—

'You that in ringing take delight,
Be pleased to draw near;
These articles you must observe,
If you mean to ring here.

And first, if any overturn
A bell, as that he may,
He forthwith for that only fault
In beer shall sixpence pay.

If anyone shall curse or swear
When come within the door,
He then shall forfeit for that fault
As mentioned before.

If anyone shall wear his hat
When he is ringing here,
He straightway then shall sixpence pay
In cyder or in beer.

If any one of these articles
Refuseth to obey,
Let him have nine strokes of the rope
And so depart away'

'NINE STROKES OF THE ROPE'

One wonders what our young learners of today would say if a Ringing Master ordered 'nine strokes of the rope,' yet the above is not the only instance where such a rule was enforced. These rules were at Old Clee, Lincs (see North's 'Church Bells of Lincs,' page 359).

'Orders to be observed kept by ye Bell Ringers, in ye town of Clee, in ye county of Lincoln, from this 27th day of Novr. 1793, with ye consent of the Rev. J. Stockdale, Vicar. Richard Rowston, Churchwarden.

1 Any person yt shall ring a Bell with his hat upon his head, shall forfeit & pay 6d. to ye use of ye ringers.
2 Any person yt shall ring a Bell with his Spurs on, shall pay 6d. to use, &c.
3 Any person yt shall ring a Bell and break a Stay, shall make it good and forfeit 6d. for ye use &c.
4 Any person yt shall pull a bell off her stay, and cannot set her again, shall pay 6d. for ye use &c.
5 Any person leaving ye rope on ye floor forfeit 2d. &c.
6 Any person or persons who shall swear, lay wagers &c in ye ringing room, shall forfeit for every offence 3d. to ye use &c.
7 Any person yt shall read any of these Orders with his hat upon his head shall pay 6d. to ye use &c.

Clee: painted by Geo. Parker in the year 1793. Repainted by W. Hobson, 1874.'

A 'coult,' or knotted rope, until recently hung in the chamber. This was 'in the good old times' brought to bear on the shoulders and backs of refractory ringers.

Many years ago—47 to be exact!—the writer was passing along the country lanes nearby this ancient church, and although a ringer of higher numbers and methods, I never heard a grander and more solemn peal than the three old bells of Clee, chiming slowly o'er the breeze.

(To be continued)

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Edwin Bingley (first quarter, age 13) 1, J. Easley 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, F. S. Poole 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, L. Seabrook 6. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival of St. Lawrence.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, N. E. Smith 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, K. E. Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, M. Hatchett 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8. Rung to celebrate the signing of the truce in Korea.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 10 different callings: Mrs. T. Rushton 1, R. Billings 2, T. Rushton 3, F. Preece 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, S. Palmer 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 6.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Cusden (first quarter) 1, I. Taylor 2, B. Cracknell 3, J. Harmsworth 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, A. Tayler 6.

DODDERHILL, WORCS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. O. Lewis 1, J. Lindon 2, D. J. Potter 3, J. Eaton 4, F. Potter 5, F. Pugh 6, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 7, F. Crump 8.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Linsell 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Ellis 3, E. Rawlins 4, C. Watts 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Page 7, J. Allsop 8.

GUISELEY, YORKS. — On Aug. 7th, a quarter peal of Minor in three methods (Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor): Geoffrey Cooper 1, Miss Margaret S. Rhodes 2, Ernest H. Simpson (cond.) 3, Geoffrey Dixon 4, Percy Whitaker 5, William Dixon 6. First in three methods by all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Chaplin (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, Miss M. Shadrack 3, J. Gould 4, G. W. Moss 5, F. H. Erith (cond) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, on Aug. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Bryant 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss S. M. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant 4, R. Beaumont 5, R. Mann 6, K. Palmer (first as cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church on Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. A. M. Beauchamp 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, N. R. Bailey 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Knibbs (first quarter) 1, T. E. Roberts 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, F. C. Case 4, G. W. Holland 5.

LUBENHAM, LEICS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, All Saints', Old Bob, 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and 180 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, A. Cozens 2, G. Roome 3, J. Harrold 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On July 28th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Anita Norris 1, Cedric Murphy (longest touch in method) 2, Molly Denby 3, Norman Hayes 4, Alice M. Reed 5, Betty M. Faithfull 6, Reginald A. Reed (cond.) 7, Charles Taylor 8. Rung by a local band in honour of the birth of a daughter to Dr. Margaret Shail and the Rev. W. F. Shail, Rector of North Stoneham.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. P. Cannon 1, G. K. Dodd 2, R. Marlow 3, W. Theobald 4, H. Millatt 5, R. W. Rex 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Murrell 8.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Werrett (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Miss P. Willes 2, H. E. Werrett 3, Miss A. Willes 4, R. M. Dixon 5, M. A. Collings (first of Minor as cond.) 6, Miss J. Sanderson cover-bell. First quarter in method by all.

READING, BERKS.—On Aug. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. F. Diserens 1, B. C. Stirland 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, Miss E. W. Keyes (first of Surprise Major) 4, E. W. Colley 5, N. J. Smith (first of Yorkshire) 6, F. W. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to E. W. Colley, who is returning to Shrewsbury, having completed his National Service.

RUMNEY, MON. — On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. J. C. Reid (first quarter) 1, W. A. Jerrett 2, M. M. Reid 3, W. R. Speake 4, R. C. Lucas (cond.) 5, S. Shackell 6. Rung for the Confirmation service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jack Dunn 1, Mrs. Florence Smith 2, Arthur D. Fellows 3, Robert Lees 4, Raymond Smith (cond.) 5, Albert L. Dunn 6, Derek H. Watson 7, Richard Cooper 8. A 'farewell' to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving for service abroad.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, D. Sheldon 2, W. Slocombe 3, G. Coles 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. Rung for the wedding of the Vicar's daughter, Miss B. Hirst.

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Mr. E. Nobles writes that the so-called 'Kingsthorpe controversy' caused no friendships to be severed; in fact the whole affair had been a 'friendly difference' and was buried many weeks ago.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The news of the death of Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Hobart, Tasmania, will be received in this country with deep regret. Mr. Wilson retained the friendship of all the English ringers who participated in 'The Great Adventure' in 1934. In the ringing chamber of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, he had a large collection of ringing literature and photographs. Also in the belfry was a small bell, dated 1858, which was hung outside the house of Mr. Wilson's grandfather to warn the police of attacks by bushrangers.

The peal at the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, for the birthday of the Queen Mother was the first peal of Bob Major by a Northampton Branch band since 1939.

Participating in the peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints', Leicester, on July 30th, were four old boys of All Saints'—Messrs. Arthur and Alan Cattell and Messrs. Walter P. and Edward R. Whitehead.

Mr. E. J. Baker has resigned the captaincy of Holy Trinity, Nailsea (Somerset), tower after 59 years as a member of the tower and 21 years as captain. Mr. Baker still intends to continue ringing as long as he is able. Mr. L. Derrick has been appointed his successor and all correspondence should be in future sent to him.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfred Williams on ringing his 500th peal. It was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne for the Ancient Society of College Youths on August 3rd, the method being Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. The date conincided with the 24th anniversary of the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and it is interesting to record that Mr. Edward Jenkins rang the treble to both peals. All the band are also members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

The ringers of North Stoneham had hopes of ringing a local band peal in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. W. F. Shail. The ringing was not up to standard and the conductor (Mr. R. A. Read) called the bells round at half-way. This is the nearest the local band have got to a peal. Augmented by friends, the bells of North Stoneham, however, honoured the occasion on August 1st with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Two juniors of Winchester Cathedral band—Beryl Pittaway (13) and Michael Lakin (14)—were in the company and a good report is given by the conductor of their ringing.

Two peals were rung on the bells of All Saints', Stisted, on August 3rd. One was for the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Earle and the other for the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Suckling.

His many friends in the Exercise will be sorry to learn that Mr. T. Mark White, of Guildford, has been ordered to bed for six weeks. A few days before going to Guernsey for his holiday he had trouble with his right eye. A specialist has diagnosed this as an infection of the optic nerve and the treatment prescribed is complete rest and not using his eyes.

Mr. Arthur Prince has rung on every Royal occasion from the Jubilee of Queen Victoria; his first peal was rung at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester, for the passing of Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. To commemorate King George V.'s restoration to health after his severe illness, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Marshfield, Glos. An illuminated record of this peal was accepted by King George V.

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CONCERN OVER MEMBERSHIP DROP — POPULARITY OF GUILD BADGES — GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL BOOKCASE

THE 73rd annual meeting was held at Petersfield on July 25th and the glorious weather attracted over 80 ringers from all districts of the Guild. In addition, visiting ringers were present from Chichester, Penn, Buckland Newton, Guildford and Farnham.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger), a welcome was extended to the visitors. The Master was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers).

The members stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. G. Smith (Twyford), a former Guild auditor, who was interred the previous Monday.

The general secretary expressed his apology in having to postpone the date of the meeting, which, owing to unforeseen circumstances, could not be held at Petersfield on the agreed date of July 4th. The meeting accepted his reasons and endorsed his action in rearranging the date. Apologies for absence were read from the hon. auditor and librarian (Mr. A. York-Bramble), the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and several members.

The balance sheets, as printed in the annual report, were explained in detail by the hon. treasurer, and comparisons made with the financial positions at the end of the previous three years. One thing that was causing concern, he said, was the serious drop in membership as shown in the joint report of the Guild officers, and it was hoped by current reports of the district secretaries that this position would be improved during the present year. The accounts were adopted with one dissentient.

THE REPORT

The joint report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. general treasurer stated: The year under review, from reports received from the various districts, indicates a very useful contribution has been made to strengthen our position and to further the art of change ringing. Our total membership, we regret to say, has decreased from the previous year in so far as paid-up subscriptions indicate. The honorary membership has increased from 84 to 89, but ringing membership has decreased from 665 to 592. It is too early to say whether this is due to withdrawal or falling into arrears with subscriptions. Of the two reasons offered we hope the latter is correct and that during the next year this will be remedied. From the district secretaries' reports it appears that interest is being maintained, and in some cases increased, especially with the increase of juvenile members.

Financially, during the year our balance was reduced from £295 to £249, but due to the decision to adopt a guild badge a sum of over £41 was paid for the manufacture and purchase of these. In fact, the first issue was exhausted in a very short time, and due to demands from the districts another repeat order had to be made. Therefore our position should be fully recovered in this direction, since the sale of badges continues to be steady. The printing of the annual report continues to be a costly job, but it was felt that members would prefer to receive a copy gratis rather than make a charge and risk the chance of unsold copies being left in the hands of the secretaries.

RESTORATIONS

Restoration work has been reported from some of the districts. Completed work reported includes Brading (8), Arreton (6) and Chale (6) in the Isle of Wight, Bramley (8) and Baughurst (increased to 6). Winchester College bells have been restored, but unfortunately the restoration of the tower will not permit of the bells being rung for about another two years.

We should like once more to appeal to all towers to maintain Sunday service ringing, at least for one service. We note with pride that the ringers at Liss rang for every service during the year, with only one exception. This is certainly a magnificent example to follow.

By the time this report is in the hands of the members the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will have been installed and dedicated in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton. This we hope will bear witness to all who visit there of the great work done for the Guild by our late beloved Master. The bookcase will contain the library acquired by the Guild both from our late Master and other recent additions. We would report that during the past year the library has benefited by the addition of 29 items of books and papers from the late Wilfred Andrews, of Winchester.

THE WAR MEMORIAL

The war memorial panels to be added to the existing panel in the belfry at Winchester Cathedral are being prepared and our best thanks are due to Mr. Lampard for his expert advice and guidance in respect of the scheme, which it is hoped will be completed during the next year.

The ringing activities during the year can best be judged by the report of the recorder of peals. During the year the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has put in some considerable time in order to trace errors and omissions in the total list of peals rung by the Guild, and has compiled a complete and renumbered list which is now available for reference.

PEAL RECORDER'S REPORT

A further decrease in successful peal ringing is reported for 1952. During the year 30 tower-bell peals in 18 different towers and 17 hand-bell peals were rung.

These figures alone might not give a correct impression of the activities of the Guild, however, as the number of unsuccessful attempts was large, probably equal to the number rung.

The Guild paid homage to King George VI. in ringing five half-muffled peals. One of them, London Surprise Minor, at Titchfield, was the first of London on the bells, by all the band and conductor, Mr. T. Page.

The six at Arreton, I.O.W., were rung to their first peal with one of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. L. Bailey. One hundred and twenty-two members took part in ringing peals, 16 of them ringing their first peal and 65 'stars' being gained for 'first in the method,' etc. Of the 14 who conducted tower-bell peals, Mr. J. H. Hunt leads with a total of seven. Of the handbell peals, Mr. Daniel T. Matkin conducted 14, including one of Spliced Royal in seven plain methods, being the greatest number yet rung to a peal of Royal.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, presented a very interesting and comprehensive report of the Council meeting held at Bournemouth at Whitsun for which he received the special thanks of the meeting.

THE OFFICERS

It was with great regret that the members learned from the general secretary that the hon. auditor and hon. librarian (Mr. York-Bramble) had been compelled, owing to uncertainty of future residence, to relinquish these two offices. The hon. treasurer (Mr. Linter) expressed his desire to be freed from this office, owing to not being able to enjoy the best of health which prevented him from doing all that he would wish for the Guild.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Reed; hon. auditor, Mr. R. M. Currie; hon. librarian, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; recorder of peals, Mr. N. Hayes; representatives on Central Council, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. G. Pullinger, C. H. Kippin and F. W. Rogers.

A discussion took place on the proposal to print an abridged annual report owing to the high cost incurred in printing a full report as at present. Many were against reducing the size and suggested as an alternative that the subscriptions should be increased to cover such eventualities. Others felt that an abridged report every two years could be published and a full report with rules, etc., every third year. The matter was so indecisive that it was eventually agreed to defer any decision for a further twelve months.

It was agreed to transfer a sum of £55 from the Central Fund to the Special Purposes Fund to meet the expenses incurred by the George Williams Memorial and the Guild War Memorial panels.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The alteration of rules in the current annual report was adopted unanimously. The hon. secretary reported that there had been a good sale of the new Guild badge and some district secretaries had not sufficient to meet demands. He hoped the position would be adjusted by transfer from stocks held by the other district secretaries.

It was agreed to subscribe a sum of 10s. towards the cost of the Central Council's Roll of Honour to be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, and to pay the increased affiliation fee of £1 for each representative to the Central Council.

A grant of 5 guineas each was voted towards the restoration of the bells at Freshwater, I.O.W., and Preston Candover.

MRS. MARSHALLSAY CONGRATULATED

The meeting, on the proposition of the Master, expressed its congratulations to Mrs. M. Marshallsay (Bournemouth) in ringing 500 peals, and also to Mr. D. T. Matkin for the many handbell performances he had conducted for the Guild. The Master reminded the meeting that next year the Guild (including the former Winchester Diocesan Guild) had been in existence 75 years. It was eventually agreed, after several places had been proposed, to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on Saturday, July 3rd, 1954, the arrangements to be left in the hands of the Guild officers and Mr. J. A. C. King (Winchester).

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting and the incumbents for the use of their bells.

The Guild service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar, after which tea was partaken of in the Church Hall.

Ringing continued during the evening at Petersfield (8), East Meon (8), Privett (8), Liss (8 and 6), Steep (6) and Buriton (6).

LEICESTER WEDDING

Mr. E. Alan Jacques — Miss Hazel M. Hunt

The morning of Saturday, August 8th, dawned bright and glorious, and proved to be a great 'send-off' to the wedding day of Mr. E. Alan Jacques, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacques, of Woodhouse, and Miss Hazel M. Hunt, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hunt, of Leicester.

A large congregation gathered in the Church of St. Peter, Highfields, Leicester, for the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. W. Eaton. The hymns sung were 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.'

The bride, wearing a dress of satin brocade with a full-length train and carrying a shower bouquet of pink carnations, was given away by her 'ringing father,' Mr. Harold J. Poole. She was attended by two bridesmaids, who were dressed in light blue striped silk dresses and carrying shower bouquets of mixed sweet peas. The chief bridesmaid was sister of the bride. A further connection with the Ringing Exercise was the best man, namely, Mr. John R. Smith, also of the Cathedral band.

After the ceremony many guests attended the reception held in the Waterloo Hall. Singing, talking and handbell ringing followed, interspersed with Alan and Hazel, as the centre of attraction, being 'badgered' for the place where they were spending their honeymoon.

Soon we were to say farewell to the happy couple as they left for their unknown destination. A good 'send-off' was given to them by many 'youthful ringers.'

During the evening a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at the Church of St. Mary de Castro, due to the fact that there is only one bell at St. Peter's Church. The peal was conducted by Mr. Harold J. Poole.

Alan (better known, particularly to his Irish tour friends, as the kid from Wood'us), who is serving with the Leicester City Police Force, is a very enthusiastic ringer and has figured in most of the Maximus methods rung at Leicester Cathedral. He has obeyed the unwritten rule that the ringer must introduce his partner to the Exercise and, following on from this, Hazel is progressing in the art very well.

The honeymoon is being spent in Great Yarmouth.

(Contributed)

OBITUARY

MR. A. R. WILSON, TASMANIA

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. R. (Ray) Wilson, of Holy Trinity, Hobart, on June 11th. He had but recently come from hospital, where successful operations on his eyes would soon have enabled him to resume his usual activities, but a heart attack proved fatal. His age was 62 and he was devoted to the tower from an early age, and was secretary and towerkeeper for over 40 years.

He acquired, over the years, a mass of literature and photographs relating to all aspects of the Exercise, and it is probable that this collection will be suitably housed in the tower with an inscribed plaque setting forth the particulars.

Mr. Wilson made arrangements for the visit of English ringers to Tasmania in 1934 and the late Mr. W. H. Fussell handed him a suitably engraved silver bell inkstand to mark the tourists' gratitude for all he did to make the visit so enjoyable. On that occasion two albums of photographs of English cathedrals and churches were presented to the ringers of Hobart as a tangible expression of the affection and goodwill of the ringers in the old country.

As a last tribute a half-muffled touch of Bob Doubles was rung by his Trinity friends.

S. W. S.

ELUSIVE SEARCH FOR PEALS IN SOMERSET

OUR CORRESPONDENT'S FUNEREAL PEN

IN writing this account of a supposed peal tour in Somerset I am in an unusual position.

For usually ringers only record their successes, their good striking, their true and 'compleat' peals, their insurmountable achievements. (What a great deal we hear about these.) Little is heard, however, of their failures, their bad striking, their untrue and 'incompleat' peals.

I have the opportunity of recording for all time a week of practically unrelieved failure, of dismal and appalling losses.

But are we downhearted?—No! As a matter of fact we enjoyed ourselves immensely. Who could fail to do so in Somerset, that most glorious of counties, amongst the finest of bells and with the best of companions? After all, anyone can ring a peal nowadays—they are far too common—but how many can lose them with light-hearted indifference? We can—I think!?

Here follows the sorry tale. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you might consider surrounding it with a black line in respect for its funereal aspect.

July 27th. Chewton Mendip (8). Tenor 24 cwt.

Unaware of the horrors ahead we blithely rang a peal of Yorkshire on these famous bells. The peal itself was all right but it lacked that 'final polish.'

As we emerged from the tower a thunderstorm descended on our heads. It was symbolical of what was to come.

Blagdon (8). Tenor 19½ cwt.

During the afternoon New Cambridge soon collapsed. I'm sure that the tenor ringer must have grazed his knees on the floor during his antics!

Anyway—who really enjoys ringing two peals in a day? That is our excuse for this one.

July 28th. St. Stephen's, Bristol (10). Tenor 21 cwt.

Rather a poor show for Cambridge Royal, which mercifully broke down about half way.

One of the non-participants who was standing outside is said to have retreated hastily from the vicinity of the tower in case he should be connected with the noise, and imprisoned!

July 29th. St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8). Tenor 28 cwt.

Before commencing to ring we spent rather a long time in adjusting the ropes, which caused some jangling of single bells.

Outside the tower a very well-known ringer snorted indignantly:—'When **we** rang peals we simply entered the belfry, raised the bells and rang the peal; a **ringer** should be able to ring with any length of rope.'

With crimson faces we hung our heads in shame.

The actual attempt for Yorkshire contained some good patches of ringing, unfortunately we suddenly hit a bad patch and didn't survive.

July 30th. Mells (8). Tenor 26 cwt.

These are a grand old ring of bells which we desecrated by three or four courses of atrocious Double Norwich. Some solace was gained by ringing a quarter of Stedman and more by a retreat to the nearby hostelry.

Trowbridge (12). Tenor 24 cwt.

During the afternoon the striking of Cambridge Royal on the back ten was really good. Perhaps we were heartened by the presence of Mr. Gilbert Harding, who kindly stood in this attempt. But it couldn't last—after about 1½ hours someone made a trip and we all fell into it like rabbits into a hole.

July 31st. Congresbury (8). Tenor 35 cwt.

Fortune smiled briefly upon us at Congresbury, the peal of Superlative achieved being quite a good one. As usual, Cannon rang the tenor well and performed his 20 handpresses at the conclusion (were they a trifle shaky?) but as much credit should go to some of the other ringers who had no easy task.

August 1st. Ditcheat (8). Tenor 24 cwt.

During many peals the conductor threatens to call 'Stand' unless the ringing improves (I wonder how many really mean it?—our lady conductor in this attempt **did**).

It was not, you know, as bad as it sounds. I've reversed the usual process and made everything sound much worse than it was. I can only hope that it will not cause your ever serious correspondents to lift their pens in protest.

Inserted amongst peal attempts were visits to many fine Somerset towers which included Chew Magna, Backwell, Long Ashton, Wedmore, Cheddar, Wells Cathedral, Publow, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Evercreech, Yatton, Wrington, Frome and Glastonbury. They were all enjoyed but to describe our visits would be a repetition of something which has been done many times before.

Our most sincere thanks are tendered to all the incumbents who so generously gave us the use of their bells and to the many gentlemen who met us at the various towers. Everywhere there was never-failing hospitality and courtesy.

We enjoyed ourselves, so who cares about the lost peals? And yet, as I write, a terrible suspicion is beginning to assail me! I have heard nothing of any of the party since their return to their homes. I wonder with evergrowing dread if they have **all** cut their throats. I know three have.

I, personally, have not the courage for such a course and am, after these experiences, just giving up ringing.

Before me lies a letter containing an invitation to stand in a peal on September 5th. I shall refuse! I pick up my pen to do so. I pause. I ponder; after all it's a good band, a fine, heavy ring of bells. London the method: oh to see my name again in real **print**! I waver, I hesitate, I dither! Shall I? Just once more . . . .?

F. L. H.

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Personal.—D. J. P. 2s.

The peal at Blackhill, Co. Durham, on July 1st (see page 479, 'Ringing World') was rung in 2 hours 52 minutes, and not as printed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNCIL 'YES MEN' TO IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Having read in 'The Ringing World' of July 31st your version of the Methods Committee's report on Minor Methods, I turned avidly to the correspondence columns on August 7th to read what the Exercise at large, and Minor ringers in particular, thought of it and was dumbfounded to find not a single voice of protest. It appears that the days of healthy opposition are past and we have verily become a nation of 'yes men.'

Your Press report bore the heading 'The Discussion' and soon showed that such was a complete misnomer. It consisted of the proposer's and seconder's speeches with some support from Mr. Roberts. Mr. Barker (of the Oxford Guild, which raised the question) interposed a question and the matter ended in the resolution being 'carried by a large majority' Unless a wily chairman took a hasty vote to suppress expected opposition or the Editor 'blue-pencilled' the opposition speeches, it would appear that the Council members have lost all their fighting spirit and become Mr. Felstead's other sheep or were too apathetic to criticise such unconvincing 'arguments.' Perhaps their stomachs ruled their heads and it was near meal time!

According to Mr. Felstead the Methods Committee 'could not point to any particular reason for disallowing them (irregular methods). It was an accumulation of small points.' I can hardly accept a mere 'points decision' as a convincing verdict for the Methods Committee; yet they secured a large majority supporting vote. We are not told how many abstentions there were!!

Mr. Lewis's 'arguments' were little more convincing. Is it really such a 'serious defect' that the (so-called) irregular methods have a different plain course for seconds- and sixths-place methods? His only other argument was that more irregular than regular methods turn up 6-5's at backstroke, but an examination of his figures reveals that less than 20 per cent., or only one in five, more do so—another very 'wishy-washy' argument for their abolition.

Not one other reason could be produced yet the Council allowed itself to be fooled into accepting by a large majority a resolution based on such feeble arguments. Could not a few six-bell ringers on the Council have voiced their disgust?—Yours sincerely,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

P.S.—In Major where 5,000's can be obtained with the tenors together and so many regular methods are available, there may be some case for adopting only regular methods, but I fail to see why, when the full extent of changes has to be rung, as in Minor, such an arbitrary rule has to be introduced.—W. B.

Note.—The Editor did not 'blue-pencil' the opposition speeches: his function is to present a factual report of the proceedings. Letters in defence of irregular methods appeared in our last issue.

NORTHAMPTON RINGS TO 'HIS GLORY'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris has gone off completely at a tangent, and I deplore the picture he has painted regarding the Sunday service ringing in Northampton. Tremendous work has been done, particularly in Northampton, to fill our towers to enable regular Sunday service ringing to 'His glory,' our main function.

The picture that Mr. Morris has painted is completely untrue and I will take this opportunity to invite Mr. Morris to Northampton to see for himself, or anyone for that matter.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.
Hon Sec., Northampton Branch.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

GREAT BOWDEN

Dear Sir,— On page 536 of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Ernest Morris writes that 'another Leicester tower not heard of much these days is Great Bowden.'

Although only a minor point in his article, this is an insult to the hard work of Mr. Frank Arnold and his enthusiastic young band of ringers.

Great Bowden has been mentioned more times in 'The Ringing World' in the past ten weeks than any other of Leicestershire's 34 five-bell towers.—Yours, etc., C. DUNHAM.

Lubenham,
Market Harborough.

Note.—We feel certain that Mr. Ernest Morris, when he wrote the article many months ago, never intended to cast a reflection on Mr. Frank Arnold and his enthusiastic young band at Great Bowden. It will give him infinite pleasure to hear of such progress, and, possibly, when the band are anxious to score a peal, an invitation to him would be accepted if possible.—Ed.

'CAMPANOLOGIA'

Dear Sir,—I have had lent to me an interesting volume entitled 'Campanologia.' The title page reads, 'New Campanologia or a Key to the Art of Ringing, with considerable additions. Dedicated to the lovers of the art in general, being the result of many years' study, diligent application and constant practice. By John William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore.'

There follow three Latin inscriptions with much decoration, then 'London, printed for R. L. Kirby, No. 32, Paternoster Row. Price 4s.' On the last page (283) appears, 'Ipswich, printed by J. Raw.' There is no indication of the year the book was printed.

In Snowdon's 'Grandsire' (1905) are several quotations, touches and peals which undoubtedly are taken from this 'Campanologia,' but which the author states are from 'Clavis Campanologia,' 1788. There is little doubt that the two volumes, if not the same, have much in common. The date 1788 is quite likely, as the latest dated entry is a peal of Stedman Caters in 1787. There is a note that this volume was presented to a W. Champion, of Hobart Town, 1847, which was the year Holy Trinity bells were hung.

Could you, Sir, or a reader, solve the problems: (1) Are there two volumes or one volume with two titles? (2) Is 'Clavis' substituted for 'Key'?—Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully, S. W. SMITH.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Note.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden, librarian to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, writes: 'The book Mr. Smith refers to is the second edition of "Clavis Campanologia." The first edition was dated 1788. The second edition, though undated, is said to have been issued in 1796. In it the Latin title "Clavis" was replaced by the English word "key," nevertheless the books have always been known among ringers as "Clavis." There were not two books, but succeeding editions with a slight change of title.'

MINOR FIVES

Dear Sir,—I wonder why no mention has been made under this heading of the minor five at Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire; unless they have been increased to six since my leaving Cambridge in 1937.

H. J. HAZELL.

Enfield.

IS EVERDON A MINOR FIVE?

A Challenge in aid of Restoration Funds

Dear Sir,—I am no betting man but am prepared to make an offer to Mr. W. A. Stote:—I will give £1 to the Coventry Diocesan Guild Bell Restoration Fund on the undertaking by him to give £1 to the same for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, whichever of us is proved to be wrong on this issue re Everdon (Northants).

Although these bells have been totally unringable for the past 15-20 years I know them quite well and have rung upon them four times—the first time as long ago as 1926—and I am by no means the only Northants ringer who knows them as a **minor** five.

It would seem that Mr. Stote (like a few others upon this subject) needs to go back to school and learn tonic sol-fa with the old modulator in front of him. It is news to me, as an old choir boy and one who had music lessons for three years, that bells sounding the notes lah, soh, fah, me, ray (like Everdon) could be in a major key, or that doh, te, lah, soh, fah (like Wappenham) could be the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 of an octave.

There have been one or two visitors to our tower at Weston Favell who have tried to insist that ours are not a minor five but a first five of eight, although they definitely sound lah, soh, fah, me, ray, and are generally known as a minor five.

If both Mr. Stote and Mr. Barnett will refer to my previous letter they will see that I used the adverb (possibly) to my description of Everton and Roxton (Beds) as minor fives, having not rung either myself but being informed by two Bedfordshire ringers (one a past District secretary and friend of Mr. Stote) that this was so. Whether Everton is in Beds, Hunts or Cambs surely is beside the point and matters very little under the circumstances. The church is not at Tetworth, which is shown on maps as being one to two miles away to the east of Everton. Ringing meetings at this place are always under the auspices of the Bedfordshire Association, however; once, I believe, I remember a joint Beds and Hunts meeting there.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin's 300 Peals

Last June Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, of Prittlewell, Essex, rang his 300th peal. Of his peals he has conducted 185. His list is as follows:—

Doubles.—One method 3 (conducted 2), two methods 1 (1).

Minor.—One method 13 (11), two methods 4 (3), three methods 12 (11), four methods 13 (12), five methods 7 (7), six methods 2 (2), seven methods 8 (7), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 14 (9), Stedman 4 (2).

Major.—Plain Bob 33 (24), Double Dorwich Court Bob 17 (8), Pershore Bob 1, Little Oxford Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 30 (26), Oxford Treble Bob 8 (5), Mixed Oxford and Kent 3 (3), Cam 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 18 (7), New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 1, Lincolnshire 3, Ipswich 2, Yorkshire 8 (1), Pudsey 1, Ashtead 1 (1), Chiltern 1, Bovency 1 (1), Norfolk 1, Superlative 4, Belgrave 2, Bristol 4, London 5, Withyham 1, Rutland 1, Spliced in six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (6), Stedman 7 (3).

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (13), Kent Treble Bob 10 (7), Oxford Treble Bob 2 (2), Cam 1, Cambridge Surprise 8 (3), New Cambridge Surprise 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Yorkshire 2, Belgrave 1, Prittlewell 1, Little Bob 2 (1), Erith Little Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 5.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1 (1).

Handbells.—Minor, Plain Bob 3.

Total—300 (conducted 185).

THE STORY OF NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE, BELLS

Mr. W. A. Farmer, whose series of articles on Shropshire bells in 'The Shropshire Magazine' have aroused much interest, has a particularly interesting story to tell concerning the bells of Newport Parish Church and ringers associated with the tower. We acknowledge our indebtedness to 'The Shropshire Magazine' for this article.

THE origin of place names is an interesting study, and what appears to be so obvious is often far from the truth. 'Port' in Newport has nothing to do with ships, the name being originally New Borough.

Until Norman times it was part of the Manor of Edgmond, but the Normans much appreciated the fish ponds which were where Newport now stands. Bois Marais or Beaumaris, 'the wood in the marsh,' is a name which exists to-day. The inhabitants gave assistance with men and money to Henry I., who offered a charter in return. Newport became a separate parish in 1221, and must have been of some size as it was administered by a High Steward and burgesses.

Richard, 'Priest of New Borough,' was the first at the Norman Church, which was the property of Shrewsbury Abbey. Thomas Draper, who accumulated a fortune in trade in London, returned to his native town, and among other benefactions purchased the church and manorial rights for parishioners in 1442.

A condition was the establishment of a college in connection with the church, and this existed, together with a chapel on the east end of the north aisle, dedicated to St. Mary, until the Dissolution by Henry VIII.

MUCH RESTORED CHURCH

Numerous restorations have left little of the original building, but there seems to have been a tower before the present massive structure, built during the fourteenth century.

During most extensive alterations or restorations in the last century, much that was valuable, interesting and beautiful disappeared from the church, but it is pleasing to be able to write that what concerned the tower resulted in improvements. A gallery and organ blocked the tower arch inside the church, and these were removed so that the fine tracery of the west window can be seen. The belfry floor was lowered some 12ft., and is now on a level with a small cell, at one time occupied by a hermit. In 1910, a considerable amount of new stone was quarried at Edgmond and used to reface the exterior of the tower.

The story of the bells in this tower is rather involved, and starts with the Valor Ecclesiasticus or inventory of Queen Mary. This is dated 1549 for Newport and records '11J grete belleis and two small bellys.' English had but recently come into general use for writing, and spelling was very varied and picturesque. However, the meaning is generally clear, although there are exceptions. Readers may make what they wish of the following, dated 1662: 'Ye bels of Newport new made to the gallery this month.'

Perhaps some or all were recast, as in the following year appears, 'Loft built for ringing or a belfree.' Reference to bells or ringers is scanty, but what evidence there is suggests that a ringing peal was in use, as in 1671 the sum of five shillings was given 'for ever,' for ringing on August 21st to commemorate William Adams, the town's other great benefactor.

UNLUCKY RINGER

On May 12th, 1701, it is recorded John Bellringer was killed by the second bell. It seems a little too apt that his name should be Bellringer, but we may not doubt that a man was so killed. Church bells when properly rung swing through a complete circle, and return by the same path. This swing is occasioned and controlled by the rope below, and the rate of striking is altered when the ringer holds the bell suspended at the point of balance. The bell may be rested against a wooden stay, although careless or inexpert handling easily breaks this. At the time of the accident to which I have referred, such stays were not used, and no doubt the bell went right over instead of returning. If the luckless John held on to the rope, instead of letting go, as he should in such circumstances, he would be drawn up ten or twenty feet into the air.

Many men have survived such an occurrence, the danger being that the roof may not be of sufficient height and a fatal blow on the head may result. Of course, a fall will certainly be unpleasant, and more or less injurious. Fortunately this is a rare occurrence, only two other such fatalities having occurred in Shropshire, so far as I am aware. These were at Much Wenlock and the Abbey, Shrewsbury.

LAW OF DEODAND

In the case of the bell at Newport, it was declared forfeit to the Lord of the Manor, Lord Newport. This was under a very ancient law, finally repealed in 1846. Apparently any object or animal which caused the death of a human being was spoken of as a 'deodand' and was forfeit to the King. Instances are recorded from all parts of England, but there is some mystery about the whole procedure, as it seems impossible that it was ever generally observed. Nor have I heard how transference to the Lord of the Manor was made, although in feudal times he exercised judgment of death over most of his tenants. The only instance that I have seen from Shropshire is that of 1796, when Samuel Cork was killed at Middleton Scriven by the kick of a horse, which was declared a deodand. Perhaps readers can supply others.

In the year 1718 the bells were sent to Gloucester to be recast, and from the circumstances it seems likely that there were then six in use. The evidence for this is that there is no mention made of rehanging when they were returned, but a few years afterwards, in 1774, £60 was paid for a new frame. The recasting cost £66, and transport to Bridgnorth, whence carriage was by boat to Gloucester, seven and sixpence only.

Entries in the churchwardens' records are few, but apparently the fifth bell was returned to Gloucester in 1748, and another went there in 1795, while one was returned in 1797. It is unlikely that this was the same bell. Either the ringers were very careless with these bells or were very unfortunate, as few occasions have been noted when bells from this famous foundry have given trouble.

All the bells were recast by Mears, of London, in 1812, and a ring of eight took their place. These did duty until last year, when rehanging became necessary. It was then found that the second and sixth had slight cracks in the crown, due to the action of the iron bolts cast into the bell metal. They were recast by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, who hung the whole in the frame of 1812, but with the latest type of ball bearing.

GOOD QUALITY RING

Musically I should describe the ring as of good average quality, the weight of the tenor being about average for eight bells, as it weighs 13 cwt. Personally, I regret that the remaining bells were not tuned by modern methods when the two new ones were introduced, as the contrast is noticeable to the discerning ear, but it is satisfactory to know that the ring is now in first-class order.

The inscriptions, which do not reproduce the originals, are now as follows:

Treble.—Rev. Charles Buckeridge, D.D., gave this bell, 1812. T. Mears.

2, The Subscription Bell—promoted by Tho. Baddeley. Recast John Taylor, Loughborough, 1952.

3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.—Thomas Mears of London, Fecit, 1812, with Taylor's name in addition on the sixth.

Tenor.—The Parish recast these eight bells. 1812. John Cooper, John Challenor, Churchwardens.

Records speak of an 'apprentice bell' at 5 a.m. in summer and six in winter, and the curfew was rung from October to March until comparatively recent years. Ringing has for long presented some difficulty as the ancient mechanism of the chimes, placed in the middle of the belfry floor, obscured one ringer and his rope from another.

The chimes have not been heard for about forty years, and the floor is now clear of obstruction.

PEALS OF GRANDSIRE

Despite this difficulty, the famous Samuel Lawrence and his band from Shifnal rang a full peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples when the bells were installed in 1812. The feat was not repeated, however, until 1919, when a complete band from Coalbrookdale rang a similar peal. Many attempts have been made in recent years, and Kent Major was rung in 1920. Since then, the bells had become difficult to ring as bearings were worn, but one or two peals were rung by visiting bands. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung this year, since rehanging, by the Shropshire Association of Church Bell-Ringers.

The local ringers, although meticulous in ringing on Sundays and on special occasions such as New Year's Eve, have not attempted any of these notable performances. Change ringing is practised, and indeed regularly employed on all occasions, although restricted to five bells.

The originator was something of a character, Joseph Rowley. Born at Pattingham, he went at an early age to Sheffield, and, in the employ of the famous firm of John Brown, saved sufficient money to enable him to retire when 53 years of age. He went to live at Outwoods, some three miles from Newport. From then until his death in 1947 at the age of 88, he walked twice each Sunday to Newport church to ring. During his stay in Yorkshire he had become a proficient change ringer, and lost no time in teaching Grandsire Triples to his colleagues at Newport.

After the first world war, four Talbots, all brothers, Ernest Wickstead, Dennis Cross, Charles Barlow and he regularly rang Grandsire Triples, but a series of incidents depleted this band, and perhaps on account of the obstruction mentioned, it has never completely recovered.

We may with confidence look forward, now that the bells are again in good order, to hearing that Triples are once again rung at Newport. Meanwhile Mr. Tom Talbot, with 34 years' service in the tower, sees that service ringing is of the best. The eight bells are generally rung, with five bells constantly changing in Grandsire Doubles.

Our story would not be complete without mention of Mr. George Lowe, now 78 years of age, who regularly cycles from Gnosall twice each Sunday to ring at Newport. Mr. L. Watson, who began at Lilleshall and greatly extended his knowledge of change ringing while at Bristol University, is at present living in Newport and attends regularly to help.

OUTINGS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET

The Nailsea ringers, wives and friends, with fellow ringers from Backwell and Wraxall visited three counties on their annual outing on July 25th.

Following an early start, Lyneham, in Wiltshire, was reached on time and this poor-toned six was soon set ringing to a variety of methods. Repeating the feat at the first tower on last year's outing a rope broke, this being spliced en route and returned to the church on the way home.

Passing by way of Swindon and Faringdon with a halt for sandwiches on the way, Oxford was reached at 1.30 and the glorious six at the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin (tenor 28 cwt.) were raised in peal and put to good use for an hour. Some of the best ringing of the day was heard from this 13th century tower and graceful 14th century spire nearly 200 feet high. Apart from the Cathedral this church is considered to be the finest of the 40-odd churches and chapels in the city.

Iffley, with a pure Norman church, massive central tower and a good, light six, was next visited and the party were joined by some of the local ringers. A wooden supporting pillar in the middle of the rope circle made ropesight a little awkward for one or two of the bells, but the visit here was very enjoyable.

Back through Oxford and out to Wolvercote, a mixed ring with a tenor only 6 cwt. 26 lb. The long draught and light bells combined to make ringing a little difficult, but when the party got used to the bells some good striking was heard. The church is modern with a 15th century tower and a very much older font.

Tea in Oxford, kindly arranged by Mr. V. Bennett, was voted a very good meal and after half an hour to wander around, the return journey was started. A call was made at Stanford-in-the-Vale, just over the border into Berkshire, for ringing on the heavy-going six, given in 'The Book' as 14 cwt. but locally reputed to be 19¾ cwt. After one or two touches the reason for the discrepancy was soon apparent!

There was the usual call for liquid fortification on the way home and Clifford had turned up trumps with the cider jar, although this year unable to be present himself.

Sincere thanks are due to the various incumbents and to the people who met, welcomed and rang with the party at the towers. M. J. H.

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE

The morning of August 8th was bright and fair as a party of ringers, wives and friends from Christ Church, Crewe, started out on their annual trip—this year to North Wales. They were accompanied by ringers and friends from the neighbouring towers of Acton, Wistaston and Holmes Chapel. The addition of ringers from these towers was most welcome since three of the Crewe ringers were unable to join the party.

Ringing began on the much-admired ten bells at Wrexham, where some of the best courses of the day were rung. Other ringing took place at Bangor, Llandudno and at the beautiful marble church of Bodelwyddan. Many thanks to the members of these towers who were responsible for making all the necessary arrangements.

The day ended with an hour in Holywell, where, after the police sergeant had been assured that the party consisted of 'church people,' everyone found something to his or her liking. All tastes were catered for, whether for ringing or sightseeing, and everyone agreed that it had been a most enjoyable and successful outing.

I. R. N.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' August 22nd, 1913

MEMORIAL BELLS IN CORNWALL
VICAR'S REMARKABLE RECORD

At Gulval Parish Church on Friday week, a large number of parishioners and others gathered to witness the dedication of an augmented peal of bells and a tower clock in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Wingfield, who was in charge of the parish from 1839 to 1912 . . . .

[Mr. Wingfield, born before the battle of Waterloo, lived in six reigns and was Vicar of Gulval under seven Bishops. The writer knows one instance only of a longer incumbency than this 73 years at Gulval—the Rev. Bartholomew Edwards was Rector of Ashill, Norfolk, for 76 years until his death in 1889, a few days before reaching his 100th birthday.]

Ladies' Guild and Sheffield District Society Hold Joint Meeting

Many members of the Ladies' Guild were present at St. Mary's, Handsworth, on Aug. 1st for this joint meeting with the Sheffield and District Society. The beautiful ring of eight in the 700-years-old tower was raised at 3 p.m. and rung throughout the afternoon to various methods.

A short service was held at 4.30 conducted by the Rector of Handsworth (the Rev. H. Ferraby, M.A.) and his address on the co-ordination of mind, muscle and spirit in bell-ringing was much appreciated.

Tea served in the schoolroom was very successfully arranged by Mrs. D. E. Kelly, who is well known as the secretary of the Ladies Guild (Yorkshire District), and her assistants included other lady members of the local band. About 35 sat down to tea, including the Rector, and visitors were present from Cheshire, Derby, Leeds and Mansfield with a good representation of ladies from all towers in the Sheffield and Rotherham area.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. O. Chaddock, the president of the Sheffield and District Society, and amongst various items on the agenda was a revision of the rules for the annual silver cup contest.

A business meeting for the Ladies' Guild also took place, organised by Mrs. Kelly, and afterwards a return was made to the tower.

Methods rung included London, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative and Duffield with a well-struck touch of Bob Major entirely by the ladies. A very successful meeting from every point of view. J. E. T.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, August 4th, was the day chosen by Sheffield Cathedral ringers for their outing, a start being made at 7.30 a.m. for the long run to Whitby by motor coach. After lunch the 199 steps to St. Mary's Church were climbed and an hour's ringing on the recast Taylor's ten was enjoyed by the ringers and watched by many holiday makers.

A delightful run followed to Scarborough, St. Mary's Church being reached at 3.45 p.m. A great improvement was noted in these retuned and rehung bells and the redecorated belfry was much admired. The ringing occupied a pleasant hour. All were ready for the excellent tea at the Mayfield, Seamer.

It was a long trip to Howden through Yorkshire's broad acres looking particularly attractive with the shades of colour from green to gold at the beginning of harvest. The bells of the Minster here must be one of the finest octaves in the county and the hour went all too quickly. Sheffield was reached at 10.40 and the outing was voted as one of the best. Thanks were extended to brother ringers at the towers visited for their hospitality. H. C.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ellesmere a Most Successful Meeting

The secretary of the Shropshire Association, when he appealed for support for the August meeting at Ellesmere, little expected the response which was shown.

It is estimated that more than 70 ringers attended, so much in excess of the numbers advised for tea that many sought cafes in the town.

The weather was brilliant on August 8th and ringers awaiting their turn in the tower admired the view of the mere from the churchyard.

The bells were cast by various members of the Rudhall family and have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They now go 'like tops' but there was much speculation as to whether the sixth was sharper than the fifth was flat and some professed to other differences. However, once out of rounds only the most critical ear could detect anything amiss and the striking was very good in methods from Grandsire to London.

The Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard, had a very busy time from early until late, arranging touches to suit all requirements. He had a short rest during the service, when the Vicar (the Rev. G. Stanley Lloyd) recounted the history of the church from Saxon times.

Local ringers, their wives and the Mothers' Union had provided a most substantial tea, to which those who had sent in names did full justice.

Mr. T. R. Butler conducted a short touch of Stedman Triples on handbells and, when late arrivals had made their way to the tower, tapped a course on the piano.

It is thought that this was the most successful meeting the Association has ever held, apart from annual meetings which occur in Shrewsbury.

Towers recorded as being represented are as follows, but it is unlikely that the list is complete as many ringers came for just one touch and then disappeared to admire the scenery for which the district is famous: St. Chad's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, St. Mary's Within and St. Mary's Without, Chester, Wellington, Claverley, Wolstanton, Berrington, Walsall, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Crewe, Wrexham, Newcastle-under-Lyme, St. Nicolas', Guildford, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and Lichfield Cathedral.

Mr. Dennis H. Millward's First 100 Peals

Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward has an interesting list for his first 100 peals. They have been rung in 32 towers for three Associations. The list includes eight 'firsts' for the Guild and nine 'first peals in the method.' His record is appended:—

Doubles.—Three methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 2, three methods 2, four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 6, Frin 1, London Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Double Grandsire 1, Reverse Grandsire 1, College 1, Oxford Bob 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 13, Double Norwich 7, Little Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 3, one each of the following: Spliced Plain/Little, Oxford Treble Bob, Little Oxford, St. Clement's, Marlborough, Winchester, Gainsborough Little Bob, Loughborough, Cheltenham, Colville, Painswick College, Chesterfield, Buckley Imperial, Daresbury Imperial, Grosvenor Imperial, Liscard Imperial, Westminster Imperial, St. Valentine Imperial, Malpas Imperial, Bebington Imperial, Cholmondeley.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 1, Lincolnshire 1, Cambridge 3.

Caters.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 3, Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

RINGING WEEK-END IN S.W. WALES

On Friday, July 31st, a party of ringers and their wives, drawn from seven towers on both sides of the border, gathered in Haverfordwest for a ringing week-end in South-West Wales.

Proceedings opened the following day with a visit to St. David's Cathedral. The Dean, himself a ringer, met the party and extended a very warm welcome. The bells are a magnificent Mears octave of 1928, with a tenor of 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D, and are hung in a campanile situated about 100 yards from the Cathedral proper. The ringing settled down to a fairly brisk pace and a fine peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells and for the St. David's Guild, was brought round in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

After dinner, and after the blisters had been deflated and plasters applied, the band attempted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church, Haverfordwest, but without success. The sallies here were so low that the bells could be hung with the ringers kneeling or sitting on chairs. The bells, an old six from the Bridgwater foundry (tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat), with two later trebles, are hung on ball bearings, but the 'go' leaves a lot to be desired. Courses of Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major ended the tower-bell ringing for the day, while some spirited Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells later, at the hotel.

The following day, Sunday, the band rang a service touch of Stedman Triples and attended Matins at St. Mary's Church, whilst the rest of the day was spent bathing, boating, or resting at Broadhaven, a little coastal beauty spot near Haverfordwest.

August Monday found the party at Tenby, where Stedman Triples went west after over two hours' ringing, once again a case of 'easy rung, easy lost'! However, it was a very contented and happy band which finally set out homewards; in the case of the Bristol and Bath boys, a journey of 180 miles or more. The band is indebted to Miss J. S. Evans and Mr. D. J. King, both of Chepstow, for all the arrangements they made to make the visit so enjoyable and memorable.

5,280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

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Twice repeat. Reduced to 5.056 by calling one single at 6 in place of BSB when 3rd is fifths place bell, in any one part. Rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Wednesday, July 8th, 1953, conducted by the composer.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, P. N. Devenish 4, S. Howard 5, J. Chapman 6, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of H. Cox and J. Chapman, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Doubles.—Grandsire 2.

Minor.—Plain Bob 8 (cond. 3), Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), two methods 1 (1), three methods 2 (2), four methods 1 (1), seven Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, London Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 14 (7), Stedman 24 (14), Erin 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 9 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 21 (5), Forward 1, Erith Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 7 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1.

Surprise Major.—London 46 (16), Bristol 43 (14), Cambridge 58 (15), Superlative 21 (6), Yorkshire 21 (11), Pudsey 2 (1), New Cambridge 4, Lincolnshire 4 (2), Rutland 1, Wembley 1 (1), New Gloucester 1, Berkeley 1, Premier 1.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1, four methods 10 (9), five methods 2 (1), six methods 2, eight methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 18 (8).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 3, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 46 (20), Yorkshire Surprise 13 (3), London Surprise 1, Pudsey Surprise 1, Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 2 (2).

Cinques.—Stedman 35 (12).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 18 (14), Yorkshire Surprise 6 (4).

Total 473 (177).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire (includes Holt's Original non-conducted) 4 (3), Stedman 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 4.

Cinques.—Stedman (includes one non-conducted) 5.

Major.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 5, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Total 27 (5).

DORCHESTER RINGERS' VISIT TO LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH

Ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset, and their friends were delighted to discover during their annual outing on August Bank Holiday that Lynmouth is making a wonderful recovery from the disaster which befel it through floods last year.

The party, 38 in number, including the Rector (Canon A. Wilkinson Markby), after leaving Dorset, passed through Honiton and South Molton, where they stopped for lunch, before going on to Lynton via Blackmoor Gate and the lovely Valley of the Rocks. The afternoon was spent at Lynmouth, where everyone had an excellent tea at the Bath Hotel. The little seaside resort was packed with visitors, and while it was obvious the place had received a severe hammering, it was all so shipshape and clean that it was difficult to realise death had stalked it that unforgettable night.

Leaving by way of the famous Countisbury Hill, from which glorious views were had of the rugged coastline and Wales, a beautiful evening drive over the Devon moors brought the party to Minehead. Here the ringers had their only 'touches' of the day—an hour on the fine 10 of SS. Michael and Andrew's. To the incumbent and local band they extend their grateful thanks. Home was reached at midnight via Taunton and Crewkerne, and another 'annual' had been enjoyed by all in weather which could not have been better.

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DEATH

DUTTON. — On Aug. 11th, 1953, at the Manor Hospital, Walsall, Edith Hannah Dutton, aged 83 years, mother of Tommy, of St. Matthew's band, Walsall. May she rest in peace. — From her loving and devoted son, Tommy. 3033

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Repton (8) on Aug. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. 2994

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 22nd. (Please note change of date and place of meeting.) Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Otter at 5 p.m. Very important business to discuss and all members are asked to attend.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 3007

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 2995

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Cookham, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at Vicarage. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3002

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Limpsfield Chart, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Buses: 464 from Westerham, 2.20; 465 from Edenbridge, 3.21; 410 from Westerham (change at Limpsfield). Names for tea to L. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Limpsfield.—C. Champion, R. Whitehead, Dis. Secs. 2968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlesbury, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2960

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Thursday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing resumed 7.30 until 9. Names by Aug. 24th to J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2986

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by the 25th.—A. B. Peck. 3004

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Please notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2997

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, East Brent, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 3015

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District) and the HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters and E. C. Buck, District Secs. 2982

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. P. Barlow, Marbury, near Whitchurch, Shropshire, by Aug. 26th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3030

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be available for all who come, and the bells (10) available from 3–5 and 6–8 p.m.—F. Cox. 3023

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Secs. 2994

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upton Pyne (6) available after tea. Names by Aug. 26th. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2984

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall (8) on Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. No tea provided. 3007

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, Aug. 29th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Nancy Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields, by Aug. 27th.—W. F. Sheraton. 3013

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Hurworth, Saturday, Aug. 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, Aug. 27th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 3032

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Denby, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Cups of tea provided.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3025

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 3018

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 29th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15 (notify for tea by Aug. 24th). Ringing 2.30–3.30 at Finchampstead and Sandhurst; 3.30–4.30, St. Paul's; 6.30–9 at Wargrave, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and St. Paul's.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 2990

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Rendle, Hon. Sec. 3014

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Coalpit Heath, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3021

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Victoria to Beckenham Junction or Charing Cross to Clock House, thence 227 bus.—A. Salter, Dis. Sec., 1, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans. 2988

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 6. Tea 5 p.m. free. Names for tea by J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington, by Tuesday, Aug. 25th. — Joseph Thornley, Assistant Sec. 3008

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Collingham, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Miss M. Barker, Harewood Road, Collingham, by Wednesday, Aug. 26th. Members, please note this is last day for subscriptions to the H. Lofthouse Testimonial Fund.—J. Slack, Hon. Sec., 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury, Wakefield. 3009

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2998

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wells, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3031

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Topsham, Sept. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 2nd to B. Pidgeon, Bakery, East Budleigh. 3028

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Coseley, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3010

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting.—Great Wakering, Sept. 5th (note change of venue). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Early notice of names for tea to Mrs. C. Woodgate, 1, Burgess Cottages, Little Wakering, will be appreciated. 3011

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin. 3019

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brasted (6), Sept. 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Budgen, Darenton, Rectory Lane, Brasted, near Sevenoaks, by Sept. 2nd. 3035

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Monmouth, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to Mr. L. Jones 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth. —J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 3026

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave **(note change of venue)**, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Moderate charge for those **only** who notify by Thursday, Sept. 3rd, Mr. A. E. Hoodless, Church Lane, Cotgrave, Notts. 3027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Ashbury, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 3022

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Mynard, near Tower, Emberton, Olney, Bucks, by Sept. 1st.—R. H. Howson. 3017

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Neath (St. Thomas'), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. — J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3006

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Sept. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to the Rev. J. Charnley, Payhembury, Honiton, not later than Sept. 5th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 2989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner and half-yearly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Liverpool. The dinner will be held at Reece's Parker Street Restaurant at 6 p.m. Tickets, adults 15s., juveniles (under 18 years) 10s., available from F. Dunkerley, Standard Mill, Rochdale, and branch secretaries. Tower available: St. Nicholas' 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.15 p.m. 3012

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Spitalgate Police Headquarters, 3 p.m., followed by dinner at George Hotel 6.15 p.m., and social evening. Ringing from 10 a.m. Details later. Tickets for dinner 11s. 6d. each from secretary.—C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 2985

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at the White Lion Hotel, Underbank, Stockport, Oct. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 12s. 6d.) obtainable from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Oct. 3rd. Will applicants on behalf of parties please give the names of the members of their party. Ringing arrangements later. 3029

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Accommodation for 200. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch secretaries or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3020

WHITBY, YORKS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Shearsmith (Pudsey) 1, H. Short 2, A. B. Sullivan (Pudsey) 3, R. V. Appleby (Newark-on-Trent) 4, D. Elwick (first in method) 5, J. R. Waller 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, H. Waters 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for evensong held in St. Hilda's Abbey ruins.

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BELLS AND CHURCHES IN THE TROPICS

TO most of us, mention of the word Tropics conjures up visions of intense heat, palm fringed lagoons, outsize moons, luxurious vegetation, where the advantages outweigh the disadvantages as compared with our homeland. The thought of church bells is apt to seem as remote as the North Pole itself, and yet a recent item of news in 'The Ringing World' informs us that Hong Kong Cathedral is to have a chime of eight bells installed, which arouses memories of other days and other tropical commitments in the mind of the writer.

Whilst en route for this great Far East bastion (where, incidentally, the Cathedral services were appreciated and enjoyed) a few days were spent at Singapore, that other teeming island city where the fine Cathedral of St. Andrew was the focal point on the Sunday morning. As seen from the deck of a ship in Singapore Roads, St. Andrew's, with its sturdy tower and spire, looks very English, although its background is that of modern buildings and business blocks.

About 15 minutes before the commencement of the service it was an agreeable surprise to hear a melodious chime of eight bells strike out, the performance being executed with skill and efficiency. So the next morning there was nothing for it but to find out more about these bells. A Malayan boy on duty in the Cathedral gave access to the tower, where was found this pleasant chime of bells, hung dead, of course. They turned out to be a product of our Loughborough Foundry, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., cast and dispatched some time in the 1880's if one remembers rightly. (Perhaps Mr. Fidler may like to supply the correct weight and date, as one's memory becomes rather hazy.)

Whilst passing through Calcutta, although the Cathedral there was visited, there was little or no opportunity to find out if it possesses bells. But one's mind goes back somewhat further than this—and there are recollections of burning humid days and starry velvet nights in the Gold Coast colony of West Africa, where, even in this primitive land, one encountered bells of sorts. For up at the inland town of Kumasi, capital of the Ashanti tribe, three bells were heard ringing from the tower of the Roman Catholic Church there. They seemed to be complete with wheels and were regularly rung to about half-way up. Investigation later showed three ropes without sallies in the ringing chamber, beyond which it was locked.

But it was far out in the depths of the jungle that one found the most primitive link of all with our art. Here in some native village upon which one stumbled more by accident than design and where the 'ju-ju' man still holds sway, as well as the usual collection of huts made of mud, bamboo and thatched with palm leaves, there could be found the village church constructed of the same materials, with an earth floor and complete with rough benches and altar and lovingly decorated with flamboyant hibiscus and other tropical flowers. The bell, used to summon the Christian natives to worship, would be just an old iron drum or some such container suspended from a tree outside, beaten by a village boy.

Thus do our black brothers of the Gold Coast link up with us at home, and it can be that no matter whether we are standing in for Maximus or Cinques in some great English cathedral on a Sunday morning, or it is just an African boy 'ringing' his far off village bell, we all serve the same Master as best we can, and all work towards the one great end—'the time of everlasting righteousness,' as spoken of by the Prophet Daniel in the Old Testament.

J. B. P.

CHARLES NEWMAN, BELL FOUNDER

A FOUNDER who set up temporary foundries in several places and who must have sought work in many villages was Charles Newman, who cast many bells in Cambridge, Essex, Huntingdon, Norfolk and Suffolk over a period of 25 years. In 1684 he was at Haddenham (Cambs) and soon afterwards he seems to have worked at King's Lynn. In 1702 he had a foundry at Blakeney on the Norfolk coast, and from thence he appears at Norwich, where his son Thomas, a young man in his 20's, helped him in the business. Nothing seems to be known of his personality, but the following advertisement might throw some light on his desire for business.

'This is to inform the Publick that Charles Newman, Bellfounder of this City, has ever since January last been at Swaffham, in Norfolk, a casting of Bells, where he has had the good success of casting a Compleat Peal of 6 Bells for the parish of Snetsham, and another Peal of 5 Bells for the Parish of Castleacre, and 3 to make up 5 for the Parish of Hilborough, which are now a Hang-

ing up, besides others to the Number of 29 since January last; but now is returned Home to his Office in Norwich, where he is ready to serve any Parish that has the like Occasion to new cast broken Bells, or design to make any alteration in their Rings, and he will perform the said work as well as any Pretender to that Art in England, and with as much expedition as can be desired.'

In the above advertisement Charles Newman tells us that he cast the Snettisham and Castleacre bells at Swaffham, but this does not tally with a shorter advertisement which reads:— 'At Snetsham, in Norfolk, is a compleat Ring of Six New Bells all cast by Mr. Thom. Newman, Bellfounder of this City; who is also Casting a Peal of five for Castleacre and others that he hath taken to the Number of Fourteen.'

Strange that both father and son should take the credit of casting these two rings of bells. That Charles Newman taught his son various other styles of casting can be gauged when we read: 'This is also to inform the Hotpressers of this City that have their Boxes out of Order, That they may have them new cast to Perfection, he having had better success in that Business than any that ever took them in hand to do. Likewise any sort of Brasses either for wind or water-mills, or any other Engins, are new cast by the said Thomas Newman, at his newly erected office without Bear Street gates.'

After leaving Norwich, Charles Newman worked at Colchester and Bury St. Edmunds, at which place he died in the closing months of 1709.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	†ERIC A. DENCH	8
JOHN THOMAS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal on 12 tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
GEORGE SAYER	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	8
HENRY TOOKE	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	DOUGLAS A. COLLINS	8
CECIL W. PIPE	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	9
JAMES BENNETT	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BARRY COOK	*Treble*	*SYDNEY PENFOLD	6
DONALD COOMBES	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
COLIN E. WRIGHT	3	‡CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	8
DAVID W. BEARD	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	9
†LAWRENCE J. BEAL	5	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor ringer's 80th peal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of a local ringer, Richard K. Dixon, to Elizabeth Ann Flaxman this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MICHAEL SLANEY	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	3	JAMES L. GARNER HAYWARD	7
*BRIAN J. LUFF	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal in method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	*MICHAEL SLANEY	6
BRIAN J. LUFF	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal in method on tower bells.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	LEONARD WALSH	6
JEAN DAWSON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
FRANK STEAD	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to E. Alan Jacques and Hazel M. Hunt, of Leicester Cathedral band, on the occasion of their wedding that day, and to Michael D. Staniforth, of Anstey, on his 21st birthday.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN MCDONALD	5
*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
PETER J. MORTON	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part No. 12 in the method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	5
WILLIAM LOVE	2	BERT GOGLE	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
JOHN KEMP	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Simmons on the birth of a son. Mr. Kemp is from Hertford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5024 SHOULDHAM DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore, who were married at Shouldham.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A birthday compliment to Gordon Arguile, of Anstey.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. 112 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to Michael D. Staniforth.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*TERRY OWEN	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
†DOREEN DUTTON	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
TOM HAMMOND	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	4	RONALD KENRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	JAMES W. RAITHBY	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
ARTHUR E. CHILTON	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

JOAN E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
ALLAN SIMPSON	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
W. NEVILLE BROWN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung in loyal greetings to H.R.H. Princess Anne on her 3rd birthday. Also birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*KENNETH BROWN	*Treble*	†HERBERT G. JILLINGS	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	†JOHN S. WYBROW	6
JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	3	†GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, C.C.C. No. 88.
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Little Bob Major.
Rung in honour of Princess Anne's 3rd birthday.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	3	PETER KINDRED	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

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SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 3. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
PERCY SWINDLEY	2	*H. STEWART BAILEY	6
*ROBERT W. HINDE	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

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

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ORRELL DAVIES	*Treble*	BURLEY WALSHAW	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	ALAN PENDLEBURY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEOFFREY PEARSON	7
JOHN F. WOOD	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Plain Bob.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
DAVID G. JACKSON	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of London 'inside.'
First peal of London by a resident band of the Doncaster and District Society.

SIX BELL PEALS

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4
JOHN W. MEADE	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
Rung to celebrate the baptism of Helen Patricia, daughter of Mr. C. J. Fosker, ringer at this tower.

GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
HAROLD STEVENSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung as a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoodless.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	4
MURIEL REAY	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

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

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal in the method.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED E. GEARY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SPENCER	4
J. HAROLD SPENCER	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
TERENCE E. GARDNER	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising: One extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, one round block of 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

*JUNE CLEMENTS	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
*CHARLES HONE	2	LEONARD STILLWELL	5
*JOHN W. MEADE	3	*BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in more than one method as conductor.
Rung for the wedding of Patricia M. Della Fuente and Peter A. George.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	FREDERICK BROOKINGS	4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	*THOMAS PRICE	5
TREVOR PRITCHARD	3	†HUBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* 100th peal. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they have been retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
CECIL C. BISHOP	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.
A birthday compliment also to Leslie Barton, brother of the treble ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, D. G. Mayell 3, D. Smith (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, E. J. Baxter 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. C. Mogford 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Princess Anne.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 3, J. Chambers 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, P. Soars 6. Rung as a farewell to J. Chambers, who is leaving to join the Royal Army Tank Corps, and as a birthday compliment to Philip J. Shelton and F. K. Thompson.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 St. Simon's, 360 St. Dunstan's, 360 Grandsire, 180 Plain Bob: J. Norton 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, C. T. Whitman 4, A. N. Geary 5, E. Lewin 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Norton on his 76th birthday.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn 1, A. W. Beard 2, C. E. Wright 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. C. R. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Daw 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Daw.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. A. Mitchell 1, Miss D. V. Gould 2, A. E. Richards 3, B. Gould 4, T. W. Strangeway 5, F. Preecy (cond.) 6, J. O. Glanville 7, J. E. Daniels 8. First quarter Stedman 2, 4 and 7. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd and to the treble ringer's twin daughters.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joe Gasson 1, John Gasson 3, A. Feist 3, R. Simpson 4, K. Knight 5, T. Gasson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 5.

CHURCH STANTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Selway (first quarter) 1, M. Long 2, K. Braddick 3, R. W. Shire (cond.) 4, W. Moore 5, R. Braddick 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Coles and Mr. Fry. Also as a birthday compliment to Princess Anne.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Relf 1, Miss A. Scarff 2, K. Cotterell 3, M. Wise 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. First quarter peal for 1, 2 and 3. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 3rd.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On July 24th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (Kingston, London Scholars, Sandal, Capel and Oxford): A. Richardson 1, B. Woodruffe 2, Mrs. M. White 3, Mrs. G. Richardson 4, A. Hibbert 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Young 1, J. R. Kemp 2, Miss R. Brown (cond.) 3, F. Bishop 4, E. Flintham (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. E. Flatters 6.

GOLANT or ST. SAMPSON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 240 Stedman Doubles, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire Doubles: K. R. Holtom 1, M. Angela Carter 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. H. Bennett 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, H. Thorpe 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, S. Proctor 4, D. R. Frith 5, C. Hurst 6, H. L. Martin 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, J. O. R. Quinney 9, H. F. Brown 10. Specially arranged for Messrs. Hurst, Martin, Quinney and Brown, who reside at Cambridge.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. Cousins 1, C. Dunham (first quarter) 2, J. Fisher 3, F. Arnold 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Mr. E. Giles and Miss G. Eldridge.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Aug. 15th, 1,356 Bob Major: P. Longley 1, Miss S. Bampton 2, Miss E. Wright 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, W. H. Taylor 5, J. E. Turley (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, J. J. L. Gilbert 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. G. Bate and Miss C. E. Porter.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrot 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, W. Carter 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Fearn 1, M. Stone 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, C. Busby 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Church of St. Mary on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Lou. Goodenough 1, Enid Preston (first of Royal) 2, James Herbert 3, William Bottrill 4, Harold Burton 5, John Scott 6, Arthur Smith (first of Royal as cond.) 7, Harry Wood 8, Richard Kendall 9, Alfred Rushton 10.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Mogford 1, F. Skidmore 2, D. Smith (first of Bob Major) 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, E. J. Baxter 5, H. G. Goddard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, E. Moore 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, R. Coles 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.

ST. CLEER, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Doreen Edwards 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Betty Vidler 3, K. R. Holtom 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, N. Harper (first quarter peal) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.



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THE UNION SCHOLARS (FROM THE OSBORNE MSS.)

In 1877 there was published in book form an 'Account of the Ringing Societies in London' from the manuscripts of E. J. Osborne, which are now in the British Museum Library. An appendix to the MSS. was written by Jasper W. Snowdon and Robert Tuke, of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

Through the good services of Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, we are able to publish this history of the Union Scholars, established 1713.

THIS antique Society was established in the 13th year of the reign of Queen Anne, on the 1st of May, 1713. In the 3rd article by which the Society was regulated, it was ordered that the meetings should be held 'within the City of London,' what part of the city does not appear, but from the circumstances of the first peal being rung at St. Dunstan's in the East, the probability is, the meetings were held contiguous to that church. As nothing now remains (excepting the record book) to shew the exact origin of the Union Scholars' Society, it cannot now be more accurately known than by the following observations; but those who are fond of tracing marks of antiquity relating to the ringing exercise, must, I feel assured, regret the loss of knowing the true original particulars of this Company. This neglect, perhaps, may be accounted for by remarking that the ancients in this exercise were generally very dilatory and neglectful in recording the exploits of their day.

AT ST. DUNSTAN'S IN THE EAST

It appears that the beautiful Tower of St. Dunstan's in the East was erected in the year 1690, and the present peal of bells was cast and put up in 1702, which is evidenced by the following singular notice copied from an old newspaper, to be seen in the British Museum, called the 'Post Boy,' and dated July 25th, 1702, which states that:—

> 'Whereas, Mr. Abraham Rudhall, of the city of Gloucester, bell founder, was lately employed to cast 8 bells for the Parish Church of St. Dunstan's, in London. This is to give notice that he has performed his contract to the universal satisfaction of the gentlemen of the said Parish, and in the opinion of the ablest judges has made them the best peal of bells in all England.'

The probability is that soon after these bells were put up the Union Scholars began to hold meetings and practised ringing of some kind at St. Dunstan's prior to their establishing a society. I am of opinion, as this was a city society, and from the fact of their first peal being rung there—the first known peal upon the bells—the Union Scholars were the original parochial ringers of St. Dunstan's.

181 MEMBERS

The Union Scholars had one book in which are recorded their Articles, Names and Peals. The Articles, seven in number, proclaim that every candidate must be a strictly moral character to become eligible for admission, and if approved, should pay 1s. the entrance fee, and thereby become a member. There are 181 names of members, written in bold German text, with dates, &c., shewing accurately the times of their admission and the times of appointments to the offices of Master and Stewards. A Master and two Stewards were chosen annually, and the Annual Festival was ordered to be held on the 1st of May, at some convenient place in the City of London. The book also contains an account of 36 peals (mostly plain ringing), the first of which is dated 1718, and the last 1757. There is one circumstance connected with the three first entries which calls forth some remarks and surprise, i.e., the first and second peals were rung in September and December, 1718, and the space of 18 years passed over before the next peal was rung. This can possibly be accounted for in the following manner, i.e., by reason of the peal in December being the very first peal of Treble Bob that ever was rung in the kingdom—which was at the time and many years after called 'Union Bob,' so named in honour of the Union Scholars ringing the first peal in that method—after ringing this peal, those members who rang it appear to have left the company, as their names (afterwards) do not appear as Union Scholars, or in fact as anything else in that way; the presumption is therefore that they joined the London Scholars, who were a most respectable ringing society and of great renown, but whether anything of consequence was ever done by these people conjointly, in the way of peals, is now unknown, and will, I expect, be for ever so, in consequence of the total loss of the London Scholars' record books. The first peal (beforementioned) rung by the Union Scholars is called a peal of 'Hick's Tripples'*—so named possibly after the person of that name who invented the method. There is no note or name of bob caller to either peal. The writings representing these two peals in 1718, are the *oldest* ringing records *upon paper* in the kingdom, and are in good condition, considering the number of years they have been written! At and after this supposed loss of members above-mentioned, the Society continued to receive new members, and went on in the usual way, yet, the fact is they appear to have been so far reduced as not to be able to ring a peal until 18 years afterwards. However, after the expiration of this period, they again began to ring peals, as frequently as other societies, to the year 1754.

JOHN HOLT AS MASTER

In the year 1745, Mr. John Holt (the renowned author of the celebrated peal of Grandsire Triples), was admitted a member of the Union Scholars, and in 1749 served the office of Master. During the time of his Mastership with this Company, he successfully accomplished his much celebrated long course peal of Grandsire Triples, which was for the first time rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, himself seated upon a chair in the steeple and conducting the same; he afterwards composed the same peal in parts, for the convenience of the caller, which peal, after being divided into parts, was (I believe) rung the first time by the Cumberlands, at Shoreditch, on the 12th October, 1754, and conducted by Mr. George Gross.

In the year 1752, it appears Mr. Holt left the Union Scholars and joined the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rang two peals with that company, with whom, it is supposed, he continued so long as he remained a practical ringer; it, however, may be remarked that Mr. Holt's name does not appear in any peal or performance of any kind with any society whatever after ringing the two peals abovementioned with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

* Mr. Osborne is not quite correct in this, it is entered as 'Hick Tripples' and the 'Garthornes Hic Tripples' to be found in Annable's Note Book, shew that it was in reality Grandsire with fifth place bobs, and there is every reason to suppose that the peal was identical with Garthon's peal which had been performed by the Norwich Scholars on August 26th, 1718.

RECORDS FOUND AT BATH

The Society appears (by the book) to have been in a prosperous state till about the year 1754, but in 1757 their last peal was rung, at which time the Society became extinct (or thereabouts) as most of the members' names about this latter date are to be found in the books of other societies. In the year 1754, Mr. Albion, an active member of this Company, and a celebrated writer of peals, appears to have left London to fulfil an appointment as master of a large school at Bath, where he continued to the year of his death, 1805, and when the Union Scholars became extinct, he, being the writer of the peals, the Peal Book was sent to him at Bath, as a present, with a request to keep it, which he did to the time of his decease, when the same was afterwards presented to one John Bush (a Bath ringr), for the Bath Abbey Company, which he kept, *as his own* till his decease, in 1821. It was afterwards in the hands of others in Bath many years, in fact to the time I happened to visit Bath (while on a tour through the West of England), when it by chance was shewn to me, and to my astonishment I was asked *'the meaning'* of such a book! I soon discovered what it was and, after perusing it, made an offer and purchased it for 10s.; this was on the 2nd day of September, 1846. Upon calculation I discovered this book had been in Bath nearly 90 years, and was always supposed, by the London people, to have been for many years entirely lost or destroyed. Prior to Mr. Albion's leaving London for Bath, as before-mentioned, he wrote members' names and peals in the books of nearly every society in London, down to the time of his departure for Bath, viz.:—all the names and peals in the Ancient Society of College Youths' book from 17— to 1754; a few peals in the Eastern Scholars' book in 1752–3; all the peals from 1741 to 1754, and the whole of the names of the Union Scholars' book, and the members' names from 1747 to 1753 in the Cumberland's book. This fact is perceptible to anyone possessing a small portion of genuine discernment of ornamental writing. Thus Mr. Albion left London in 1754, and his name appears in a peal of Union Triples with the Bath Company on the 9th of December in that year, which peal he recorded in his usual ornamental style upon paper with his name signed as the writer thereof, which record was presented to me in December, 1846, by Mr. Albion, his only son (then 80 years of age), as a lover of ringing antiquities, the possession of which I retain to this day.

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Mr. Osborne also gives this account of the finding of this book:—

'The following history relates to the singular discovery of the Ancient Society of Union Scholars' *Peal Book*, which was supposed to have been lost or destroyed very many years since, but was perchance found and purchased by me, while on a visit to Bath, in December, 1846.—

Whereas, Mr. James Albion, a native of Hackney, Middlesex, born in or about the year 1727, by profession a mercantile clerk and professional writer, resided in London till the year 1753, when he went to live at Bath, and there opened a school, which he carried on with great reputation to the year 1805, the year of his death. During his time in London, he wrote all the last peals in the Union Scholars' Book, and when that Society became extinct (about the year 1757), this book was sent to him as a *present*, being the writer thereof—which he kept till his decease, when the same was presented

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UNION SCHOLARS—Continued

to the Bath Abbey Ringers Society, by his only surviving son, James Albion—who made this statement to me in 1846, above-mentioned, and was then residing at No. 1, Chapel Court, in the City of Bath, in the 80th year of his age. This book was entrusted to the care of one John Bush—a Bath ringer—to hand to his society—instead of which he kept it for himself to the time of his death, which event occurred in 1821. Afterwards it remained in the hands of different members of that society, as private property, till it was purchased by me on the 2nd day of December, 1846. At this period the book was in a very dilapidated state from age and ill-usage. I brought it to London in its original state, and afterwards took it to pieces, cleaned the whole of the leaves, mounted them upon new paper, and made all defects good about the writing, &c.—with a title page to the peals—there being no original—added some antique views of churches, with several other interesting and ancient performances, which do not appear elsewhere on paper, all of which have been collected and written by E. J. OSBORNE.

Upon perusal of the original leaves it will be perceived that Mr. Albion was (besides the writer) a ringing member of the Society of Union Scholars, and rang in nearly all the peals to the time of his leaving London for Bath. It will be also, afterwards, seen that he joined the Bath Ringing Company, and rang a peal of Union Tripples with that Company, which he recorded upon paper, and the same was presented to me by Mr. Albion (his son) in 1846, which I have placed for perusal at the end of these leaves, which originally formed the Society of Union Scholars Book—the subject of this address. E. J. OSBORNE.'

(To be continued)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Country Ramblers at South and West District Meeting

A pleasant day and two handy rings of bells attracted an attendance of 40 to the meeting, on August 15th, held at Harlington and Cranford. The ringing, under the direction of Deputy Master Mr. Frank Blagrove, ranged over a wide field, with more Surprise methods on the six at Cranford perhaps than on the eight at Harlington. At the latter church a wedding ceremony interrupted the ringing and during the enforced interval the cricket fans gathered round a portable radio avidly listening to the Test match commentaries! In fact, by this means we gathered the score after each touch and during tea, too.

At the business meeting four new members were elected including Dr. D. J. Neal Smith and daughter Jill, of All Hallows', Twickenham. The next meeting was announced to be held on September 19th at Sunbury, but final details have yet to be settled. The secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) also reminded the meeting of the joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 10th. A special welcome was extended to the secretary of the Oxford Guild (Mr. W. Hibbert), who was present, together with his wife and friends, from Reading. Harlington ringers were thanked for their almost traditional hospitality in providing tea.

Most of the ringers accepted the secretary's invitation to take a 'short cut' across the fields to Cranford. It was a delightful walk through meadow and wood, finishing to the guidance of the bells already manned by the motorists and cyclists.

WEDDING OF THE REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE

Peal Tribute Fails After 2½ Hours

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Newton Abbot, Devon, on Aug. 18th, of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, M.A. (Oxon), youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Miss Denise M. L. Pryer, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. A. Pryer, D.S.O., and Mrs. Pryer, of 36, Seymour Road, Newton Abbot.

The bridegroom is priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Newton Abbot. He is a cousin of the famous Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Docesan Guild, and a great-great-grandson of the poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The Rev. Nicholas Coleridge has done much for change ringing in this part of Devon, where stoney ringing is almost supreme. He is a member of many ringing Guilds and Associations.

The officiating clergy at the Nuptial Mass were the Rev. A. D. Coleridge, Vicar of Ide and brother of the bridegroom, who officiated at the choral service, and the Rev. P. F. Ardagh-Walter, Rector of Wolborough, who was the celebrant.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Dr. Derek Pryer, wore a dress of blue and white organdie with white accessories and carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis. Mr. Gerald Coleridge Hooper, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man.

As there are no bells at St. Paul's, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted at Wolborough Church, which is the Mother Church of the parish. Unfortunately it failed after two and a half hours' ringing.

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LETTERS

PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,024 Watford Surprise Major rung at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, July 25th, 1953. The composition has been found to be false.

My apologies to the seven other members of the band and to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully.

J. RIDYARD.

Southport.

GEORGE EAYRE

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly help me to find some information about George Eayre. He made the clock at Brigstock and, I think, the one at Stanion also, although his name is not on it. Thomas Eayre and Joseph Eayre were well-known bellfounders as well as clockmakers. But I have not found George mentioned in connection with bells, nor can I find his relationship to Thomas or Joseph. There may be other clocks in the Kettering area which give his name, or his name may yet be discovered on some bell. I should be glad if any of your readers could tell me something about George Eayre and perhaps also where he made his clocks.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN (Rev.).

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade, Beds.

THANK YOU, CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—Once again my annual holiday in Cornwall is a happy memory and through the columns of 'The Ringing World' I should like to thank all those who did so much for my happiness. First and foremost my thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Williams, of Redruth, for their hospitality and many kindnesses, and then to all those ringers (far too many to mention by name) who welcomed me in their towers, invited me to join in their outings in Devon and Cornwall, and who so willingly made up bands for any outings which I suggested. To you all I would like to express my keen appreciation by saying a very sincere 'Thank you.'—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton,
Dorset.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' August 29th, 1913

BRISTOL RINGERS VISIT CHANNEL ISLANDS

The First 720 of Minor in Guernsey . . . One of the pleasures anticipated during the outing was to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at the town church (St. Peter Port), the bells of which had recently been . . . . recast by a French firm . . . . It was soon found that to attempt a peal was out of the question [but] it was decided to start for a quarter peal of Stedman, which came to grief after nine courses, the tenor man not being able to keep the bell up.

There is a very nice ring of six at the Vale Church some two to three miles out, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung on them before morning service, to the consternation of the local ringers. . . The 720 was rung by: G. Wiltshire 1, F. G. May (conductor) 2, F. K. Howell 3, F. W. Wade 4, H. T. Howell 5, I. Long 6.

[Has any ringing taken place in Guernsey since?]

Analysis of Peals rung on Tow

Compiled by the Committee appointed by t

ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS: Spliced Surprise (10)	MAXIMUS: Ditto (8)	MAXIMUS: Ditto (7)	MAXIMUS: Ditto (2)	MAXIMUS: Cambridge	MAXIMUS: Yorkshire	MAXIMUS: Other Surprise Max.	MAXIMUS: Kent Treble Bob	MAXIMUS: Plain Bob	CINQUES: Erin	CINQUES: Grandsire	CINQUES: Stedman	ROYAL: Spliced Surprise (5)	ROYAL: Cambridge	ROYAL: Metropolitan	ROYAL: Pudsey	ROYAL: Yorkshire	ROYAL: Other Surprise Royal	ROYAL: Sailsy Delight	ROYAL: Kent Treble Bob	ROYAL: Little Bob	ROYAL: Plain Bob	ROYAL: Double Norwich	CATERS: Grandsire	CATERS: Stedman	Aldenham	Apsley	Ashtead	Bristol	Cambridge	Cornwall	Ealing	Lincolnshire	London	Lyme	New Cambridge	Pudsey
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Cambridge Univ. Gld.																																				
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One each of the following methods is included in the above analysis: **Other Surprise Maximus**—Leicester D Diocesan Guild: London, York; London County Association: Solihull; St. Martin's Guild: Langley, Staffordshire; Diocesan Association: Somerset; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Belgrave, Darlington; Hertford Cou sea, Eastcote, Edmonton, Guildford, Leicestershire, Maulden, Middleton, New Gloucester, Plymouth, Warnham; G Sandringham, Southgate, Tring, Whitminster; Sussex County Association: Cassiobury; Yorkshire Association: Zetla Diocesan Association: Albion; Hertford County Association: Granta. **Other Plain Major**—Chester Diocesan Guild: ford County Association: Double Bob; Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Single Oxford Bob; North Wales Association: J perial; Unattached: Owen's College Bob.

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Any members of the craft interested in a Freemasons' peal attempt, which will take place, if possible, at Dorchester Abbey, Oxon, are asked to communicate with Mr. H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon, stating lodge number.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Cambridge University Guild are making their headquarters at Newton Abbot for their week which starts next Sunday. Peal attempts are planned at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Bovey Tracey, Buckland-in-the-Moor and Uffculme. Thirty-seven towers are being visited including Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

The correct weight of the tenor of Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Liverpool, where the Ancient Society of College Youths recently rang a peal, is 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb., and not as published.

With the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on August 15th, Messrs. George E. Symonds and Herbert G. Jillings have rung peals of Little Bob Major on eight, ten and twelve bells.

One of the old Leicestershire veterans, Mr. J. Norton, of Billesdon, celebrated his 76th birthday by ringing the treble to a quarter peal of Doubles on August 10th. We wish him many more happy years in the belfry.

Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester, has now called a peal from each bell at Haresfield, Gloucestershire. The peal on August 15th was the first peal on the bells since they have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Universities Association's week at Oxford was most successful. A keen handbell team scored four peals, including one of Spliced Maximus in 12 methods. Tower-bell peals were Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It is hoped to arrange next year's week at Hereford.

The North Cornwall tour organised by Mr. A. P. Cannon was very successful. Some 61,000 changes were rung during the week and seven peals scored. The Rev. A. S. Roberts gave great assistance with local arrangements. The story of the tour will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Nolan Golden and his Norwich band have made a new contribution to Delight ringing with the first peal of Shouldham Delight Major, rung at Hethersett on Aug. 12th. All Saints' Church, Shouldham, was where Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore were married 25 years ago and the peal was a silver wedding compliment to them.

The band who rang the quarter peal on the bells at St. Cleer (Cornwall) on August 10th would like to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Norman Harper, who so willingly consented to ring the tenor for the other five 'scientific' ringers, and to the other local ringers who made them welcome at their tower.

Beverley Minster is in a precarious condition. Thousands of feet of scaffolding now circle the two towers. To put the masonry in a safe condition will cost at least £5,000, but full repairs will run up to £100,000. All ringing has been suspended with the exception of chiming the hours. One huge piece of masonry, a mullion forming one of the higher windows, had a crack along 10ft. or 12ft. of its length and the gap is an inch wide in places. The decay of stonework is also very widespread and in some places on the parapet round the top of the tower it has been completely worn away.

The trustees of Beverley Minster administer a fund for the repair of the fabric which dates back to the reign of Elizabeth I. Before the war, a stonemason, plumber and labourer were permanently employed at the Minster. Of recent years only the labourer has been retained. The decayed state was first noticed by men doing a minor repair to the weather vane at the top of the north tower. The discovery was opportune as experts considered that within the next six or eight months one of the pinnacles would have crashed to the ground.

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PROBLEM OF RESTORING A TREASURED PEAL BOOK

Difficulties Over a College Youths' 'Restoration'

AT the monthly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on August 8th, which was held at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, the Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), being in the chair, an interesting report was made as to some of the property of the Society.

It was recalled by the treasurer (Mr. A. A. Hughes) that on the night of December 29th, 1940, when the Society's headquarters and all around it was burnt down, the only salvage was the scorched contents of the larger of the two iron safes which were ultimately recovered from the ruins. In this safe, for protection, had been placed some half a dozen valuable and historical books, and chief of these was the original Name and Peal Book of the second or 'Junior' Society, which, in 1756, broke away from the first or 'Ancient' one. An historic document indeed.

The volume, as originally produced, was one which evinced both pride in the work and the desire to set a high standard. Of quarto size, bound in white vellum, its front cover embellished with a green circular panel with gilt edging, with the name and date—Society of College Youths, 1758—also in gold, contained within it; and all this combined to show up what was evidently meant to be a first-class work. And what was set forth within justified every expectation.

The opening pages were devoted to the list or roll of names, commencing with that of Samuel Peckover (a member of the 'Ancients'), who was probably elected as the first Master of the 'Juniors.' The 80 names are written in bold, foliated black-letter, and only four to a page, abruptly ending within four years, i.e., the end of 1759.

The names having been thus placed upon the opening pages, those at the end were used for the peals: this, it appears, was customary and involved both turning and reversing the book, so that the first peal is written upon the opening page. In this case the opening peal was the first one achieved by the 'Junior' Society, viz., 5,280 Bob Maximus, rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 4 hours and 25 minutes, on April 19th, 1757. There followed, in all, 19 peals ending with one at St. Clement Danes' on January 20th, 1760.

The foregoing used up some 40 pages, leaving more than as many again as blanks in the middle of the book. It would appear that from 1760 to 1783 the members autographed a roll, one which is now missing, and their names were from time to time transferred to the 'Grand Name Book,' a large and ornamented folio volume subscribed for by members in 1773, and which also, and in its turn, showed the list of peals rung by them.

In 1783, the first autographic roll being probably full up, it was decided to use the many blank pages of this old name book, and so we have the signatures of many known and unknown ringers, with other particulars, over nearly half a century.

The maturing value of the book was barely recognised until comparatively recent years when it had become sadly dilapidated. But, some 30 years ago, Mr. E. Alexander Young had it cleaned and restored so that it could again awaken the interest of visitors inspecting their treasures at the annual meeting.

Mr. Young, who was also present and had, at Mr. Hughes' request, outlined some of the above detail, then went on to explain how he had called Mr. Hughes' attention to the name of a famous city firm, who, according to a letter in 'The Times,' had had remarkable success in restoring burnt books, etc. And how, later, this had led to both of them receiving the firm's expert at the Foundry when and where they jointly examined the charred volumes.

It was now that the expert took an encouraging view of a proposed 'restoration'— but suggested that he be allowed to take away the book for careful study before he made his report. To this they agreed upon reminding him, however, that their position was only a tentative one as regards the College Youths, who as yet knew not a thing about it.

PEAL SHEETS MISPLACED

A month later the expert called again upon Mr. Hughes and handed him what appeared to be a beautiful new book. He gave as an explanation that, owing to an interdepartmental mistake, the book had passed from his purview and was rebound offhand before he was aware of it. Mr. Hughes, on looking at the book, saw that the peal sheets were misplaced and, thinking that there were probably other mistakes, refused to accept the book. And so it was taken back to the firm in the city for further consideration as to what should be done by all the interested parties.

A few months later it was mutually agreed that they should share the expense of paying off the firm, get the book back and lay the whole affair before a meeting of the Society. The treasurer now begged to do so and hoped that he and Mr. Young might be absolved where they had allowed their scheme to run away with itself. In regard to the misplaced and missing peals, etc., the firm involved would probably endeavour to help them.

The meeting then formally accepted all that had been done and heartily thanked the treasurer and Mr. Young.

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A WEEK AMID FAMOUS SUFFOLK CHURCHES

Saturday, July 25th, witnessed a familiar scene of strangers uniting for a week's ringing, this time in the Stowmarket area. This country abounds with thatched cottages, pargeting and many well-known churches: also good ringers who willingly co-operated to make it a most enjoyable week. Peals were attempted; some were lost unexpectedly. Ample time was allowed to inspect the treasures of the churches, outstanding being Lavenham and Long Melford, which are still brilliant monuments to master craftsmen.

On Sunday we assisted in two quarter peals for morning service. Then a successful peal of Minor at Buxhall which followed the baptism of the daughter of a member of the local band. The kind invitation to join in the celebration tea was accepted and appreciated.

Monday morning's ringing ended on the fine six at Otley, where Mr. G. Pryke, now 78, stood in for a touch. An invitation to lunch in the Rectory gardens was spoiled by rain but the meal was served in the Rev G. R. Taylor's study and he afterwards joined in the handbell ringing and introduced his Zeótrobe, whose antics captivated the party.

After tea, Stonham Aspal ten—of which only two hang inside the tower—were visited. A terrific welcome awaited the visitors here, the chamber resembling an overflowing branch meeting. Handbells were rung and all stood in the 'lower' at the other Ten Bells.

GRUNDISBURGH AND IPSWICH

On Tuesday we failed on the splendid light eight at Ufford. The font cover in this church is a marvellous achievement. Over to Grundisburgh, was Bob Royal was accomplished—a first time composition—with Rodney steering a well-struck sixth. After tea we joined the young veterans at St. Margaret's and St. Mary-le-Tower's, Ipswich, where the array of Maximus peal boards held us slightly spellbound. Good wishes were expressed to 'Jim' for a successful pilgrimage although he appeared out of course with his Wye Surprise.

Wednesday found us at Great Finingham, a glorious six; handbells were also rung as well as a selection on the chimes. The evening visit was to Cotton. Mr. Chilvers welcomed us and all had respect for his handling in the touches. (Note for intending visitors during the winter months: Take a fur coat and a mac, you perform in the prevailing elements here. Is there any other belfry similarly placed?)

On Thursday we called at Sproughton, Hintlesham and Hadleigh (where the old ringers' jug received favourable comment) prior to SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham. We stood with other visitors viewing this masterpiece. The peal failed but we recovered at the Six Bells, Preston, where a ringers' tea awaited us before trying the other 'six.'

'THE RAISIN' TOWER

No one bothered with the weather until Friday, when it did rain. The Rev. C. T. Musgrave Brown welcomed us to 'the raisin' tower of Debenham which inspired us to complete 'Middleton's.' Lunch at the Bridge and away to Framsden. Here we were welcomed by Mr. L. C. Wightman with a letter from 'C. W. P.' informing us that the Royal was false. We just took hold and rang Thurstans', with our Suffolk representative 'blowing' his first in over 300 peals.

After tea we had the pleasure of a pull at Framlingham, during which we accepted an invitation to Easton from Mr. S. Wightman, where two box pews in the sanctuary were of unusual interest. This tower starts square, grows octagonal and is finished with a short spire. Mr. Maulden here showed his ability with the handbells.

Saturday morning was spent at Sudbury, in company with Mr. A. Haynes, at All Saints' and St. Gregory's. During lunch the organiser received a token of appreciation from the band and all agreed the week had been worth while. On to our final tower, Long Melford—a perfect finish. To Garnham, a true Suffolk character, we wish continued success on the 'green flyer.' At all times we had the encouraging feeling we were welcome, so 'Thank you, Suffolk; may we meet again.' Yes, Yes!

W. A. T. C.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 546)

HAMMERSMITH

A longer set of rules in 'rhyme' is at Hammersmith—a belfry we hear very little of these days:—

Painted on the wall in Roman capitals.
The Forfeits on Ringing are as follows:—

Who soever thoroughly doth these lines peruse
To read them over do not thou refuse
Therefore who Forfeits makes must be contented
Either to Pay or else shall be Exempted
Whether you know the man his forfeits take
Or if he be a boy yet he shall pay it
Further if any one shall curse or swear
Or in this Holy Place God's name shall hear
He shall pay fourpence which if he do grudge
Then let him suffer for his sacrilege
Or if that any doth himself disgrace
As to make water in this holy place
He shall for any such or like offence
Pay for his misdemeaneur four pence
Or if that any here that is so young
That hath not yet the wit to pulf his Tongue
But when the ringers ring doth make a noise
Straitways shall pay fourpence to make him wise
Or if that any one o'erturn a bell
Six pence then shall he pay and yet scape well
Or if that in ye ropes shall swing
He then two pence shall pay or shall not ring
Or if that any of you shall espie
Anyone saucy in this companie
Who thinking for to frame himself with Claudus—
Shall pay four pence or else be turned down stairs
Or he that shall o'erthrow his bell in ringing
If he denies for to pay his half shilling
And will not spend it here in ale or beere
Then he shall never touch a bell-rope here
[There are about four more lines which are illegible.]

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET

The following is at Shillingstone, Dorset, quoted by Walters in 'Church Bells of England,' p. 72:—

'Praise the Lord with Lowd Symbols, if you curse or sware during the time of ringing you shall pay three pence'

There is no musick play'd or sung
Is like Good Bells if well Rung
Put off your hat coat and spurs
And see you make no brawls or iares
Or if you chance to curse or sware
Be sure you shall pay sixpence here
Or if you chance to break a stay
Fighteenpence you shall pay
Or if you ring with gurse or belt
We will have sixpence or your pelt 1767.'

It has often been pointed out that many visiting ringers go to various belfries—peal ringers are bad culprits and I must confess to being one myself—and never think to subscribe to the local tower towards the upkeep of the bells, etc. At the famous bell tower of Evesham, Worcs, however, there is an old 'rule' which reminds us that 'Ropes cost money, oyle is dear':—

'Gentlemen ringers far and near,
That are disposed to ring here:
Observe these Rules and note them well,
The man that overturns his bell,
Unto the sexton sixpence pay,
Before he passes hence away.
And he that rings with spur or hat
Must pay likewise Fourpence for that.
Ropes cost money, oyle is dear.
Therefore make pay or come not here.'

ST. MARY'S, STOW, LANCS

The following 'Articles and Orders to be observed by Ringers' written by William Swift, schoolmaster, used to hang in a frame in the ringing chamber at St. Mary's, Stow, Lincs:—

'All you who hath a mind to Larn to Ring	
Must to the Sexton Admission money Bring	2 6
These Articles observed strict must be	
Or your expelled this society	
Two nights a week, Sirs, you must meet, or pay	
This Forfiture to us without delay	0 2
Or when the Sexton for you tools a bell	
You must appear, or else this Forfit tell	0 2
And when you come upon this Bellfrey	
If that you noise or talk, this Forfeit pay	0 1
When you Round peals can Ring, you must pay down	
To be a change man Sirs, just half-a-crown	2 6
Or the first change that you have Learned to Ring	
One shilling more must pay Sirs, that's the thing	1 0
And every Ringer must spend more or less	
As he thinks meet, to wish you good success	0 2
If you would Learn to prick a peal in score	
Unto those Colledge Youths you must pay more	1 0
When you know Bob, Hunt, Single, Dodge compleat	
You'll not deny our Colledge Youths a treat	2 6
On our Feast-day, the Twenty-ninth of May	
Each member must, Sirs, just one shilling pay	1 0
When our accompts are passed Sirs for Truth	
And you are stiled a Colledge Youth	
New Stewards then are chose, and, by the by	
If that you do the Stewardship deny	
Your fine must pay—as in the Margin see	1 6
Then from your Stewardship one year are free.	
These rules peruse well before you enter	
Its a hard task on which you venture.	
When once a member you are freely made	
Those Articles must justly be abey'd.	
So now my Lads, admission money bring	2 6
And we will Learn you presently to ring.	

JOHN MARSHALL, Master. WILLIAM SMITH, Notary.
March the 1st, 1770.'

Another card at the same place has:—

'We ring the quick to church to grave
Good is our use, such usage let us have.
Who swears or curses, or in a chol'ric mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood,
Who wears his hat, or overturns a bell
Or by his unskilfull handling mars a peal
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime
Twill make him cautious gainst another time.
So, when the bells are ceased, then let us sing,
God bless our Holy Church—God Save the Queen.'

HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Mr. W. Andrews, F.R.Hist.S., relates the following relative to the Ringers' Rules at Holy Trinity, Hull:—

'In September, 1875, I visited Holy Trinity Church, Hull, to ascertain if any ringers' regulations were to be found in the church. I learned, on inquiry, a number of quaint orders were hung up in the ringing chamber some years ago but a mischievous boy mutilated them with a knife so that they were taken down. The person in charge, however, kindly submitted for my inspection the disfigured orders, and after considerable trouble I have been able to make a transcript, which I think will prove interesting:—

"ORDERS

Agreed upon by the sexton and ringers of the Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, approved of and allowed by the Rev. Willam Mason, Vicar, Mr. George Maddison, and Mr. Thomas Bell, churchwardens of the same church, the first day of May, Anno Domini 1730, and confirmed by the Rev. John Healey Bromby, Vicar, Thomas Mitchell, and Charles Anthy. Forrester, churchwardens, the first day of May, 1838.

It is ordered, that every person who shall ring any bell with hat or spurs on, shall forfeit and pay sixpence for the use of the ringers.

It is ordered, that every person who shall pull a bell off her stay and cannot set her again, shall forfeit and pay for use aforesaid, one shilling.

It is ordered, that any person who shall throw any bell over shall forfeit and pay for the use aforesaid, sixpence, and over and above this in case anything is broken by such overthrow, such person shall also pay the charge of repairing the same again.

It is ordered, that every person so soon as he has set his bell shall immediately hang up the strap or rope, or in default thereof shall forfeit and pay, for use aforesaid, sixpence.

It is ordered, that if any person shall untruss himself upon the lead in any part, or cut and mark the same with a knife or any other thing, such offender shall forfeit and pay for the use aforesaid, sixpence.

It is ordered, that any person who shall have read any of these orders with his hat upon his head, shall forfeit and pay for the said use, sixpence."

Next are given the names of the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers who held office in 1730, and a similar list is rendered for 1838, when the above orders were repainted at the expense of Mr. W. Green, a sidesman.'

It will be seen that anyone who does not set his bell at the proper time is fined one shilling—we at St. Margaret's, Leicester, have a box for a similar fine and although we do not expect so large a sum it is surprising how this helps our funds! A similar practice held good at Beverley Minster as will be seen by their rules:—

'RINGERS' ORDERS, 1823

If any person pulls off a bell and cannot set her forfeits 6d.
If any person pulls off a bell without leave of the ringers forfeits 6d.
If any person overturn a bell forfeits 1s.
If any person ring a bell with hat or spurs on forfeits 6d.
If any person cause a quarrel or swears forfeits 3d.
If any person is seen reading these orders with hat or spurs on forfeits 6d.'

(To be continued)

HITCHIN RINGERS VISIT ESSEX

On July 18th, nearly 40 ringers and friends set out by coach and two cars (one a veteran Cowley well known in Hitchin district, and the other an Oxford of recent vintage, thus revealing an important difference between the teaching and the medical professions!) from their home towers—Hitchin, Great Wymondley, St. Ippolyts, Stevenage, Norton and Stotfold—bound this year for Essex, where eight fine towers were visited.

The car contingent was a good point in that it enabled full use to be made of the allotted time at each tower despite the full day. The front eight of the Saffron Walden's fine twelve (24 cwt.) were thus pealing out to welcome the coach party, but soon the whole twelve were going in rounds, a new experience for most of the ringers. Stedman Caters and several touches on the back eight were rung.

Thaxted Church, our next call, deserves all the praise lavished upon it, with its 180 ft. spire, but the long draught seemed to make for poorer ringing on this nice eight (15 cwt.). We made up for this at Bocking on a very ringable eight (18 cwt.), where a fine course of Yorkshire was brought round among other touches.

The Dutch proprietor at the Corner House, Braintree, lavished an excellent lunch upon us, which took time to consume, and we were late at Kelvedon, where the 'Britannias' rush by on the Great Eastern main line. This was our only six-bell tower but we could not have wished for a better one, for the tenor is the Festival of Britain bell, 21 cwt. of golden tone, and the 'go' so good that the 'light-enders' turned it in successfully.

Mr. Everett had left Boreham bells ready, but we did not stay long enough to get used to this rather quaint eight (13 cwt.) which are best heard outside the square, partly Norman, central tower, for the tower master was, quite rightly, determined to get us to our tea on time, which left only 20 minutes for everyone to have a pull.

Tea was at the Odeon Cinema, Chelmsford, whence we adjourned to the Cathedral Church to listen to some fine singing from massed choirs of the Diocese before Mr. L. J. Clarke led us up the imposing tower. This was the moment we had looked forward to and we were not disappointed. The bells were up, ready, and as we pulled off the back eight (34¼ cwt. in C) we had one of those more elusive rewards of ringing; as each bell struck in turn its increasingly nobler note we held our breath, wondering what more the mighty tenors, already rolling round inexorably, had still to add, and when it did come there was a temptation to stand back and drink in the music and forget to pull again. These were certainly some of the noblest bells we have heard, and our tenor men's countenances showed how much they thought of it as Yorkshire and Superlative unfolded their measured melody, providing probably the day's best ringing. In between came rounds on the 12 again, Grandsire Caters and touches on the middle eight for those who preferred lighter bells.

It was not far to Great Waltham, where there is a fine old ring, the heaviest eight-bell ring in Essex. These take some ringing to get the best out of them, but Superlative and other touches 'went.' Afterwards the local ringer who met us showed us up to the tower top, a journey recommended to visitors to Great Waltham, as the clock chamber contains one of the oldest examples of chiming apparatus still working, and the bells are an interesting collection of veterans retaining their canons, the tenor being an imposing giant which looks all the 26 cwt. of local repute, though the 'Book' gives 22¼ cwt.

The vintage car guided the coach through another maze of lanes to the last call, Hatfield Broad Oak, whose lofty tower is a landmark, the explanation, no doubt, of the aircraft photographs for the Observer Corps, which still cover the belfry walls. The other car party was ringing the only touch of Bob Minimus of the day on 1, 4, 6, 8 as the rest arrived. The one place where this musical eight (17 cwt.) cannot be heard is in the ringing room, a useful restraint on those of us who are apt to bubble over verbally if things do not go well; here trips have to be corrected in whispers. Our concluding hour gave everyone as much ringing as they could desire in one full and very enjoyable day and we found our respective ways homeward amid lightning flashes from the storms which had been hovering around since early afternoon. D. P. J.

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By M. JOHN BRADFORD

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2					64352
	—				56342
x					63542
	—				46532
2					54632
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	—	—		3	62345
	—	—			36524
2					53624
		—			63425
2					46325
	—	3			24365
2					32465
		—			42563
	—	—			54326
	—				25346
2					32546

Repeated adding SH in last Course = 24356

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2					63524
	2	—			52463
2					45263
	—				64253
2					26453
			—		65234
x					52634
		—			62435
2					46235
	2	—			23546
x					35246
	—				43256

Repeat last 20 Courses twice adding SH in last Course = 23456

FOURTEEN TOWERS ON AUGUST MONDAY

Peterborough Guild in Lincolnshire

A very full day's ringing was enjoyed by a group of members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on August Monday when they visited 14 towers in Lincolnshire.

The first stop was Edenham where Cambridge was among the methods rung on the eight bells. At Morton we had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. H. M. Day, who showed us how to ring on six bells. Rippingale must surely be amongst the finest of sixes, and was the 1,600th tower for our guest, Bill Stote, who marked this milestone by a request for London which was duly complied with.

After lunch at Billingborough (a luxury permitted only after torture) the newly-augmented light eight were made good use of for a rather limited period because we were told that a wedding was to take place at Sempringham Abbey at the time of our ringing there and we just couldn't miss a tower! This gave us a little longer to enjoy the pleasant six at Horbling, which are rung from the choir stalls.

The bells at Great Hale are housed in an early Norman tower which contrasted strongly with most of the towers we saw, and particularly the next, Heckington, with all its flamboyant grace. Yorkshire was well rung on the fine eight here which we were loth to leave. A puncture was not discovered until after the eight at Swineshead had been lowered but with 'all hands to the pump' Bicker was reached in time for Cambridge, Double Norwich Court Bob, etc., to be rung on another excellent light eight, the music of which delayed our arrival at Wigtoft where we found a six nine cwt. lighter than 'Mr. Dove.'

The excellence of Sutterton's eight leaves little to be desired except that the ropes fall where they should in accordance with correct handling, but Superlative was well struck and enjoyed (even by P. C.). A heavy and very fine ring of six is hung in Gosberton tower and was rung to Plain Bob, which went on for ever with superb 'belfrymanship.' The last tower of this 'Mad Hatter tea party' was the leaning tower of Surfleet with its delightful twelve, which were reluctant to ring Stedman Cinques for us but did oblige with some good Caters.

We wish to thank all incumbents, the Lincolnshire ringers and Harry Wooding, who helped to make such an enjoyable day, and look forward to 20 towers next Bank Holiday. P. I. C.

A TOUR IN NORTH DEVON

On August Bank Holiday in brilliant weather a party of ringers representing the counties of Bucks, Cheshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset partook of an enjoyable outing arranged by Mr. Wilf Panting with his usual efficiency, and including the inevitable section of a reliability trials course. Towers visited were Atherington (6, tenor 11 cwt.), Yarnscombe (6, 13 cwt.), Northam (8, 13 cwt.), Abbotsham (6, 12 cwt.), Woolfardisworthy (pronounced Wolsery, and so given on the signposts—6, 8 cwt.), Hartland (6, 16 cwt.), Buckland Brewer (6, 12¼ cwt) and Parkham (6, 10 cwt.). Thanks are due to all incumbents for permission to ring and especially to the Rector of Parkham, this tower being an afterthought and it being 8 p.m. before the Rector was contacted, and to those local ringers and/or incumbents who met the party at each tower.

E. P. T. F.

A HALF-DAY IN CORNWALL

On Saturday, August 8th, eight ringers representing Cornwall and Dorset spent a pleasant afternoon and evening ringing bells, crossing the Bodinnick Ferry (an experience in itself), driving up and down innumerable hills and getting lost in a maze of lanes. Towers visited were Luxulyan (a backward ring of 6, tenor 9¼ cwt.), Tywardreath (6, 7 cwt.), Lanteglos-by-Fowey (6, 11 cwt.), Lansallos (8, 12¼ cwt.), St. Veep (6, 7¼ cwt.) and St. Winnow (6, 8 cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

E. P. T. F.

OUTINGS

ST. GILES', READING

At 7.15 a.m, on July 25th the St. Giles', Reading, ringers accompanied by other local ringers and friends set off for the Salisbury area. For many of us it was our first outing and we had been eagerly awaiting it for many weeks.

We arrived at St. Mary's, Andover, in good time and at 9 a.m. the bells were raised in peal. Rounds, Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Major followed, and after three quarters of an hour's ringing we left the chamber and fearfully descended to ground level.

At Winterslow everyone admired the 'go' and tone of the bells, which were put to good use, but we had to leave all too soon to get to St. Martin's, Salisbury, where, in spite of time lost in a traffic jam, we had half an hour's ringing on the eight bells there.

By this time everyone was ready for lunch, and after a hearty meal ringing was resumed at Wilton. Whether it was owing to the longer draught or the lunch is open to debate, but ringing was of a lower standard than at previous towers and many of the party spent the time examining the unusual architecture.

At South Newton we were once again favourably impressed by the bells and we were surprised to hear that they had had no major maintenance for over 70 years. The addition of two trebles which is soon to be made will turn the bells into a very nice eight.

Until now the weather had been fine but at Shrewton it changed for the worse and so we stayed considerably longer than intended, and in addition to Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor the more expert ringers were able to ring London Minor.

After a short visit to Stonehenge, and tea at Amesbury, we had over an hour's ringing at St. Mary and Melorus' finishing with a course of London. Everyone admired the bells.

Our last stop was at Preshute, where we rang till 9 p.m., and finally, after liquid refreshment at Hungerford, we arrived back at Reading at 11 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains of the various towers for the use of the bells, and to Bob Turner, our own captain, who arranged such an enjoyable day for us. K. C.

WALMER, KENT.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, J. Hales 2, Miss J. Wells 3, Miss A. Vine 4, T. A. Wickens 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, G. E. Ruck (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 7, J. James 8. Specially arranged for J. Hales, of London.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

SILSOE, BEDS.—Practices, to be resumed on Sept. 1st, will be held each week on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3069

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Over (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3072

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2–3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford. Meeting after tea.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3070

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Sept. 7th, 7.15 p.m. and every first Monday in each month, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3071

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM BACON

The death of Mr. William Bacon, of Prittlewell, Essex, occurred on Tuesday, August 11th, at the great age of 92 years.

He was born in Peasenhall, Suffolk, where he learnt to ring and also became a chorister. In 1908 he moved to Prittlewell and became a member of the local band. The Essex Association made him a life member in 1938 and he remained interested in ringing until his death, although for the past 14 years he had not been able to take part in any practical ringing. Not a great peal ringer, ringing about 50 in all, he was, nevertheless, a regular Sunday service ringer and loved some good striking. He leaves two sons and four daughters.

On Sunday evening, August 16th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following members of the Prittlewell band: D. Coombes 1, P. Sadler 2, B. Cook 3, B. Sadler 4, L. Beal 5, J. Belcham 6, F. May 7, G. Frost 8, F. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. Chambers 10.

MR. WILLIAM WATKINS

Mr. William Watkins, of Bredenbury, Herefordshire, died on Sunday, August 16th, aged 72 years.

He had been a ringer at Bredenbury for 53 years, during which time he had given faithful and regular service to his church and fellow-ringers. Of a quiet and even disposition, he earned the respect of everyone in the district and will be greatly missed by ringers and parishioners.

He had rung ten peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, but had no ambitions for advanced method ringing, devoting his interests to his service and practice ringing with no thought of self, but of duty to his tower. He was 'a man in the street,' a real country ringer and of the kind who belong to the foundations of the Exercise.

He was carried to rest by his fellow-ringers at Bredenbury on Wednesday, August 19th, and to his memory a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on his loved bells.

In the evening Bromyard ringers rang half-muffled touches of Minor and Doubles in remembrance of one who had given help at Bromyard tower in days gone by. R.I.P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Many Visitors at Ashwell Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Northern District was held at Ashwell on August 15th, ringers from a wide area being present besides representatives of the usual District towers. They were honoured with the company of the Rev. C. G. Woodhead, a former Bedford ringer, and C.U.A., who now lives at Barnsley.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Massert, of the Three Tuns; 26 ringers and friends enjoying a nice, light spread.

The Rev. C. G. Woodhead was elected to the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, for the business meeting. The Central Council letter on irregular methods, etc., was read and the District approved the paying of 10s. towards the cost of the Roll of Honour to be housed in St. Paul's.

The next meeting was fixed for St. Paul's, Walden, on Sept. 26th with a special method—Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. The collection for the general funds was 15s.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London, Wells and York Surprise.

Congratulations to the resident band of the Doncaster and District Society, who have rung for the Society the first peal of London Surprise Major.

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BIRTH

COOK.—On Aug. 18th, 1953, to Molly, wife of Arthur, the gift of a son (Stephen Lynn Doeg).—Hanbury Rectory, Bromsgrove. 3043

MARRIAGE

COLERIDGE—PRYER.—On Tuesday, Aug. 18th, at St. Paul's, Newton Abbot, the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Leatherhead, to Miss Denise M. L. Pryer, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. A. Pryer, D.S.O., and Mrs. Pryer, of 36, Seymour Road, Newton Abbot, Devon. 3061

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—A. B. Peck. 3004

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Secs. 2994

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 3018

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 29th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. Ringing 2.30–3.30 at Finchampstead and Sandhurst; 3.30–4.30, St. Paul's; 6.30–9 at Wargrave, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and St. Paul's. — B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 2990

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Victoria to Beckenham Junction or Charing Cross to Clock House, thence 227 bus.—A. Salter, Dis. Sec., 1, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans. 2988

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2998

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Cheadle R.C. bells available Saturday, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m.—W. Carnwell. 3044

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wells, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3031

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Meeting, Yattendon (6), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3055

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. — Next meeting at Holmfirth (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Huddersfield. 3041

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Goldington, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Marshall, 368, Goldrington Road, Bedford, by Sept. 3rd. This is the first meeting at this church, where the bells have recently been augmented from four to six. — Bryan Pattison. 3045

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Topsham, Sept. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 2nd to B. Pidgeon, Bakery, East Budleigh. 3028

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Coseley, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3010

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting.—Great Wakering, Sept. 5th (note change of venue). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Early notice of names for tea to Mrs. C. Woodgate, 1, Burgess Cottages, Little Wakering, will be appreciated. 3011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st certain. — Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 3037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Banch. — Meeting, North Nibley (6), Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 2nd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3067

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin. 3019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brasted (6), Sept. 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Budgen, Darenton, Rectory Lane, Brasted, near Sevenoaks, by Sept. 2nd. 3035

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Sept. 5th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. For those requiring tea there are numerous cafes adjacent. —Charles W. Blakey, Branch Secretary. 3046

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Annual meeting at Morecambe (8 bells) on Sept. 5th. Ringing 2–8. Meeting at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Schofield, 10, Foxholes Road, Morecambe.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, Sept. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. in tower. Cafes nearby for teas. — F. Pritchard. 3054

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting at Monmouth, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to Mr. L. Jones 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth. —J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 3026

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Ashbury, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 3022

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Mynard, near Tower, Emberton, Olney, Bucks, by Sept. 1st.—R. H. Howson. 3017

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford (6), Sept. 5th. Names for tea must reach me by Sept. 2nd. — E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3060

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury.—Joint meeting at Upavon (6), Sept. 5th. Netheravon available 3 p.m. Endford and Fittleton applied for. Names to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3066

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Thrybergh on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. per team. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. — J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec., 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 3038

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Cotgrave **(note change of venue)**, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Moderate charge for those **only** who notify by Thursday, Sept. 3rd, Mr. A. E. Hoodless, Church Lane, Cotgrave, Notts. 3027

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Sept. 2nd G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3064

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Neath (St. Thomas'), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. — J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3006

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest and meeting at Felkirk, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Those requiring teas, also entries, must reach me not later than Sept. 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3068

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Drayton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3058

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by 8th to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—A. B. Cooper and H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 3050

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Sept. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to the Rev. J. Charnley, Payhembury, Honiton, not later than Sept. 5th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 2989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., Bull's Head Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, to Ron Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 3049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head; numbers, with cash, please, to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Sept. 2nd. Note early notification for tea.—B. J. Luck. 3063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The meeting at Boughton Monchelsea has been postponed from Sept. 12th to Sept. 19th. Details next week. — E. S. J. Hatcher. 3059

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Spalding, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. A. Mills, 4, Milestone Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3047

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ketteringham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5.15. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. No names, no tea will be booked. 3047

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. — F. W. Hancock. 3065

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Market Overton, Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—E. E. Gibson, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 3062

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Llanbadarn Fawr. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 3034

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—First ever meeting, Tong, Sept. 12th. Six rehung and tuned (12 cwt., bourdon 42 cwt.). Tea if you advise by Sept. 9th W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, 3846. 3048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to be sent to Mr. F. Popplewell, 12, Osborne Grove, Lightcliffe, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3057

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for **those only** who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at the White Lion Hotel, Underbank, Stockport, Oct. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 12s. 6d.) obtainable from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Oct. 3rd. Will applicants on behalf of parties please give the names of the members of their party. Ringing arrangements later. 3029

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Accommodation for 200. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch secretaries or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3020

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This is the composition rung for the first time at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on August 8th, conducted by John Worth.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1952

LAST week we published the peals analysis table for 1952, preliminary details of which were announced at the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth. While the number of peals rung, 2,619, is a substantial figure, in no sense can 1952 be regarded as a vintage year. Compared with the record established in 1951 of 2,925 there appears, superficially, to be a falling off. The aggregate number of peals is to a large extent governed by Royal occasions when bands that do not normally ring enter into the peal ringing lists. There was no great national occasion during 1952 and without such an impetus numbers fell. When the record of 1953 is compiled it will be found that the inspiration of the Coronation will have made a big impression on peal totals, particularly in regard to the standard methods.

The general trend of ringing can be more concisely judged by an examination of the following table:—

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Maximus	36	39	31	47	17
Cinques	43	48	50	43	43
Royal	82	121	86	109	92
Caters	86	104	89	99	82
Major	906	997	938	1,052	957
Triples	339	315	297	335	346
Minor & Doubles	904	1,008	870	839	821

While there was a decrease of eight in the number of 12-bell peals, it is no cause for alarm as circumstances for such ringing are limited. Nevertheless, it will be observed that 20 Associations or Guilds rang these high number peals—the same number as in the previous year. As in 1951, Leicester predominated in the field of Maximus and ventured into uncharted waters with peals of eight and ten methods in Spliced Surprise. St. Martin's Guild had six peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, but their main energies were devoted to Stedman Cinques with 13 peals against 16 in 1951. Birmingham is truly the home of Stedman Cinques with more than one-third of the national total to its credit. In the neighbouring Archdeaconry of Stafford there were also eight peals, probably inspired by the nearby influence of Birmingham. The Ancient Society of College Youths with their almost unrivalled resources rang four twelve-bell peals—this number has already been surpassed this year under the energetic mastership of Mr. F. E. Collins, who has a great love for the back end of a ring of twelve.

The year 1952 was not a good year for ten-bell peals, in fact it was the lowest for the past five years with only 168. These were spread between 37 Associations and Guilds, two more than the previous year. There were 49 peals of Surprise Royal against 67 in 1951. Cambridge had 25 and Yorkshire 11. The presence of Metropolitan —three peals—will be noted, these conforming to the Central Council's decision regarding the extension of London. There were more peals of Grandsire Caters (45) than in 1951, although Stedman were less with 41 against 59. The leading Associations for ten-bell ringing were Lancashire and Leicester (13 each), Gloucester and Bristol and St. Martin's Guild (11 each) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (10).

For the past two years there have been more peals of Surprise Major rung than in Plain methods. This year the position is reversed with 450 Surprise to 456 other methods. Forty-nine Surprise methods were rung against 54 in 1951. There were 83 less Surprise Major peals rung, a falling off which is somewhat difficult to explain as Surprise peals are invariably rung by bands composed of ardent peal ringers. The most popular Surprise method was Cambridge, with 106 peals against 103 in 1951. Yorkshire took second place with 81 (against 122). Then followed Superlative 48 (54), Bristol 41 (44), London 41 (51) and Rutland 19 (19). In the realm of Spliced Surprise there was nothing to approach the Oxford Diocesan Guild's 25 methods peal in 1951. Chester Diocesan Guild had one peal in 13 methods and four in 12. In 1951 there were 43 peals of Spliced Surprise Major; 1952 produced only 33.

There was a similarity of figures in regard to Plain Major methods. Plain Bob had 196 against 201, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major 101 peals against 100. The number of Treble Bob peals at 110 was nine less. Kent Treble Bob had 85 against 89.

Last year we commented upon the rise in the number of peals of Grandsire Triples from 157 to 201. This year the total is still higher with 209 and there is every indication that in 1953 it will be higher still. It is natural, perhaps, with the advent of new ringers to see a substantial number of Grandsire peals. In 1952 Lancashire had 24 peals of Grandsire Triples, Oxford Diocesan Guild 22 and Kent County Association 18. Stedman Triples also had a better year with 109 peals (100 in the previous year). Of this total 17 were rung for the Kent County Association and 14 by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

As to five- or six-bell ringing, there was a drop of over 100. The total of 904 compares very favourably, how-

ever, with the other year's, being the second best on record. Of the peals of Minor, the Chester Diocesan Guild had one of 35 methods and another of 33, while the Peterborough Diocesan Guild have been specialising in multi-method Doubles peals, having one of 42 methods and another of 21 to their credit. The three most successful Guilds for Doubles and Minor were Lincoln 65, Leicester 64 and Peterborough 55.

The Exercise cannot feel very happy about the position of handbell ringing. For the fourth successive year there has been a decrease in the number of peals rung, the respective figures being: 1952, 223; 1951, 293; 1950, 362; 1948, 382. To-day there seem to be few centres where handbell peals are rung regularly. It will be noted that Oxford University Association have now in residence a keen handbell contingent and the Association contributed 19, three less than the Leicester Diocesan Guild and two below the North Staffordshire Association. It is really deplorable that only three peals on 12 bells were rung 'in hand'—all by the Leicester Guild. Spliced Surprise Major has been advanced by Mr. C. Woolley's band to new heights with peals in 16 and 14 methods. Mention should also be made of Lincoln Diocesan Guild's three peals in 31, 26 and 22 Spliced Plain methods. There is still plenty of scope for progressive handbell bands; the essence is, however, regular meetings.

For the fourth year in succession the Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals with 206 (250 in 1951). The order of the other leading Associations is as follows: 2 Kent 155 (176); 3 Lancashire 147 (163); 4 Lincoln 118 (172); 5 Oxford Diocesan Guild 115 (131); 6 Chester 108 (172); 7 Essex 108 (56); 8 St. Martin's 105 (82); 9 Norwich 97 (90); 10 Stafford Archdeaconry 94 (73); 11 Suffolk 90 (82); 12 Yorkshire 86 (114); 13 Worcester 81 (83).

These records are only possible through the good services of the Peals Analysis Committee (Messrs. Walter Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles), and the Exercise in reading the fruit of their labours should pass them a sincere vote of thanks.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Hancock (first quarter) 1, D. C. Wheeler 2, K. Vaughan 3, A. J. White 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Cook 6.

BLACKROD, LANCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. Crook, sen. 1, R. Eastham 2, J. Bolton 3, A. Moss 4, A. Pendlebury 5, G. Pearson 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 each conducted 360 changes. Rung to celebrate England's victory in regaining the Ashes.

BOLTON, LANCS. — At the Church of St. Peter on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Tompkins 1, O. Davies 2, G. Pearson 3, J. Kay 4, R. Eastham 5, R. Allred 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. Rung after Sunday evensong as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Trueman, who are leaving the parish to go to Kowloon Tong in Hong Kong.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. J. Johnson 1, O. M. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mrs. G. Burgess 3, J. E. Harmsworth 4, J. K. Morley (cond.) 5, A. J. Taylor 6. Rung as birthday compliments to 1 and 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Escott 1, Miss E. Pool 2, G. G. Davis (cond.) 3, A. Bellamy 4, A. J. Chubb 5, M. Cook 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Betty Webber, one of the ringers.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston): J. H. Edwards 1, Miss D. M. Drew 2, D. L. Mills 3, G. Rouse 4, E. J. Butler 5, F. G. Oliver 6, L. D. Mills 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First quarter of combined Treble Bob by all except ringers of 3 and 7, and first on the bells.

COLMWORTH, BEDS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dyer 1, C. Clarke 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 6.

NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDEROCK,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. T. E. Sone's 350th peal of Major.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Aug. 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

M. ANGELA CARTER	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Major on the bells. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUBREDIUS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

BETTY M. VIDLER	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

WERRINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
BETTY M. VIDLER	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
†A. DOREEN EDWARDS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
‡WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal since 1901.

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

M. ANGELA CARTER	*Treble*	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
KILBY R. HOLTOM	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	7
COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells. A birthday peal for Miss Angela Carter.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CONAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*COLIN J. CHAMPION	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	COLIN J. CHAMPION	5
BETTY M. VIDLER	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
A. DOREEN EDWARDS ..	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal on the bells.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS WEEK

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	JEFFERY C. BIRT	5
ROBERT G. LAY	2	WALTER LEE	6
FREDERICK SCOTT	3	*MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	7
GEORGE GILBERT	4	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Bob Major.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and combined Kent and Oxford, two 720's of combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTLER	*Treble*	ROBERT G. LAY	4
MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
1, Cambridge Surprise; 2, Oxford Treble Bob; 3, Kent Treble Bob; 4, St. Clement's and Childwall; 5, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. 6, Single Oxford and Plain Bob; 7, Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., Aug. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
1, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College and Childwall Bob; 2, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College and Plain Bob; 3, St. Clement's College, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 4, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 5, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 6, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; 7, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob; 87 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	2	WALTER LEE	5
JEFFERY C. BIRT	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
First peal in seven Spliced Plain Minor methods by all.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	6
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	7
PETER LAFLIN	3	WILLIAM ALLMAN	8
JOHN WORTH	4	WALTER ALLMAN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Aug. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	*IVOR J. DICKIN	5
ERIC NOBLES	2	‡GEORGE F. ROOME ..	6
*†KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	3	‡BERNARD E. FROST	7
*JOHN HARROLD	4	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Queen Mother.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 London, 864 Cambridge, 576 Superlative and 800 Bristol, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH ..	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON..	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	*S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*ERNEST MORRIS	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
*JOHN A. ACRES	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
JULIA M. PRESTON	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON ..	6
*MARY FULLER	3	†GEORGE F. BURTON ..	7
†ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

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BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	PATRICIA BOURNE	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	WALTER E. WILKINSON	7
ERNEST J. GOWER	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Jackson, who is leaving to take up duties at Woodplumpton.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	*CHARLES BOWER	5
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS	2	*DONALD L. MILLS	6
*JANET M. SPURGIN	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal in the Treble Bob principle.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
JEAN DAWSON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
WALTER E. WILKINSON	3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	7
PATRICIA BOURNE	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the recasting and hanging of the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES W. EDEN	*Treble*	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	WILLIAM H. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by B. H. SWINSON. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* 50th peal in this tower.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
VICTOR SAVAGE	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
This is the 100th Somerset tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
*GWEN I. RUSHBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
†GEOFFREY PAUL	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
†ROBERT W. HINDE	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Major.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ROBERT J. STOKES	6
*MOLLY P. FLYNN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DOWDING.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob,
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain Bob, three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

PHILLIP J. EASTLAND	*Treble*	MARION BRADLEY	4
*WALTER DAVIS	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
GEORGE E. HANCOCK	3	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung from new ringing chamber floor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

HORACE MAIR	*Treble*	*TONY OTTER	4
*MALCOLM STONE	2	*ROGER COLES	5
*DAVID SIMMS	3	TOM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 28 lb.

WILLIAM BAINS	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
In memoriam F. W. Atkinson, for many years a ringer in the neighbouring tower of Brigg, and a member of the band who rang the first peal on these bells.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD FRANKLIN	*Treble*	WALTER DAVIS	4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK ..	2	WILLIAM SWAIN	5
ARTHUR SMITHSON	3	E. GLYN HOLDGATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. GLYN HOLGATE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. P. H. Wright and Miss B. Saunders. The bridegroom is vice-captain at the Church of the Holy Cross, Morton.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

DONALD V. ROBINSON ..	*Treble*	A. T. PERRY	4
*MARY I. DOWSETT	2	R. I. GARDINER	5
K. EVERITT	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal 'inside.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	*IVOR JENKINS	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
SYDNEY SAGE	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. J. G. S. Winstanley, Vicar of Poynton, as an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, and also to mark the birth of a son to Mrs. I. Jenkins.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*R. MURIEL HAILE	*Treble*	JOHN A. HAILE	4
*DAVID G. H. MARTINDALE	2	J. NEVILLE HAILE	5
GRAHAM MCKAY	3	HAROLD WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WILSON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. First peal on the bells by a band of St. Bees ringers.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Haile and Margaret Charter.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and Plain Bob, two of Single Court and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

E.-OFFR. F. R. MITCHELL	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	4
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	WILLIAM H. DALE	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and Rodney, his son.

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ..	1—2	*BRIAN BUSWELL	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	MRS. J. E. TURLEY ..	7—8

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal with an 'inside' pair.



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A PAGE OF AUGUST OUTINGS

CHESTER

Ringers from the Chester District had a most enjoyable outing in Shropshire and Staffordshire on August 17th. A party of twelve left Chester by car and motor-cycle shortly after 7.30 a.m. and were met at Morton-in-Hales by Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, with three friends, and the first pull was at this church, a pleasant ring of eight. Mr. Kerrison, the local tower captain, and one of his young ringers joined in some of the touches. This is believed to be the smallest eight-bell tower in Shropshire.

Broughton, Staffordshire, was next visited and Mr. Lawe, the tower keeper, welcomed the party and full use was made of the bells in the time available.

After lunch an hour was spent at St. Mary's, Stafford, and the party had the pleasure of Mr. Garbett (tower keeper) and Messrs. Warrilow (senior and junior) and Hone taking part in the touches. Brewood was next visited and the visitors were greatly impressed with this grand ring which is in keeping with a very fine church.

The last call was St. Mary's, Lichfield, and Mr. D. Beresford met us and joined in most of the ringing, and after sightseeing the party commenced the journey home, arriving at 10.30 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Plain and Little Bob Spliced, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters and Bob Royal.

This was considered one of the most successful outings the Chester ringers had had and sincere thanks are due to the incumbents for the permission to ring, the ringers who met us and kindly assisted us and Mr. R. G. Corby, who organised the outing. J. W. G.

RUISLIP

Hampshire was visited on August 15th by the ringers of St. Martin's, Ruislip. Starting at 8 a.m., their old friend and colleague, Frank Blondell, was picked up at Harlington. After a short stop for coffee at Bagshot, Alton was reached and ringing was much enjoyed on the very fine eight. The Vicar kindly showed the ladies round the church, and the local tower keeper joined in the ringing.

At Privett the party was welcomed by the Vicar, who climbed the tower to see the ringers start. Here there is a very nice ring of bells and several touches were rung. After a fine lunch at Petersfield came West Meon, where the fine flint work in the church was much admired. One of the local ringers met the party and informed them that he had been ringng for 60 years and sang in the choir for 70. The party then went on to East Meon, another nice eight, with an awkward way up to the tower, but everyone managed to climb the iron ladder, even the lady ringer and old Frank, in spite of his 84 years. The visit here lasted an hour.

Returning to Petersfield, Ruislip ringers were met by Mr. Basset, who gave them a warm welcome at the Parish Church. These bells were left with regret, but as tea was booked for 6.30 and some of the band were slyly looking for blisters, this finished the ringing for the day.

The homeward run was started by way of Hindhead and Guildford with a stop for refreshments at Ottershaw, and it was noticed that the singing improved afterwards. Ruislip was reached at 10.30. The day proved to be most enjoyable and many thanks are extended to all who met the visitors and helped to make the day a success, especially to Mr. Bunce, who made all the necessary arrangements. T. C

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT

The second outing of the year took place on August 15th when nearly 40 ringers and friends went to Whitby. The first call was at the Green Man Hotel, Malton, for breakfast where full justice was done to a good meal. The handy ring of eight bells at Norton was made good use of. Here the party received a hearty welcome from Mr. Rowsley and the Vicar.

To the surprise of all, Mr. G. Compton, of Cawthorne, who was on holiday, met the visitors at Pickering on behalf of the local company. After an hour's ringing lunch was very much enjoyed at the White Swan Hotel.

The journey over the moors to Whitby was glorious and the town was reached about 3.45 p.m. A climb of 199 steps led to the church and the bells were rung in rounds and also Minor on the front and back six. Tea was served at Bothams Cafe, Baxtergate, another enjoyable meal. The time to depart came all too soon but all returned home tired and happy. We are all very grateful to the local secretaries for making the successful arrangements. D. S.

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its annual half-day outing on August 22nd when the South Hams district was again the venue.

The first call was at Modbury where there is a fine ring of six with a long draught. After a short stay here a move was made to the pretty village of Thurlestone, which possesses a light ring of six in good going order. After a stay of half an hour West Alvington with its lofty tower and rather heavy ring of six was visited. Some good ringing was enjoyed here and it was particularly interesting to notice the very large number of certificates around the walls of the belfry which have been won by the local band in connection with competitive ringing.

During tea at Kingsbridge one of the younger element suggested that permission be obtained to ring at Kingsbridge, where the bells were reputed to be hard-going, in lieu of Stokenham Permission at Kingsbridge was readily forthcoming and the party thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of ringing on this very handy octave Leaving Kingsbridge behind, the party also enjoyed the lovely run across Slapton Sands to Dartmouth, where St. Saviour's Church was the last tower. This lovely octave was a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. T. Bennett for making the necessary arrangements. B.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

On August 23rd Gamston ringers, along with wives and friends, held their annual outing which was ably organised by Mr. H. Denman. This year England's smallest county, Rutland, was visited. Ringing took place at the following towers:—Greetham, Cottesmore, Empingham, Edith Weston, Glaston, Langham and Whissendine (all sixes) and the eight at Oakham.

Early in the tour we were puzzled by the cards of figures hung on the walls opposite each bell but eventually discovered they were the order of bells to follow for each bell in what appears to be Rutland's own system of change ringing.

Oakham bells, with a 22¼ cwt. tenor, were the best ring of the day and here we were met by Mr. Scott, the president of the Rutland Branch, and one of the local ringers.

Our 'grand old veteran.' Mr. Street, had stayed in the bus from Edith Weston feeling unwell, but the sound of this fine octave being raised worked on him like a tonic and he soon popped his head round the door with the remark. 'Them sounds like **bells!**' and promptly took his coat off.

We had been told that Whissendine bells were almost impossible to raise right side but

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A VISIT TO GLINTON

Meeting-cum-Outing

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild meeting at Glinton on August 22nd prompted a group of close ringing friends from Weston Favell, Weedon, Harpole, Daventry and Southam, Warwickshire, to make the occasion one for an outing.

Travelling in private cars, the principal attracton was Fletton, a suburb of Peterborough, a mile and a half from Peterborough Cathedral, yet in the Ely Diocese and just inside the Hunts boundary. Here three old bells have recently been augmented to five in a new steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Everyone pronounced them to be a fine job and it was gratifying to learn from the Vicar that the last £25 towards the total cost (£1,200) had been given only a few days earlier. The Vicar kindly presented every ringer of the group with a printed history of the bells, the tenor of which is eight cwt.

Before reaching Fletton, the church at Chesterton, known to possess three old bells, was visited. A shock presented itself on entering the staircase up to the bell chamber of this large, well-built broach spire. The door was found to be broken off its hinges and could only be pushed open with difficulty—so great was the accumulation of twigs behind it, and this rubbish prevailed all up the staircase. Under the bells there was an even greater accumulation of twigs, decomposed pigeons and bird refuse of many years' standing.

The inscriptions and founder's stamps showed the tenor and second to date from mid-16th century, whilst the treble bore the date 1621; the tenor is approximately seven cwt.

Before reaching the meeting at Glinton a halt was made at Peterborough for tea. The six bells at Glinton were all cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market—an apprentice of Joseph Eyre along with Robert Taylor and John Briant. Osborne certainly excelled in his craft when he cast these six bells in 1799, with a tenor of 16 cwt.. They are one of the best-tone sixes to be heard. The unique slender spire is an attraction.

It was getting dusk when goodbyes were said to all at Glinton (the music of whose bells will not easily be forgotten) and a move made to Alwalton. Here the wrong key was handed to us by the Rector and everyone thought they had 'had it'! Fortunately the key to the lock of Weston Favell belfry fitted and so Mr. Amos was able to open the door. Alwalton's five bells are a delight to ring. Alwalton is the village of Henry Royce, of Rolls-Royce fame. Here he was born, and in 1933 his ashes were scattered after cremation. A plaque on the north wall of the nave tells of this fact. The Norman pillars are all different and the tower (like its neighbour, Chesterton) is big enough for eight bells. P. A.

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we acquitted ourselves quite well and raised them without one going up wrong side.

The party left for home at 8 p.m., all having had a wonderful day. This was adequately summed up on the way home (again by Mr. Street) in the toast. 'May these be our worst times!' E. P.

ALDGATE, LONDON, E.—On Aug. 23rd, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Dearden 1, M. V. Chillcott 2, A. F. Lewry 3, G. W. Cecil 4, J. S. Mason 5, J. Phillips 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. Williams (cond.) and B. D. Threlfall 8.

ALTARNON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Baker 1, M. Angela Carter 2, T. E. Sone 3, C. J. Champion (first of Stedman) 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, F. H. Bennett 6, A. P. Cannon 7, K. R. Holtom 8. First of Stedman on the bells.

BRIGG, LINCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bains 1, H. Bevans 2, C. Peck 3, W. Middleton 4, F. Bell 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. F. W. Atkinson, who was for many years a ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Pigg 1, C. W. Smith 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. Gipson 5, C. A. Hurst 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Rayner 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who has been a local ringer for over 50 years.

DINDER, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): E. G. Lambert 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, A. T. Harris 3, M. J. Reilly (first quarter) 4, S. G. Atwell 5, R. Morgan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Hull, local tower master.

HARBURY, WARWICKS. — On Aug. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Hauley 1, G. Smith 2, A. J. Barrett 3, A. R. Barrett (cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5. First quarter by 1 and 3 and by the local service band. A 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Aug. 16th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: N. Mallett 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. Perkins 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury (first quarter peal) 1, J. Martin 2, G. Oliver (cond.) 3, L. Warner (Cranleigh) 4, E. R. Warner 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for evensong.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Aug. 20th, a quarter peal of Doubles, being 7 extents of Grandsire and 4 extents of Plain Bob: M. J. Dyer 1, J. Smart 2, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, F. T. Blagrove 2–3, R. Lay 4, J. Birt 5, M. Hatchett 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. First of Triples 'double-handed.'

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: M. King (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, A. Fudge 5, N. Fudge 6, H. Barnard 7, E. Southgate, jun. 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, S. Stevens 3, L. Cordell 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Jenkins 1, Miss J. Cordwell 2, H. Armstead 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, F. Mellor 5, F. Pritchard 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, J. Brooks 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Gerald Dare, a ringer at this church, and Miss Hazel McConnell.

OXHEY, HERTS. — On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Flitton (first as cond.) 1, Miss M. Flitton 2, T. J. Clarke 3, J. M. Bentley (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. E. Delderfield 5, C. Randle 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Betts 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, H. Perry 4, H. Corney (cond.) 5, A. Langstone 6 and J. R. Brice 7 (covering bells). A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bullock, two local ringers, who were married the previous day.

SEATON, DEVON.—On Aug 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, E. Hawker 2, E. L. Taylor 3, H. Keeley 4, G. Whitemore 5, F. Vickers 6,, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, H. T. Hilder (first quarter) 8.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baker (first quarter) 1, B. C. Collins (cond.) 2, A. E. Fullbrook 3, K. Vaughan 4, A. J. White 5, B. Sandford 6.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. — At St. Paul's, Wood Green, on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Tranter 1, Miss M. Walker (first of Surprise Major) 2, A. A. Elsmore 3, T. Reynolds 4, D. K. Knowles (first of Surprise) 5, E. E. Speake (cond.) 6, J. N. Hadley 7, H. Griffiths 8.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Erskine (first quarter) 1, D. C. Wheeler 2, K. Vaughan 3, A. J. White 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Gibbons (first quarter, 13) 1, E. Leggett 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, L. Mills 5, D. Mills (cond.) 6.

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By ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Doubles on August 24th, Mr. E. F. Shearn has now 'circled' Nailsea, Somerset, tower. Mr. L. Derrick, who conducted the peal, has now completed the Grandsire 'family' from Doubles to Cinques.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, secretary of the Lancashire Association, had an alarming experience when piloting his twin-engined Miles Gemini on August 25th in an attempt to break the record for the journey between Belfast and Croydon. While over the sea trouble developed and Mr. Dunkerley reported by radio that one engine had cut out. He was guided into Liverpool and made a perfect landing with one engine. As a precaution, crash crews, fire engines and ambulances stood by at Liverpool airport.

Those familiar with ringing at Merton College will congratulate the U.A. members who successfully rang Spliced Surprise Major on these bells.

We are very pleased to note that St. Bees, Cumberland, has now a peal ringing band. Last year the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association did not figure in our Peal Analysis Table.

Mr. Philip Gray, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, has received, states 'Ringing Towers,' the Capper Pass award from the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Institute of Metals in the United Kingdom.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on August 18th, were exceedingly lucky. As they were ringing down after the peal the tenor rope broke. The peal was the last rung for David Simms before joining the R.A.F. on August 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday. As convener of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council Mr. Hazelden has amassed a wonderful collection of photographs and personal details of some hundreds of ringers. The whole Exercise will join with us in wishing them every happiness in the autumn of their days.

Veteran Kent ringer, Mr. F. W. Richardson, called 1,302 Grandsire Triples with all the calls as singles as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hurrell on August 25th at Woolwich Parish Church. We feel that it was hardly an occasion to extol single bliss! The ringers were G. Hurrell 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, J. Hurrell 3, A. Grove 4, F. W. Richardson 5, P. G. Parrott 6, B. Aldridge 7, R. A. Johnson 8. It will be noted that Mr. F. J. Hurrell's father and son were participating in the quarter. There was also a thought for others in this quarter—a compliment to Roy Laming and Margaret Brandon, who were married at Barking Parish Church on August 22nd.

Mr. Ronald G. Beck has scored a peal in 100 different towers in Somerset. Has any other ringer surpassed this record?

The wedding of Mr. P. H. Wright, vice-captain of the band at Holy Cross, Morton, Derby, on August 22nd, was an occasion of local rejoicing. A peal in honour of the happy event was rung at Blackwell by three of the bridegroom's colleagues from the local band, two former school friends and the Master of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association and captain of the Blackwell tower.

A most attractive invitation programme was issued to friends in the Windsor area for a day's outing into North Bucks on August 15th with ringing arranged for at 16 towers. In a happy frame of mind the party set out from Windsor in three cars. When two of the cars were 24 miles from home, proceeding by different routes, one broke down with a big end gone and the other had petrol pump and carburetter difficulties. The third car did not escape trouble; when 20 miles from home it broke down, also with the big end gone. A few of the ringers visited four of the 16 towers!

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A NORTH CORNWALL RINGING TOUR

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK AMONGST GLORIOUS SCENERY
TALL TOWERS AND LONG DRAUGHTS

IT is strange, sometimes, how the venue of a ringing tour is finally decided. Last year, after our very successful week in Yorkshire, we contemplated a visit to Shropshire. An early attempt in September to find suitable accommodation had proved difficult, and the thoughts of the organiser were turning to other parts of the country. Quite unexpectedly a very welcome letter came from the Rev. Arthur S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, 'Would you like to come to North Cornwall? I'll arrange the towers for peals if you will provide the band.'

The invitation arrived at the right moment and, soon after, a chance visit to Camelford discovered a 'convenient' hotel, the King's Arms, at which we could make our H.Q.

It had been decided to depart from our usual custom of travelling by coach and use private cars, but we had not bargained for illness. It was a big disappointment that, owing to the serious illness of Jessie Roberts, neither she nor Arthur would be able to take part. It was especially disappointing to them, as they had helped so much with the arrangements and were eagerly looking forward to our visit.

However, thanks to the assistance of Miss Doreen Edwards, of Cromhall, Glos, another car was provided, and a smaller party than usual, numbering 12 ringers and three non-ringers, made the long journey by various means to Camelford.

There is something different about a visit to Cornwall. The scenery is so varied, so many of the churches are so isolated, yet, at the same time, their towers dominate the countryside. One is always on the look out for the unexpected and one is rarely disappointed.

CORNISH TOWERS

On Sunday, August 9th, a fine day greeted us and we all walked the 1¼ miles to Lanteglos-by-Camelford (six, 10 cwt.). For some it was the longest walk they had taken for very many years! After a ring, in which the local company joined us, we stayed to Choral Communion, and were welcomed to the county by the Rector, the Rev. L. A. T. Speer. In the afternoon we started for Double Norwich at Altarnon (eight, 11¼ cwt.), but our disappointment in losing the peal was quickly forgotten when the ringing Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Kneebone) kindly invited us to tea at the Vicarage. Refreshed with this, we returned to the tower and rang a good (and fast) quarter of Stedman Triples, the first in the method on the bells. Once again we stayed to service and enjoyed the Vicar's topical address of welcome. The bells are a good octave, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1923, and are hung in a typical Cornish tower.

The grey granite church towers of Cornwall are of considerable height, with a marked taper, crowned by an embattled parapet and pinnacles—in design, very plain and yet not without distinction. Like 'the little grey home in the west,' they belong to Cornwall and are plain and solid in order to withstand the roughest of Atlantic storms.

TENORS—THE DIFFERENCE

The venue for Monday morning was Lanhydrock (eight, 14 cwt.). This interesting church, situated in a park and next door to the great mansion of Lord Clifden, took some finding! The Vicar, Prebendary H. A. Abbott, kindly showed us around before we started, and he has much of which to be proud. Those not taking part in the peal visited Lostwithiel (six, 9½ cwt.) and St. Sampson (or Golant) (five, 4¾ cwt.). At the latter tower they were very pleased to meet Mr. E. T. P. Field, who called a quarter peal of Doubles on the handy five.

Liskeard (eight, 17 cwt.) was the peal tower for the afternoon, but as we had heard varying accounts of the 'go' of the bells, we did not settle down to our attempt too seriously. A convenient shift necessitated 'Stand' being called after 30 minutes, and one member of the band was not sorry, especially as the morning peal had been hard work too. Someone was heard to say, 'I don't mind how much energy I exert on a 30 cwt. tenor, but I can't see much point in wasting it on a 17 cwt. one!' Maybe he's getting older and perhaps seen the red light. During the afternoon a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at St. Cleer (six, 10 cwt.), in which a local call change ringer rang the tenor to his first attempt at 'scientific.' He was obviously delighted, and this was the first quarter on this fine six, in a 97ft. tall tower, situated on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

Our way home lay through narrow lanes to Blisland (six, 10 cwt.), where there is a very quaint church with a fine rood screen. After dinner some of us rang handbells for the benefit of customers in our hotel, who had not seen this done before.

A TRIP INTO DEVONSHIRE

On Tuesday, August 11th, we slipped over the Cornish border into Devon. Permission had been given by the Rev. E. Royle for a peal attempt at Holsworthy (eight, 15 cwt.), and this splendid ring, recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, was soon going to Cambridge, the first of Major on the bells. The west doors were left open and, as they lead right on to the path in the main street, we had a constant gathering of interested spectators. The two married couples were given permission to spend the afternoon at Bude, and eight others started for Kent at Bridgerule (eight, 10¼ cwt.). We ought to have scored, but didn't, and were thus able to get over to Pyeworthy (six, 8½ cwt.) and meet Mr. W. Slee, who called a six-score of Grandsire, his first for quite a long time. Incidentally, the extra morning tower had been Clawton (six, 8 cwt.). In the evening we enjoyed very much a visit to Stratton (eight, 22 cwt.), some of Taylor's best, and were given a warm welcome by Messrs. A. E. Bissett, C. Sangwin and E. Sangwin. After ringing we watched the beginning of the local floral dance, and some were tempted to join in, but time prevented.

IN RURAL VILLAGES

Wednesday, August 12th, found us back in rural Cornwall. Various winding lanes eventually led us to Cardynham (eight, 14¾ cwt.), where the original ring, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1896, were rehung in 1951 by Gillett and Johnston. This tower, a very fine one over 100ft. high, is interesting as being where the first peal of Major was rung in Cornwall in 1896, viz., Double Norwich Court Bob, conducted by that superb ringer of all time, James W. Washbrook. We decided to score the second peal in the method on the bells, which 'go' really well. In addition, the remainder of the party visited St. Neot (six, 8 cwt.) and, being met by Paul Field, with a friend, rang another first quarter peal on the bells.

On arrival at Lanivet (eight, 13 cwt.), we were delighted to find Arthur and Jessie Roberts—Jessie having her first day's outing since her illness, looking well and feeling just as keen as ever on ringing. By special request a change was made from the usual Major ringing, and an attempt for Stedman lasted for nine parts. Those not ringing, joined by Arthur, Jessie and Paul Field, visited Withiel (six, 10 cwt.), where the fifth persisted in slipping wheel, and St. Wenn (six, 10 cwt.), a handy ring for a future peal of Minor. The Rev. C. T. Walker, Rector of Lanivet, although away on holiday, had very kindly provided tea for us at a local cafe and this was very much appreciated. Some of our party succumbed to the 'Archers' from Farmer Holtom's car radio, and delayed our start for a ring at Bodmin (eight, 15¼ cwt.). However, with the addition of Cyril Wratton, of Hythe, Kent, and now in the R.A.F., we rang quite a reasonable course of Yorkshire on the oldest octave in the county.

THE ONLY 'DOUBLE'

Thursday, August 13th, commenced with a slight misfortune—Doreen Edwards' car would not start! After several efforts to get it going by pushing it, a visitor volunteered to give it a tow, and away it went! We arrived at Werrington (eight, 14¼ cwt.) 1¼ hours late, though fortunately the rest of our party had got there on time and were expecting us. As this tower, though in Devonshire, is in the Truro Diocese, we agreed to ring our peal for the Diocesan Guild. The bells, cast in 1898 by Taylors, are a fine ring and 'go' well, and it was a pleasant experience to ring the first peal here since 1901. Bells, like humans, are strange beings! Their difference in 'go' is amazing. Here at Werrington, in a church situated right away from everything, is a ring of bells, hung in plain bearings in 1898 and, having had nothing but local attention since then, their 'go' is excellent. They are seldom visited by 'scientific' ringers, but can be well recommended.

At another place, probably thickly populated (and not necessarily in the West), one can find a ring of bells, regularly rung, rehung long after 1898, yet whose 'go' is poor and where a peal is hard work. Just another example of the unexpected. Those not peal ringing visited North Petherwin (six, 9 cwt.) and rang the back four of a good ring.

We were delighted to have Arthur Roberts in our afternoon peal attempt at St. Stephen-by-Launceston (eight, 15½ cwt.), a pleasant Taylor eight, with the usual Cornish long draught. Double Norwich Court Bob was successfully brought round after a little preliminary delay while we 'knotted' the very long ropes, whose tail-ends were spliced.

Messrs. C. Sangwin, A. E. Bissett, A. J. Hicks, of Stratton, kindly joined us for the afternoon, and we were also pleased to see Miss Patricia Gilbert, late of Bromham, Beds., and now an 'exile' at Black Torrington, Devon. These four, plus our non-pealers, visited St. Thomas', Launceston (six, 10 cwt.), with one of the smallest ringing chambers in existence, and then went on to South Petherwin (six, 15 cwt.). Later we all joined forces at the interesting Church of St. Mary, Launceston (eight, 15¼ cwt.), and rang, amongst other touches, a course of Superlative on another long draught but good going Taylor eight.

A DAY WITH TEN TOWERS

Friday, August 14th, commenced with a short ride to St. Mabyn (eight, 8¾ cwt.), with a very tall tower and a merry little ring rehung and augmented by Gillett and Johnston several years ago. The bells go well, the draught is a long

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CORNWALL TOUR—Continued

one and another attempt for the elusive Stedman Triples reached the 8th part. Those not ringing the 'four-part' visited St. Kew (six, 10 cwt.), St. Endellion (six, 8 cwt.), where a friendly old ringer working in the churchyard joined us, and St. Minver (six, 12 cwt.), one of the few Cornish towers with a spire.

After a good lunch at Wadebridge, we looked forward to scoring an easy peal in the afternoon at Egloshayle (eight, 12¼ cwt.). The first peal on the bells was rung in 1907 and the method, Superlative, took 3 hours and 17 minutes. Whether we were ringing too fast we can't say, but in 2 hours 45 minutes Yorkshire was brought round. The back end had to work, and Ben Baker on the 7th, asked if the pace was too fast, replied, 'No, keep it going; she won't rise too high!' Another case of the unexpected and proving that certain light rings require more effort than many of our famous heavy 'free wheelers.' The non-pealers visited St. Breock (six, 8 cwt.), St. Issey (six, 13¼ cwt.) and Little Petherick (six, 8 cwt.), and were joined by local ringers at the first two towers.

To finish the day, we called at St. Teath (six, 7¼ cwt.), with five stays missing! And then a delightful 'extra' tower, a quick visit to Tintagel (six, 7 cwt.), and its associations with King Arthur. What a grand setting for a church! Right on top of the cliffs, two hundred yards from the nearest house, and strongly built to face the Atlantic weather.

THE LAST DAY

Saturday, August 15th, was our day of departure, and five of our party left early to travel a long way for Sunday duties. Charlie Sangwin had very kindly got permission for a peal attempt at Kilkhampton (eight, 11¼ cwt.), so with his help seven of us had the pleasure of scoring a 'first on the bells.' Messrs. Tom Sone and Ben Baker, with wives, and Miss Doreen Edwards, with lady friend, departed, but the four who were left had, possibly, the best afternoon and evening of the week.

Charlie Sangwin, with the addition of a ringer from Poughill, kindly took us in his fast car to three interesting places. Our first call was at Poughill (six, 12¼ cwt.), a splendid ring, then on to Hartland (six, 20 cwt.), another fine ring. The church, situated at Stoke, has the tallest tower in Devon, 128ft. high. Then we visited what must be one of the loneliest hotels in the country, that at Hartland Quay, right down below the cliffs and an ideal place to spend a quiet holiday. Our last visit was to the delightfully situated church at Morwenstowe (six, 8 cwt.). Anyone visiting this church should not fail to stroll to the west side of the churchyard and enjoy the view down the glen to the sea, a short distance away. One really feels the spirit and magic of North Cornwall and Devon, standing in this secluded spot, and watching the setting sun in a cloudless sky.

To sum up, we all had a grand time and would once again like to thank Arthur Roberts for his valuable help and assistance. We rang some 61,000 changes, but only climbed 100 steps, as most of the ringing chambers were on the ground floor. We visited 40 towers during the week and looked over some really interesting churches, with fine bench ends and rood screens. We offer our sincere thanks to all incumbents who kindly gave permission for peals and touches, and the local ringers who met us at several towers and were pleased to see us.

If you want a holiday with a difference, Cornwall is the county for you, and we are looking forward to another tour in later years.

A. P. C.

The conductor of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Southport on August 17th, writes: 'I wish to correct a mistake which I made in my report of the peal. The composer should read Middleton, and not A. Pritchard, as stated.'

EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS RINGING WEEK

A PEAL tour with a difference was the object of a few ringers from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who held a peal ringing week in their local towers during the first week in August. Out of ten attempts, however, only four successes were scored.

The week began well with a peal of Plain Bob Major at Boyne Hill. This, although not a first-class peal, was a passable one, for the bells are not an easy going ring.

The second attempt was on the delightful eight at Burnham. Here a very slow start was made for Combined Oxford and Kent, which quickened up in the second and third parts. The end came in the last course when the conductor called a bob a whole pull too soon, the immediate result being chaos.

The next day began at Langley with an attempt for six Minor methods. In the third 720 a call was imagined by one of the ringers, some following him and some the conductor. Result—failure No. 2.

The third failure was at Iver, where the band met one short. One member of the band offered to ring two bells to Grandsire Triples on these odd struck bells, but after a quarter the conductor brought the bells round as the striking was not of peal standard. (It may be added here that this was not the fault of the ringer of 2–3.)

Wednesday morning began with an attempt for non-conducted Plain Bob at Old Windsor. The bells and ringers settled down well and two hours of good enjoyable ringing was experienced before the fifth and the seventh made a Before a course too soon. Half a lead later 'Stand' was called and another loss recorded.

The attempt for Double Norwich at Chertsey is hardly worth recording. About a quarter of indifferent ringing led to another loss being recorded.

Horton was the next call. Here a very mediocre peal of Minor was rung, recording the second success of the week.

Thursday morning saw four ringers at Chertsey. After a long wait, the fifth arrived, but the sixth? (Discovered later to be still in bed at Slough.)

The afternoon peal should have been at Farnham Royal, but as through various reasons only six ringers were available, the peal was switched to Winkfield, where a good peal of Minor in ten methods was rung.

The last day's ringing was at Staines. Cambridge Major was attempted at St. Peter's in the morning, only to fail after 2 hours when a middle was put in in error. In the afternoon a good peal of Spliced Minor was rung at St. Mary's, making an enjoyable end to the week.

Many thanks are due to all the ringers and incumbents who made all these attempts possible.

LUDHAM, NORFOLK, OUTING

On Saturday, July 25th, the newly-formed Ludham band enjoyed their second outing this year to the North Norfolk coast. With the help of Tom Francis, who kindly met us at Paston, Cyril Pooley at Northrepps, and Edward Wilson at Cromer, we were able to attempt Bob Doubles, but elsewhere the ringing ranged from rounds to Bob Minimus.

The light five at Knapton (tenor 5 cwt.) proved very popular. After tea at Cromer, calls were made at Wiveton and Wells where, at the latter place we met one short in the Eight Ringers.

A vote of thanks to all incumbents for the use of the bells and to tower captains for meeting us and helping with some useful ringing.

K. L. B.

REGINA

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

A method newly designed for the Coronation year.

Type.—Hunt controlled.

Range.—Even-bell stages.

Basic stage.—Major.

Stage variations. — Natural extensions on Royal and Maximus and above ad infinitum. Contraction on Minor.

SPECIFICATION

1. The hunt.—Single, the Treble, Plain.
2. Grid pattern.—
   (a) Back Triangle (i.e., area above the treble) —plain hunting.
   (b) Front Triangle (i.e., area below the treble) —plain hunting, with 'stepped' places, two in each row, *beginning with two central adjacent places* immediately below the treble's path, and continuing, each place one position outwards, in successive rows down to the Junction. (Half-lead rows.) The last pair of places, in any stage, being 3rds from front and 3rds from back. (All places symmetrically in the Grid.)
   (c) Junction: (half-lead permutation). 2nds from behind, with dodging to front.
   (d) Link: (Lead-head permutation). 2nds from front, with dodging to back.
3. Calls.—
   (a) Bob, as in Plain Bob.
   (b) Single, as in Plain Bob.

Minor (Con.)	Major (Basic)	Royal (Exten.)	Maximus (Exten.)
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
241635	24163857	2416385079	241638507T9E
426153	42618375	4261830597	42618305T7E9
462513	46281735	4628103957	4628103T5E79
642531	64827153	6482019375	648201T3E597
465231	68427513	6840291735	68402T1E3957
etc.	86472531	8604297153	8604T2E19375
to d–e	68745231	8064927513	806T42E91735
153624	etc.	0869472531	08T64E297153
	to d–e	8096745231	0T86E4927513
156342	15372846	etc.	T08E69472531
		to d–e	0TE896745231
	15738264	1537294068	etc.
			to d–e
		1573920486	1537294E6T80
			157392E4T608

The consistent progression of relatively-positioned bells is noteworthy.

Notes. — A plain-hunt even-bell design was chosen as having a more general appeal, with work not difficult but interesting.

A noteworthy feature is that the 'stepped' places do not introduce dodging.

Several extant compositions may be found applicable.

In the contraction (Minor) the 'adjacent' and 'final' (or 3rds inwards) places become one and the same.

This contracted form is similar to the Minor method given, in its basic form, in the C.C. Collection as No. 13 — 'Fulbeck' — but that method and its extensions are quite different from 'Regina.' The Fulbeck specification, for example, is simply: 'Double Bob, with 3rds and 4ths, adjacent, places only, imposed above and below the half-lead.'

These two methods furnish an interesting example of one of the axioms of Grid Analysis, namely, that while two different forms of true or natural extension cannot arise from one single basic (sic) form, yet two different basic methods may have common form in a contracted stage.

Finally, the method was designed, from its inception, to avoid all possibility of controversy as to its stage variations (i.e., extensions and/or contractions) through the simple expedient of setting out its basic specification in uncompromising terms, which terms are then rigorously adhered to not only in the basic but throughout all stages, as may easily be verified.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMITY

Dear Sir,—The publication of the notice on page 533 of your issue of August 14th to the effect that no more anonymous letters will be published in 'The Ringing World' appears to indicate a reversal of editorial policy. I would like to refer to your issue of November 18th, 1949, in which you replied to criticism of the paper made at the 312th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In your editorial of that date you defended the principle of anonymity which, you said, was a feature of the British Press.

It would be interesting to know the reason for this volte-face and whether the decision was yours or whether it was made by the Editorial Committee.

I could sign this letter 'John Smith,' but that, Sir, would mislead you.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. MUNDAY.

Morden, Surrey.

HAVE DOUBLES PEALS VETTED

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee finally gained their objective in virtually banning to the Exercise at large Minor methods they class as illegitimate. Thus five men have dictated to the thousands of Minor ringers what they should ring. Now they intend to do the same with Doubles.

On an examination of the names of these men we find that none of them are prolific Minor and Doubles ringers. Indeed, some of them ring none at all! Maybe they have all graduated past the six-bell stage and are now more occupied ringing in a higher plane.

Another interesting fact on examination of the names is that two of the members were very interested in a peal (or should I say 'performance') which took place at Basingstoke about 1947. (An examination of the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' of that time can prove very interesting.) Apparently we have a change of heart in these members for that peal was definitely against the Central Council's rules.

In conclusion, might I warn Doubles ringers that their hour is near? The best thing that they can do is to have all their methods 'vetted' before ringing them or they will find their peals turning into 'performances.'—Yours sincerely.

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor.

THE WORST RING IN HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir.—I have been trying to hasten to disillusion the minds of your readers concerning 'the fine ring of five' at Preston Candover.

We have 'the worst ring in Hampshire' and the following information will show you why.

Mr. Paul Taylor tested the tones of the bells with the following results:—

Tenor.—C.
No. 4.—C sharp, slightly sharp.
No. 3.—E flat, slightly sharp.
No. 2.—F, slightly flat.
Treble.—G, slightly flat.

Taken with the fact that the treble can hardly be heard and two and three are very light, you hear very little else than four and five clashing away, especially in Bob Doubles.

That is why we hope to recast and are grateful to Overton for giving us the Laverstoke bell to make a new tenor and increase the ring to six. It is our hope and intention that 'the worst ring in Hampshire' shall become a 'fine ring' by the aid of the parishioners and friends who love this part of Hampshire.—Yours sincerely.

C. E. C. BRINKWORTH.
Vicar.

Preston Candover, Hants.

THREE-LEAD COURSE ROYAL METHODS

Dear Sir,—I should like also to express my sympathy with those who deprecate the exclusion of methods with irregular lead-heads. I agree with Mr. Birmingham that no convincing case has been made for this decision. I suppose it is true to say that most of the interesting problems of composition have now been worked out—especially in Minor, if not on higher numbers. (I have made no great study of composition so I am open to correction on this and the following point.) I should, therefore, have thought that composition in irregular methods, where many of the usual rules and techniques would not apply, would have offered almost a virgin field of interest to our composers and a challenge they would have accepted with alacrity.

I am, however, more concerned about the exclusion of 'three-lead-course' Royal methods from Spliced Royal ringing. The fact that three-lead courses are produced by certain combinations of places in Royal but not in Minor, Major or Maximus is simply due to the fact that nine is divisible by three, whereas five, seven and eleven are all prime numbers. Is this sufficient cause for excluding these methods from Spliced Royal? From other points of view they are impeccable—they have regular lead-heads and obey the other rules of method construction. There might be a case for disallowing peals in these 'three-lead-course' methods alone (if such peals are possible, which I see no reason to doubt) but it seems to me there is none for disallowing them in spliced compositions. After all, the ultimate unit of any method is the treble-lead, which is why, for instance, there may be no change of method in spliced ringing except when the treble is leading. In a one-method peal the unit for purposes of composition may well be the course, but this is not usually true in multi-method peals unless it be a hybrid course such as 'LCL' in Spliced Surprise Major. This being so I see no reason why treble-leads of these Royal methods should not be used in a multi-method peal, even if they cannot by themselves produce a full plain course.

Finally, in discussing questions of this kind, may I make a plea that the protagonists should confine themselves to logical arguments? Such phrases as '. . . . because it was one of the things which was not done' and 'up to the people who did splice to keep the game clean' which were used or quoted in the Central Council discussion simply appeal to the emotions—which is perhaps the reason why they were used!—Yours sincerely.

JOHN E. SPICE.

Liverpool.

PEALS AT WHITCHURCH, OXON

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 24th the peal at Whitchurch, Oxon, is claimed as the first peal on the bells for 40 years. May I state that we have a record of a peal rung on these bells on Saturday, October 24th, 1924, it being rung as a compliment for my son's fourth birthday, and was conducted by my husband.

Sad to say, some of those who stood in it have passed on but one member of the band, Mr. W. Short, who rang in the Coronation peal, will remember my husband, as he received much help from him. We were pleased to see he has reached peal ringing stage.

My husband and I wish the tower and ringers every success. When we resided at Clematis Cottage, Whitchurch, we spent many happy hours in the tower.—Yours sincerely,

E. TIGWELL (Mrs.).

Hook, Hants.

TOWER CAPTAINS

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the recent correspondence relating to 'Tower Captains' and service ringing and particularly in the letter from Mr. J. E. Cook published in your issue of August 7th. It seems to me that room can be found for both the peal ringer and non-peal ringer and a case could be made out for both. I can sympathise with Mr. Cook in his efforts to form and keep a band together and I am wondering whether our experience in Ashtead may be of interest to him or to others.

We have had our disappointments but at present we can boast of a strong Sunday service band (although not necessarily an advanced one) and on Easter Day rang the whole octave for four services, the 7 and 8 o'clock celebrations, Matins and Evensong. What success we have achieved I ascribe to one fact only. All present members of our band and all who have from time to time been members have been drawn from the regular Sunday congregations. In fact all our regular communicants, and on Easter Day the whole band, without exception, made its communion at 7 o'clock.

Most of the ringers perform other duties such as that of chorister, sidesman, Sunday School teacher, etc., and this of necessity means that practice evenings are not perhaps so well attended as might otherwise be the case. But this is more than offset by the fact that Sunday service ringing is generally well supported as the ringers are coming to church in any event.

My advice would therefore seem to be—make sure that your prospective ringer is already a practising member of the church.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. SYMONDS.

Ashtead, Surrey.

ASPENDEN PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on the front page of the issue of August 21st regarding ringing in Hertfordshire, it may interest Mr. Frost to know that the peal at Aspenden was rung in 1746, four weeks after the one at Braughing. Perhaps the 1764 was culled from Thomas North's book, but the peal record hanging in Aspenden ringing chamber states October 24th, 1746.

Some correspondence about Aspenden bells appeared in 'The Ringing World' about March 16th, 1928.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 5th, 1913

LONDON

The Middlesex County Association

On Thursday, August 8th, 1913, in 3 hours and 25 minutes

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS,

5,017 CHANGES

Tenor 31 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade ..	.. Treble
Charles T. Coles ..	.. 2
*Harold N. Pitstow	.. 3
Bertram Prewett ..	.. 4
Ferris J. Shepherd	.. 5
George A. Card ..	.. 6
Wilby J. Hazell ..	.. 7
James E. Davis ..	.. 8
William Pye	.. 9
Alfred W. Grimes	.. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Conducted by C. T. Coles.

* First peal on ten bells.

[Mr. Pitstow, grandson of Nathan J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and now conductor of the Westminster Abbey band, was only 15 years of age at the time.]

ANALYSIS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES RUNG DURING 1952

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Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1952

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A GUILDFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelden, of Guildford, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday, September 3rd. Mr. Hazelden began his ringing career in Kent in 1897 and came to Guildford in January, 1901, since when he has rung with St. Nicolas' Society and the Holy Trinity Society. He rang in the first peal of Guildford Surprise in 1913 and in the attempt to ring four Surprise peals in one day. He also rang in many handbell peals with the Guildford company. He was for many years secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and has been a member of the Central Council since 1930. Mrs. Hazelden commenced to ring in 1913 and rang in four handbell peals before starting to ring tower bells, ringing her first handbell peal in 1914 and her first tower bell peal in 1919 at Chiddingfold. She started, and was the first secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden took part in the first peal rung by four married couples; this was Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom, the others taking part being Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington. They were thus the first married couple to ring together both handbell and tower bell peals.

In 1928 they rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Ewell to celebrate their silver wedding and this was also their 50th peal together. The peal was unique in that all those ringing were celebrating their silver wedding that year: Mrs. Hazelden treble, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 2, John Beams 3, Charles Hazelden 4, John Hoyle 5, Charles Grimwood 6, William Pasmore 7, Joseph Hawkins tenor. At the social which followed, they arranged to meet again in five years' time to mark their 30th anniversary by a peal attempt. This was duly rung at Old Woking on December 9th, 1933, with the same band, conductor and method. Five years later arrangements were made to attempt a 35th anniversary peal at Ewell, but the death of Mrs. Goldsmith not long before the date of the peal broke the happy circle and it had to be cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden rang peals together in the four standard methods on eight and ten bells, also Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Mrs. Hazelden was the first woman to ring peals at Holy Trinity, Guildford, at Godalming, Petworth and other towers in the district, there being very few ladies ringing at that time. Mr. Hazelden has taught very many learners, particularly at St. Nicolas', Guildford, some of whom are now proficient peal ringers. They still ring regularly at St. Nicolas' for Sunday services and practice although both have given up peal ringing.

WEDDING

MR. L. W. BULLOCK—MISS S. BOOTH

On Saturday, August 22nd, the marriage between Miss Sheila Booth and Mr. L. W. Bullock took place at the Church of St. Edward-the-Confessor, Romford, Essex.

Both are well-known and active members of the Essex Association, the bridegroom (one of the four ringing sons of Mr. Jim Bullock) being the Master of the St. Edward's Guild of Ringers.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Wright, M.A.). It was intended to ring the bride into church with a quarter peal of Bob Major, but owing to an earlier wedding it was only possible to ring 1,008 changes, the bridegroom standing in. The ringers were: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. A. Hughes 5, F. H. Bullock 6, L. W. Bullock 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8.

As the happy pair left the church the bells rang out manned by friends from Hornchurch, Dagenham, Woodford, Leytonstone, Upper Clapton, Walthamstow and members of the local band.

A reception followed in the Church Hall, and later to the sound of Stedman Triples the happy couple left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight. J. A. H.

OBITUARY

MR. ALICK HAYNES

The death of Mr. Alick Haynes, aged 58, a popular member of the Ellesmere, Shropshire, band and a member of the Shropshire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild, has occurred suddenly at his home, St. John's Hill, Ellesmere.

A native of Ellesmere, Mr. Haynes first learned to ring there about 33 years ago. Since then he had taught and assisted many beginners, was at one time towerkceper and, although he had been ailing for some little time, he was a regular Sunday service ringer almost up to the date of his death. He was a member of the local self-taught band which rang the first peal of Stedman Triples there on June 20th, 1925 (the first peal by a local band since 1730), and, although this is believed to be the only peal Mr. Haynes rang, he had rung and conducted very many quarter peals, principally Stedman, both on tower- and handbells.

Mr. Haynes joined the Territorials just prior to 1914 and served in India and France with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and Royal Engineers until the end of the first world war. He was in the Ellesmere Fire Brigade for over 12 years and was also a member of the Ellesmehe Amateur Dramatic Society for a great number of years. Formerly a local postman, Mr. Haynes was more latterly employed by Messrs. R. J. Fullwood and Bland, Ltd., as a storeman until his health started to fail recently.

The funeral and service took place at Ellesmere Cemetery and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Lloyd), the bearers being Messrs. W. Higginson, sen., J. Lloyd and W. Sleigh (bellringers) and D. Evans (fireman). The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening also for both services the following Sunday and at the Shropshire Association meeting held at Ellesmere. Mr. A. Pritchard, the Ringing Master, paid due tribute to the memory of Mr. Haynes.

Alick Haynes, who leaves a widow to whom the deepest sympathy is extended, will be sadly missed and his passing is greatly regretted by his many ringing friends and all who knew him.

MR. W. WALLINGTON

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Walter Wallington, of Market Harborough, Leicestershire, on August 18th, at St. Luke's Hospital, Market Harborough. Mr. Wallington was admitted to hospital a week previously after an illness of several months' duration. The last occasion on which he took part in any ringing was on Coronation Day but his death came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. Wallington had been a member of the Market Harborough band for approximately 43 years. In his younger days he rang a few peals but in recent years his ringing had been mainly concerned with practice and Sunday service ringing at which he was regular and punctual in his attendance until prevented by illness.

The funeral service was held at the Parish Church on August 22nd followed by cremation at Kettering. The remains were laid to rest in Market Harborough Cemetery on August 24th.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect by the local band assisted by members of the Great Bowden band. G. A. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division at Hastings

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Hastings, on August 22nd when about 25 members attended from Burwash, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints'), Hailsham, Hellingly, Mayfield, Sedlescombe, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Tice hurst and Wadhurst.

There was no service as the Rector had a prior engagement. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master of the Association, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, presided. Miss Beryl Unstead, of Hailsham, was made a member of the Association.

The secretary gave notice of the resignations of Battle and Brightling towers from the Association explaining that he had written asking them to reconsider their decisions and was awaiting replies.

The secretary also remarked upon the poor attendances at meetings and Mrs. Percy proposed that notice of the next quarterly meeting be sent to all affiliated and non-affiliated towers in the hope that the next meeting would be better represented.

Mr. Levitt, of Hastings, proposed that reports of all business meetings be submitted to 'The Ringing World' for publication; this was supported by Mr. L. Giles, of Wadhurst, put to the meeting and carried.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in providing tea was proposed by Mr. Giles. There was no further business and the members returned to the tower where some good practice was held until eight o'clock.

R. W. P.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

HAZELDEN—MORTLEY. — On September 3rd, 1903, at St. Michael's, Kent, by the Rev. J. Jervis, Albert Charles Hazelden to Lucy Beatrice Mortley. 3106

DEATH

BLACK.—On August 21st at Wood Road, Geddington, Kettering. George Isaiah Black, aged 90 years, after a short illness. Interred Geddington, August 25th. 3102

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy, of Eastbourne, is now Esperange, Oldfields Road, Lower Willingdon, Sussex. 3092

Having sold his Fountains Park residence, A. York-Bramble asks that correspondence for him be addressed, for the present, to: R.A.F. Reserves Club, South Street, Park Lane, London, W.1. 3081

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose. Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers and interested persons coming to Manchester this session are cordially welcome. Further details from the Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson, 13, Peveril Road, Eckington, Sheffield. 2771

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON.—No ringing until further notice. Tower being redecorated. See this column for opening date, probably mid-September.—J. Dafters, Towerkeeper. 3083

ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.—Monday practices will be resumed at 7.30 p.m., Sept. 7th. 3084

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Owing to lack of response the annual dinner arranged for Sept. 12th has had to be **cancelled.** The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held on that date at Liverpool, as arranged. Arrangements will be made for ringing in the evening. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.—R. D. St. John Smith, President. 3104

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Souethern District.—Bidford-on-Avon (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Salford Priors in the evening from 6.30.—R. J. E. 3073

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Topsham, Sept. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3028

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Coseley, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 3010

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting.—Great Wakering, Sept. 5th (note change of venue). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3011

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brasted (6), Sept. 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Budgen, Darenton, Rectory Lane, Brasted, near Sevenoaks. 3035

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Binfield on Sept. 5th at 6 p.m., and Wargrave on Sept. 19th at 6.45.—B. C. Castle. 3074

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Thrybergh on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. per team. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. — J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec., 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 3038

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. 3064

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Sept. 7th, 7.15 p.m. and every first Monday in each month, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3071

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Drayton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3058

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. This is the first meeting to be held since the restoration of the ring. —L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3099

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Bridlington Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by first post Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 3093

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by 8th to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—A. B. Cooper and H. Denman, Dis. Secs.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Matlock, Sept. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, P. H. Whitaker, Secs. 3075

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Heath, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3080

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8) instead of Coleman's Hatch (not available) Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Foresters Arms. Please notify Mr. Homfray, Hillside, Old Forge Lane, Horney Common, near Uckfield. 3082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3016

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3109

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6) Sept. 12th. For tea advise Tom Stone, 3, Manor Cottages, South Marston, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3078

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., Bull's Head Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, to Ron Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 3049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head; numbers, with cash, please, to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Sept. 2nd. Note early notification for tea.—B. J. Luck. 3063

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-St. Loe on Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 3085

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, Sept. 12th. Ringing 3. Tea in cafe 5. Names, by Sept. 9th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 3079

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Ratby (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Harold Spencer, 101, Station Road, Ratby, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 9th.—John R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3107

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Halfyearly meeting, Spalding, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. A. Mills, 4, Milestone Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3047

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. St. Mary's, Finchley. Bells 3.15. Tea locally 4.45. Business in tower 6 p.m. and further ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 3090

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3094

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ketteringham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5.15. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. No names, no tea will be booked. 3047

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Cuddington, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45. For tea please notify F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3091

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Market Overton, Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—E. E. Gibson, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 3062

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—First ever meeting, Tong, Sept. 12th. Six rehung and tuned (12 cwt., bourdon 42 cwt.). Tea if you advise by Sept. 9th W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, 3846. 3048

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meetings at Shipley (afternoon) and Itchingfield (evening) on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea at Itchingfield. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 8th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3095

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, September 12th Ringing at St. Peter's (8) from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Ringing St. John's (8) (Surrey Road) after tea. —Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3101

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ripple, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3105

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to be sent to Mr. F. Popplewell, 12, Osborne Grove Lightcliffe, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3057

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for **those only** who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3108

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cuxton (5), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3103

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Spittlegate Police Headquarters, 3 p.m., followed by dinner at George Hotel 6.15 p.m. and social evening. Ringing at Grantham (10) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Harlaxton (6) (two miles) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Bottesford (8) (seven miles) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Barkston (6) (four miles) 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets for dinner, 11s. 6d. each, from secretary. (Last day for tickets Sept. 12th.)—C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 3100

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3076

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3-4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. Notifications, by Sept. 17th, to L. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 3096

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in the Church Room. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. James', Wetherby. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Church Room, followed by general meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, by 16th, to Mr. C. Maxfield, 7, West Avenue, Boston Spa, Yorks. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Wetherby (8), Collingham (8) and Kirk Deighton. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3087

AN EVENING IN CORNWALL

On Saturday, August 15th, five ringers from Kenwyn (Cornwall) and a visitor from Dorset had a very pleasant evening's outing. The first tower to be visited was St. Keyne, a 'backward' six, with very long ropes and a curiously 'dead' tenor of eight cwt. Then on to Duloe, where the six bells go reasonably well, but here again there were long ropes and the tenor (10 cwt.) sounds somewhat 'dead.'

Morval (6, 9¼ cwt.), the next stop, has really delightful bells and the ringing here included a rise, rounds and fall in which a member of the local band and a young visitor from St. Gluvius took part. At St. Martin-by-Looe (6, 9¼ cwt.), the Rector welcomed the party and warned them that, owing to learners, three stays were missing from the handy ring.

After a cross-country journey, Bradoc (5. 5 cwt.) was reached at about 9.30 p.m. but as there are no houses anywhere near the church it was still not too late to ring, even after a search had been made for candles. A member of the local band came to the church whilst ringing was in progress and, expressing his appreciation of the 'scientific changes,' requested the band to 'carry on' and it was after 10 p.m. before the bells were lowered.

This outing had been arranged less than 24 hours before its start and the party greatly appreciated the manner in which permission to ring in all five churches was readily given.

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REGULAR PRACTICE

THE shortening days with less sunlight may cause some ringers to pause and consider the question of how to spend the dark evenings to the best advantage. We have seen bands quite content to jog along in the same old way without any attempt to improve the standard of ringing or make progress in the art; in fact, the practice is regarded as 'just a bit of ringing.'

Do we not see around us too many cases of apathy and the unwillingness to maintain a regular practice night? There is also in some towers a reluctance to advance even beyond call-changes and in others change ringing bands with no desire to aspire beyond one method. Again, how about that oft repeated plea for better striking? As long as bells are rung well, as long as they are not rung at all hours and at unreasonable times we may be sure that genuine complaints will not be made against bell-ringing.

Good striking is most important in ringing, and it needs great care to strike well in peal or touch, as one poor striker can and does spoil the efforts of the rest, however good they may be. No ringer should be satisfied until competent to place the bell in its exact position every time, but even the best of ringers are liable to make a bad blow, and keen strikers sometimes feel like kicking themselves for doing it. There is a lot of truth in the old saying which tells us that nobody has learnt to ring a bell until he strikes well, but the trouble is that some indifferent strikers do not realise the unevenness of their striking through failure to listen to their own bell. It is a bad policy to attempt method ringing before the bell is not only handled competently by the ringer, but also struck properly.

Conditions differ at various places and towers, but the first duty is the maintenance of service ringing. Some bands take the erroneous view that, having attained a certain standard of ringing satisfactory to the band, no good purpose is served in having a practice evening during the week. Such an outlook is to be deplored and is short-sighted; a regular practice is essential, however good the band, and more so when there are prospects of recruits.

In some districts the dearth of ringers is keenly felt, and a real problem is how to find the right type of recruit, viz., those who will resolve to persevere steadily after it has been fully explained what is required of them as ringers. Teaching several beginners the same evening keeps the instructor busy, but if a little voluntary help could be obtained it would enable the pupils to derive more instruction and guidance. Learners nowadays have better opportunities for progressing in the art, for during the years of this century great improvements have been carried out, and despite the setbacks of two great wars, there is still tradition to be handed on from generation to generation.

In my early days, I asked myself two questions: (1) What can campanology do for me? (2) What can I do for campanology? Many varied answers could be given. It is, unfortunately, too true that some bands will not join a diocesan or county organisation. They meet only when they have a mind to, or when a fee is known to be available, in which latter case they are prompt in their appearance and punctuality is a great feature. For a ringers' meeting they have no liking, neither do they take nor read this weekly ringing paper, in fact they prefer to remain exclusive. I wonder if such ringers have ever realised what real friendship and brotherhood are to be found in our diocesan and county bodies.

It is also true that some clergy chide us at our special services about church attendance, but their predecessors have been doing this right from the start of our guilds and associations. Probably they are unaware that a goodly number of those who ring are well up in the percentage of services attended throughout the year.

We sometimes hear a few pessimistic voices telling us that change ringing is a dying art and will soon become extinct, but we have only to point out our combined efforts during the Coronation as an example of a united purpose. On television and radio the bells have a warm place in the hearts of the public, and it is up to us as ringers to give of our best on all occasions no matter be they great or small. There are plenty of possibilities for developing campanology in all its branches to those who hear and see by various means; therefore, we must not be caught napping through lack of practice.

We can hardly expect change ringing to become what is generally termed 'popular,' because like any other scientific pursuit its intricacies are so numerous and the difficulty of understanding is so great that it is practically impossible for it ever to obtain that hold on the public mind like many outdoor pastimes, yet we have interested the general public more in recent years in bells and ringing than at any period of our history. We can, with truth, show the public that our art is something more than brute force at the end of a rope, a term sometimes associated with ringers; therefore, let us not neglect regular practice in order to be prepared for future eventualities. W. S.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

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On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

HENRY MILES	*Treble*	MARY M. FULLER	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	2	RONALD POCKLINGTON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	DENIS N. LAYTON	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	WILFRED ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS LAYTON.

OXFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT SPRINGFIELD ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in G.

PETER C. WRIGHT	1—2	*MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
*ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8
		PETER BORDER	9—10

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

On Sun., Aug. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT SPRINGFIELD, ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	*MRS. JOYCE DODDS	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT SPRINGFIELD, ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Consisting of 512 Double Norwich, 832 Double Oxford, 464 Hereward, 480 Pershore, 1,008 Plain Bob, 1,056 Double Bob and 800 Reverse Bob with 65 changes of method.

MICHAEL SLANEY	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE	*Treble*	R. GORDON CROSS	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
JULIA M. PRESTON	3	*PETER BORDER	7
*DONALD R. MARSHALL	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
IN THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAXIMUS

In 12 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Bampton Little Bob, Burford Little Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Casington Little Bob, Churchill Little Court, Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court, and Bastow Little Court, with 91 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in D.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	7— 8
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3—4	PETER BORDER	9—10
MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6	PETER C. WRIGHT	11—12

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
The greatest number of methods rung in a handbell peal on 12 bells. First peal of Spliced Maximus for the whole band.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ALAN P. CAVE	*Treble*	DONALD MARSHALL	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
RUTH M. K. HOW	3	WILFRED ROBINSON	7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
JOAN BERESFORD	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
ANTHONY AGER	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
J. EDWARD CAWSER	6	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the last peal on the bells prior to their recasting in 1937.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	AUBREY M. PICKERING	7
RICHARD D. RANGFORD	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
IVOR R. NICHOLS	3	W. GEORGE PAGE	9
SAMUEL BIRCH	4	EDGAR T. SMITH	10
WILLIAM DAVIES	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES	11
GEORGE A. PACKER	6	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung as a compliment to Miss B. Thompson and Mr. A. Buck on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
*JANET S. BAILEY	3	*JOHN R. MAYNE	8
FRANK E. DARBY	4	JOHN HILL	9
*RALPH BIRD	5	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Royal on tower bells as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
HARRY POYNER	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on ten tower bells. 750th peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	6
JOHN MCDONALD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	3	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	HARRY PARKES	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Royal in the method, and completes the sequence from Minor to Maximus.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	*VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL..	2	†WILLIAM SIDWELL	7
B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS..	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON..	8
E. JOHN BERRY	4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ..	9
REGINALD G. TOWNSEND..	5	THOMAS TOWNSEND ..	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Canon John Gilbert, M.A., on his retirement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

PETER WOOD	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
HENRY PRATT	2	ALAN SYDER	6
*JOHN BROWN	3	JOHN LEEMING	7
JUNE STARLING	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	6
*ALFRED BALLARD	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 650th peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrold, of Wigston Magna, on the birth of a son.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN MCDONALD	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON ..	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON..	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	7
†HARRY G. WAYNE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a welcome home to Terry Thornber on completion of his service in H.M. Forces.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SIDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	5
MARK J. BARKER	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
JACK BAILEY	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
*GORDON A. HALLS ..	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor for the Association. The first peal of Yorkshire to be rung in Derby.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD ..	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE ..	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ..	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO..	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ..	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ..	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ..	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ..	3	*GERALD C. HEMMING ..	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to Gerald C. Hemming on the eve of his 21st birthday.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE (UNITY CHURCH).
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	†FRANK C. MAY	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	6
*LAWRENCE J. BEAL ..	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 75th peal.

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GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
JAMES P. BLOND	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	HARRY MILES	7
MARION L. LIDGEY	4	W. REGINALD CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.
A birthday compliment to A. H. Eplett.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
BRIAN BUSWELL	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. D. PRICE (odd bob). Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 1,680 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and 840 each of Double Court and St. Clement's, with 112 changes of method.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal in four Triples methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DEACON	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davidson.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of four six-scores of Reverse St. Bartholomew, five of Old, four each of Norfolk and April Day, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Grandsire and nine of Plain Bob (33 callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

*ELSIE F. FELTWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3
†BENJAMIN STEPNEY	2	FRANK H. HICKS	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.
Rung after meeting one short for Minor.

RUSHDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being two six-scores of Stedman, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one of St. Simon's, thirty of Grandsire (10 callings), and eight of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

*DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	†MARION JACKSON (14)	3
†ALAN JACKSON (16)	2	†PETER W. CROFT (15)	4
*MICHAEL ORME (16)	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Doubles in five methods. † First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells in more than one method.
Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew. Also a 13th birthday compliment to Michael Saunders, probationer at Hitchin tower.

DUCKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
MRS. B. S. NICHOLS	2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
†ERNEST J. HILL	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.
Rung in honour of St. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings.

MERVYN R. SHEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	4
JOSEPH J. YEATES	2	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	5
LEONARD F. DERRICK	3	ERNEST F. SHEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD F. DERRICK.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble and 5th ringers.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*A. EDWARD DOBB	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
JOAN SMITH	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the wedding at Pleshey, Essex, of the Rev. T. G. Tyndall, assistant priest at Warsop, and Miss Ruth Turner.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ANTHONY SANGER	*Treble*	†GWILYM SALMON	4
PERCY H. HULL	2	HARRY SMITH	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	HENRY J. SANGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER E. PARRY	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	4
MISS A. M. HOBBS	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
W. RODNEY HARRISON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PATRICIA LAMBERT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
RICHARD I. GARDINER	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band. Believed to be the first for the Association.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL	*Treble*	ERNEST RUNTER	4
WILLIAM GLOVER	2	REGINALD THRIFT	5
*GEOFFREY SOLLARS	3	PETER EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER EVES.

* First peal.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's, each extent a change of method, six different callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*FORDE PATTERSON	*Treble*	HARRY BROWN	4
WILLIAM PRATT	2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	5
*JEAN STEWART	3	*WILLIAM HALL (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HALL.

* First in four methods. First as conductor.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and twelve extents of Plain Bob Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

HENRY A. PRATT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	PETER J. CAME	4
PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	LESLIE NICE	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	*ALAN G. FEVER	5
LEONARD SHARPE	3	KENNETH BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH BROWN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
RAY PECK	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Thompson, of Southwold.



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SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

A Tour in Lincolnshire

OWING to a shortage of members, the Society had to cancel its projected Norfolk and Suffolk tour and in its place substitute a shorter and more compact tour in the Lincolnshire area.

On Tuesday, August 6th, the remnants of that once mighty host gathered together at the Branston ringers' practice night at Nocton (six, 8 cwt.). It was at once apparent that the duty of the ringing master on this tour would be much simplified, as it would not be a question of who was to ring, as everyone would have to!

Wednesday began dull and, in fact, remained so far the rest of the day. This, however, did not affect the ringing as was proved when we rang at our first tower, Bassingham (six, 10 cwt.). The next tower was that great evergreen favourite, Brant-Broughton (six, 24 cwt.). This tower lived up to its reputation in every respect, the third giving its usual imitation of a huge tom cat caught by its tail in a stone crusher, the second slipping wheel and last, but not least, the rope of the fourth breaking.

After this we were looking forward to some sane ringing at Leadenham, but we could not find the key, so all we could do was to look in baffled impotence at the two inches of oak separating us from the bells. Fulbeck bells, however, were available and we made the most of this very poor six (12 cwt.). What a pleasure it was to ring at Caythorne (eight, 10 cwt.), with its fine bells quite living up to the beauty of the church. Thence up hill to Hough-on-the-Hill (six, 13 cwt.), where we were greeted by the Vicar (a ringer), Mr. Macews and a whole host of small boys. After a meal we retraced our steps (or should it be tyre marks?) to Wellingore (six, 12 cwt.), and very much enjoyed this light going ground floor ring. Navenby (six, 13 cwt.), with its fine bells, finished off an enjoyable day's ringing.

MAJOR OR MINOR FIVE?

Thursday was again dull when we arrived late as usual at Eagle (six, 8 cwt.), and we were met here by Mr. Smith, who already had the bells up for us. Thence onwards to the two-buses-a-week village of South Scarle (five, 12 cwt.), and the bells leaving us baffled as to whether they were a major or a minor five. After a meal at the 'half-way' house, we proceeded via an aerodrome to Coddington (five, 7 cwt.), where the cogged wheel tenor was much enjoyed. What a pity it was that we had not arranged to have our tea at Barnby-in-the-Willows (six, 6 cwt.), for the setting here was perfect, with the sun shining and the river drifting lazily past. Here we were met by Mr. Holmes, who joined us in some of the ringing, much to the thankfulness of some of the members.

The newly rehung six at Balderton were then visited and it was unanimously agreed that the people concerned had made a good job of them. We were met at our last tower, Claypole (five, 14 cwt.), by a local ringer, who laughed with us at the antics of the bells. It was then full speed ahead for Lincoln, a distance of over 20 miles, to arrive in time for the practice, an effort which it was vowed would never again be repeated.

'DUSTBINS ON WHEELS'

Friday dawned hot and muggy, a real rough cider day, but, unfortunately, none was to be obtained. Branston (six, 10 cwt.) was the first tower visited, where the ringing, although not up to local standard, was said to be passable by some of the villagers. The ringing at Dunston (five, 8 cwt.) was, to put it in a nutshell, clockwork in its precision. Mr. Bee, arriving during the ringing, commented on it. Metheringham, with its long draught, required handling. The ringing was quite good on these 'dustbins on wheels.' The next tower was Blankney (six, 10 cwt.). A sad tower in one respect as it brings back memories of that gentleman among ringers, the late Mr. F. W. Stokes. We could not help but wish that he could have been listening to us and afterwards to give us his ever-ready advice.

After a prolonged search for the key, the parallel six at Ruskington were rung up to a touch of Cambridge and then straight down as the ever present enemy had left us way in the rear. Mr. James H. Musson and some of his local ringers were waiting for us at Silk Willoughby (six, 8 cwt.), where because of a local bereavement the bells were half-muffled. Whole pull Grandsire and whole pull and stand were rung and sounded very effective. After a meal in Sleaford way was made to Metheringham, although this time it was to the accompaniment of a piano only!

Saturday dawned bright and hot, the first ringing being at St. Botolph's, Lincoln (six, 10 cwt.), where we were met by Mr. C. E. Brown. After climbing Lindum Hill, Nettleham (six, 9 cwt.) was reached, where we were met by the Vicar and Mr. W. R. Parker, who was to remain for the rest of the day. A short journey brought us to Scothorne (six, 11 cwt.), with the battered tongues from its previous bells bearing mute testimony to faithfulness of those long forgotten ringers who rang upon them in years gone by. The rhyme beneath them summed it all up quite well: 'Our duty done in belfry high, now silent, tounges at rest we lie.'

WATER IN BELFRY

The next tower visited was Dunholme (six, 9 cwt.), and what a welcome this cool silent belfry was with its convenient jug of water. The Rev. Mr. Carpenter greeted us on leaving the tower. At Welton (six, 12 cwt.), strangely enough for this tower, the bells were all down. We soon remedied this and had some good ringing. Here we were joined by Michael Parkinson and Mr. Parker. Thus with an augmented band we proceeded to our last tower, the hill-top church at Walesby (eight, 12 cwt.). Tea was then partaken of in this glorious spot, one of the finest in the whole of Lincolnshire. A social evening followed in a conveniently placed garden at Welton.

Ringing for service at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Sunday, brought to an end an exhausting yet enjoyable tour. Miss Betty Brown must be congratulated on the way she kept up with us in the fast pace we had to hit up between towers.

Methods rung: Major, Plain, Little; Triples, Stedman: Minor, Carlisle, York, Durham, London, Wells, Primrose, Bourne, Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Sandal, Oxford, Kent, Oswald, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, College Single, Thelwall, Childwall, Wavertree, College, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain, Little, Original, Double and Reverse Bob; Doubles, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', New, Old, St. Martin's and Winchendon.

As membership was so poor, a meeting was not held. It is hoped next year's tour will be in the Somerset and Devon areas and that more members will support it.

We would like to thank the incumbents and those responsible for the use of the bells, and to those in the Norfolk and Suffolk areas for giving us permission which we so unfortunately had to cancel.

J. E. COOK.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lee 1, J. Marlow 2, E. A. Smith 3, J. Chesterman 4, H. Balaam (cond.) 5, J. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of A. Digweed, of the above tower, who was laid to rest the previous Saturday.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, S. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6.—Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Hollingdale (first of Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, Stella M. Wickens (first of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells) 3, Jean M. Pike (first of Minor) 4, W. A. Wood 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Both rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ann and Peter Romney, of Keymer.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Wills 1, Miss E. M. Burton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, J. R. Walton 4, C. J. Weston 5, T. Bolingbroke 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Jennings.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Hughes (first of Major) 1, D. Sutcliffe (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, C. Harwood 4, T. Holehouse 5, W. Collins 6, J. Dear 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Townsend 1, H. W. Bishop 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, E. J. Berry 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8. Rung for Bishopstone Feast and as a birthday compliment to Joe Durham.

BOSTON, LINCS. — On Aug. 30th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Burrell 1, G. Dawson 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, J. Petch 5, T. Freeston 6, D. White 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

BUCKERELL, NR. HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 30th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: N. Sparks 1, F. H. Parr (cond.) 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb 5, F. E. Parr 6. Rung for the patronal feast (St. Giles') and the 21st birthday (Sept. 3rd) of the ringer of the 3rd.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stockbridge 1, B. Wilsden 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, Mrs. B. Chatfield (cond.) 5, D. Chatfield 6.

HENDON, N.W.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Miss Ruth Foreman 2, J. W. Parslow 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. C. S. Britten (churchwarden) and Mrs. Britten and Mr. A. E. Oliver (sidesman) and Mrs. Oliver.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Robinson 1, W. Small 2, S. A. Hill (first 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Hollingdale (first as cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, A. J. Backshall 2, Edna Everest 3, Stella M. Wickens 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the tower captain, Peter F. Romney, and his twin sister Ann.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire: P. Gardner 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick 3, E. F. Shearn 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardridge 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. J. Giddings and Miss E. M. Yeates.

STAMFORD HILL, N. — At St. Anne's Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robson 1, W. Coleman (first 'inside') 2, J. Hales 3, W. T. Forrester 4, I. M. Parry (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 30th, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Coles 1, T. G. Bannister 2, N. Genna 3, Mrs. O. Manchip 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, H. Impey 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, A. R. Twinn 8.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. Payne (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Kinchin (first quarter) 3, R. Holland 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. Rung prior to matins.



Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, who recently celebrated their golden wedding. A report of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden's ringing activities appeared last week. Photo: W. Dennett, Guildford.
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RINGERS' OUTING

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers, together with ringing friends from Southampton, Chichester and Titchfield held their outing on August 22nd. Leaving headquarters and picking up friends en route the first stop was at Billingshurst (Sussex) where Mr. Raymond Wood, sen., kindly met the visitors. The bells were soon going to Stedman Triples followed by rounds for the learners, Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After lowering the bells in peal the journey was continued to Ewhurst (Surrey) where an old friend, Mr. W. T. Beeson, was waiting for the coach. A delightful ring of eight was soon set going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed by rounds and concluding with Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. Ringing over, tea was partaken of in the local inn where justice was done by all.

The coach was again called in and a delightful run through Cranleigh, Godalming and Hindhead brought the tourists to Grayshott (Hants). The melodious ring of eight was raised and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise were tapped off before the bells were lowered in peal. Bidding farewell to Mr. Yarborough, the journey was started for home and after a break for refreshments en route a happy party resumed the last lap. It was unanimously agreed that it had been a very enjoyable half-day, three towers in three counties, and all with spires.

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No less than 74 years separated the ages of John A. Howard (14) and H. Meads (88), who rang the treble and third respectively in a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Turner's Hill, Sussex, on July 19th. This must be something of a record.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A correspondent writes: 'Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, has rung 1,000 peals. This was accomplished when he conducted a 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Andrew's, Netherton, near Dudley, Worcs, on Wednesday, September 2nd, during a week's ringing tour. One coincidence in this event was that the treble ringer, Mr. Len Stilwell, also rang the treble to the late Mr. William Fussell's 1,000th peal. Congratulations, George, and we can assume that, despite the wide parting in your hair, you are the youngest person to accomplish this great total.'

Members of the Society of Rambling Ringers are asked to let the Master (Mr. John E. Cook) know by May whether they can support a tour next year in Somerset and Devon. Unless better support is forthcoming than this year the Society is in danger of extinction.

On August 29th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Frederick C. Lasbury, of Pentre, who was interred the same day. The band was composed as follows: George Francis 1, F. Rowsell (cond.) 2, D. Hulbert 3, J. Evans 4, T. Lewis 5, R. Lucas 6, W. Dare 7, H. Blick 8.

Many will join with us in wishing the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna and convener of the Press, Literature and Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council, a happy birthday on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Mr. Edwards will then have reached the age of four score years.

The quarter peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on August 30th, was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Sally Rutherford, who until her marriage in June of this year was a member of the band. She is now living at Bewcastle, Cumberland, where her husband is Rector.

Mr. F. Dench, of 213, St. Osyth Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, reminds us that sixty years ago, in September, 1893, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Crawley, Sussex. Of that peal there are two survivors—Mr. James Parker, of Caistor-on-Sea, and Mr. Dench, who is now in his 79th year. Mr. Dench thinks that the peal at Crawley was about the 50th peal of Superlative rung.

The peal of Minor at Springfield was a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and third, oldest and youngest members of the band. After the peal they were kindly entertained by the parents of the ringer of the third.

A successful ringing tour has just concluded in North Wales with peal attempts in the following counties: Flintshire, Denbighshire, Caernarvonshire, Anglesey, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, also Staffordshire and Cheshire en route. The tour was organised by Mr. Wilfred Williams.

In an in memoriam quarter peal (Grandsire Doubles) for Mr. A. Swan the following ringers made up the band: T. W. Taylor. Miss D. R. Fletcher, Miss K. E. Fletcher, E. G. Swift (conductor), A. Bridges, K. C. Vickers. An obituary report re Mr. Swan appears elsewhere in this issue.

Four of the band who rang in a peal of Stedman Caters 50 years ago at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, are still alive. They are Messrs. Ernest T. Allaway, Albert Walker, A. Paddon Smith and Sidney J. Jessop. The peal was rung on August 22nd, 1903, and conducted by the late William Short. Others in the peal who have passed over are Messrs. Thomas Reynolds, John Smith, John Neal, Harry Withers and Arthur E. Pegler.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

First Decade Completed

ON Saturday, February 22nd, 1943, after the annual luncheon of the O.U.S.C.R., a meeting was held in the Junior Common Room at New College to discuss the formation of an Association which to-day is known as the Universities Association.

To celebrate the first decade of its life the Association returned to Oxford for its Annual Ringing Week, held this year from August 14th–22nd. Unfortunately, only two of those who were at the inaugural meeting, Wilfrid Moreton and Marie Cross, were able to attend, William Leese being unavoidably detained on duty. The headquarters for the week were at Springfield St. Mary, a hostel belonging to St. Anne's and run by the Community of St. Mary the Virgin.

Owing to the fact that the secretary was not able to arrive until Tuesday, it fell to the writer's lot to organise all arrangements, not only for the ringing, but also in the hostel. She arrived early only to find herself beaten at the post by Ruth How and Mary Kennelly, who had been driven up from the West Country by Beatrice Boyle, who was coming on the tour for the first time. Inside the house we found the other two newcomers, Jane Coates and Roland Morant, and were greeted by the Sister Superior of the Community who, having shown us the Common Room and a few rooms, left us to make ourselves at home in the hostel. It was this unobtrusiveness of the Sisters, who were always at hand when needed, which was a marked feature of Springfield St. Mary. At all times we felt that we were 'at home' and that we belonged rather than being birds of passage: that any lapses would be treated with the kind tolerance of a well-ordered home; and that consideration for others was the keynote of Springfield's happiness and peacefulness.

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

By tea time a number of members had arrived and settled in. It had been apparent from the lists sent by the secretary that there was going to be a shortage of mechanised transport throughout the whole tour and that it would not be possible for cyclists to cover the distances planned in the time allowed. During Friday afternoon Wilfrid Moreton had been exploring the possibilities of hiring transport in the shape of a 'drive yourself' car. After tea a hasty meeting of the more senior members was held to work out costs, mileages, etc. As the figures arrived at seemed to be reasonable, the matter was put to the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, when he arrived and discussed with some of the junior members who would be affected by the additional cost. It was decided at dinner that a car should be hired for the last five days of the tour.

The period before dinner was marked by the arrival of nearly all the members, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuiness, Denis Layton, Ranald Clouston, Geoff. Carter and Margaret Fidell and several unexpected members. Sister Superior, however, proved herself able to cope with the additional visitors.

After dinner we went to ring at St. Mary's, where some late arrivals were surprised to see that the tenor was being rung by two men. Good use was made of the bells for an hour, but it was felt by the more experienced ringers that they should have been rung more slowly. After St. Mary's back once more to Springfield, there to greet the late arrivals (including Kate Higgins, who recently hurt her spine while gliding), exchange news and to ring handbells.

Saturday morning broke with the promise of another fine summer day, and after breakfast members made their way to St. Giles' Church. Promptly at 9.15 a.m. we were joined by the secretary of the Oxford Society, Mr. Philip Walker, who conducted the members to all the towers which were to be visited in Oxford during that morning. At St. Giles' the difficulties of access led to some delay in beginning and several times people had to wait on the staircase while touches were rung. These bells soon found out our strength and our weakness, for they are not easy to ring well to Major. From St. Giles' to New College, where so much ringing was done in the days of John Spice, where the Society was founded and its first peal rung. Here the ten bells are hung in a tower that was part of the city's defences in the Middle Ages.

SPLICED SURPRISE AT MERTON

On from New College to Merton with its heavy eight rung from a gallery round the sides of the tower. Here ringing had to be kept to methods which people knew well owing to the weight, distance between the bells and the difficulty of seeing one another. After everyone who wished had rung, it was decided to attempt a touch of Spliced Surprise with a picked band. Much to the surprise of some of those present, a very good touch was brought home and it was felt that we had done something which was worth while. Back to Springfield to lunch and then the party split into 'pealers' and 'non-pealers.' One peal band went to St. Ebbe's (tenor 4¾ cwt.) and scored a peal of Stedman Triples. The other band it was originally hoped would be going to Magdalen (10), but, unfortunately, after the bells had been promised for a peal, it was discovered that a conference was to be held in the college that week and the peal attempt had to be cancelled.

The second peal band, therefore, went out to Blewbury, a beautiful village under the Berkshire Downs, there to attempt a peal of Bristol. Here a rope broke after about an hour's ringing. The non-pealers made their way northwards from Oxford to Combe, a village on the far side of Blenheim Park. On the way there one of the motor-cyclists decided that he would take a corner faster than he should have done and was found on the ground by a following car containing Elizabeth Brown and Ruth How. However, no damage was done to either motor-cycle or rider, who was able to continue on his way.

We found the church beautifully decorated for the patronal festival. Here on the fine modern six we rang methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise and introduced Mr. Peter O'Connell, of Groton School, Groton, Mass., U.S.A., to Plain Hunting. He apparently heard us ringing at New College and found his way into the tower. From Combe on to Stonesfield, one of the charming lesser known Oxfordshire churches. Here the tenor sally was so low that several people were able to ring in a kneeling position. To his delight, Peter O'Connell, with the help of Geoffrey Dodds, succeeded in ringing a 120 of Grandsire on the treble. With an hour before ringing at Woodstock, the majority of the party succeeded in having a leisurely tea. While some went up the tower to ring, others explored the park and saw the palace.

IMPRISONED

Woodstock bells are not rung regularly as there is no resident band, and this was apparent in the 'go' of the bells. Several prominent members of the Exercise were found imprisoned behind a door which would not open to admit the remainder of the party. However, unexpected skill was displayed by a well-known contributor to 'The Ringing World,' and we are now expecting a series of articles entitled 'Hints to Young Burglars,' or 'From Larder Door to the Bank of England.' The prisoners were at last released and ringing continued without further delay. Back to Springfield there to be welcomed by Julia Preston and Francis Martin, both of whom were at Springfield St. Mary in their undergraduate days. We learnt also that Anna Tambling, whom none of us had seen since her marriage, would be joining us on Sunday. While some went to Appleton after supper in the hope of getting a ring before the end of the practice, others rang a handbell peal of Royal. As usual the visit to Appleton finished at The Thatched Tavern, where friendships were renewed and memories of March the Fourth recalled.

Sunday was a strenuous day for all concerned. We joined the Sisters at their early Communion. This was taken by one of the Cowley Fathers. After a hasty breakfast we hurried to Christ Church Cathedral, there to be welcomed by Mr. Walter Judge, the Ringing Master, and members of the Oxford Society. Ringing was so arranged that everyone had an opportunity to ring. Here, too, old friendships were renewed with Mr. Vic Bennett, who was secretary of the Oxford Society for so long, and with Mr. W. Porter, who did so much for the O.U.S.C.R. in the early period after the ban was lifted by helping to teach many beginners at the tied bell practices at New College. After the Cathedral ringing had finished members scattered to St. Thomas', St. Aldate's, St. Ebbe's, St. Mary Magdalen's and to All Saints', while some of the ardent tower snatchers went further afield. At lunch we were joined by Mr. Philip Walker.

The afternoon had been left free so that those who wished to do so could explore the beauties of Oxford. One party, organised by Geoffrey and Joyce Dodds, found its way to Balscote, near Banbury, there to ring on the very light six hung at Home Farm. Another party made its way to Radley, there to ring for the children's service and to enable the president to meet the Rev. J. V. Pixell, who was up at Trinity with him.

Later everyone found themselves involved in a game of cricket, in which the greatest hazards were the pond and the school windows. Here Rodney Meadows proved himself as powerful with the bat as with the pen, and Charles McGuiness proved to be as competent in the field as in the tower. Elizabeth Brown showed herself to be the only woman who could score runs! After tea some returned to Oxford to take part in quarter peals which had been arranged while the remainder stayed at Radley to ring for evensong.

A CALAMITY

It was on the way back that the first calamity occurred which was to affect the transport for the week—the main cable of the president's car was burnt out. This happened just as he got into Oxford. The immediate result was that everyone was late for the quarter peals, which in two cases had to be abandoned, although a quarter of Doubles was rung at St. Thomas' on the back five. With the promise that the president's car would be ready by five next evening, we faced the problem of Monday's transport. After dinner another handbell peal was scored. During the evening we said good-bye to Denis Layton, Rodney Meadows, Elizabeth Brown, Eric Nixon and Francis Martin, but welcomed Anna Tambling, who brought us news of Peter and their two small daughters.

Monday morning brought another beautiful summer day which would be spent in North Oxfordshire. With all cars travelling with five passengers and helped by Gordon Cross, who was home on leave with his family, we were able to convey everyone, except Frank Wright and Geoffrey Carter, to Deddington. The two latter travelled there by bus and it was originally intended to do ferrying between the rest of the towers. At Deddington we were met by Robert Wilson, who was on a harvesting holiday. He took over two passengers for the rest of the day and brought them safely home, although it meant a journey of 25 miles in the wrong direction.

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UNIVERSITY WEEK—Continued

At Deddington we had the first of our fine churches with a good ring of bells, and we made good use of the latter, having some very enjoyable ringing. Next on to Great Tew, to be found in one of the most beautiful wooded parts of the county, its church set in a park and surrounded by trees whose varied colours make such a perfect setting for the local stone in which the church is built. Here, of course, is hung the eight which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn used to say were the finest for their weight (tenor 22 cwt.) in Oxfordshire. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the bells take time if they are to be rung well, there was not time for everyone to ring as much as they desired. Also we had to leave promptly to go to Hook Norton an hour earlier than scheduled because of an unexpected funeral. Thus we were not able to eat our packed lunches at Great Tew as we had hoped.

At Hook Norton we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Nind, who is himself a ringer and also the chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch of the O.D.G. The bells of Hook Norton have recently been recast and rehung and are a fine modern ring. Lunch was eaten at the inn opposite the church. From Hook Norton on to Banbury, there to ring on the fine ten in the Parish Church. There we were given a very warm welcome by Mr. R. H. Cave. This was the only ten which we were to use outside Oxford and it seemed as if nothing could come home or be rung well. It was put down to the after effects of our lunch! However, after nearly everyone had had tea to wake themselves up and some had found the local fish shop to make some necessary purchases, we made our way to Adderbury, there to be welcomed by the local ringers and told that we might ring as long as we wished. Adderbury has a very fine church with a beautiful ring of bells. There is a carving of a handbell ringer on the outside of the southern wall of the nave and it was here, too, that the first tower-bell peal for the Association was rung on December 31st, 1943.

The ringing at Adderbury was, on the whole, of a high standard, and many methods were attempted, including five Spliced Surprise. Some of the younger members seemed to be of the opinion that at least two car loads would like fried kipper for supper. Unfortunately for the success of their plans not everyone lives in an industrial city where fish and chip shops are common, and so we know that the fish and chip van does not go out on Monday to such a village as Adderbury, which has no such shop!

On Tuesday we went in the direction of Bicester. Two peals were attempted, one at Ambrosden, now in the middle of an Army camp, and the other at Bicester. At the former a peal of Bristol was brought home, but the latter band was unsuccessful in its attempt for Plain Bob. The non-pealers went first to Rousham, a village set in a park by the River Cherwell. Here are a handy six which we were able to use to good advantage. From there on to Lower Heyford, just the other side of the river. Again a light six and here we were joined by Paul Taylor, who with his car was able to take some passengers and give more comfortable conditions in the other cars. From Lower Heyford to Middleton Stoney Church, which again was set in a park. Middleton Stoney belonged to the Jersey family and as some of Mr. F. Sharpe's men were working in the chapel so we could see it. The day was perfect and the feeling was that it was more pleasant to sit in the sun than to ring.

At lunch the kipper mysteriously appeared again, but, unfortunately, the wrong man got it. Next to Launton, the home of Mr. F. Sharpe. There we were welcomed by the Rector in Mr. Sharpe's absence on holiday. The Rector not only granted us free use of the bells, but showed us the church and gave permission to play the organ. He also allowed us to visit the Rectory and see the priest's hole recently discovered, and he explained that the two fir trees in the drive were a sign during the Civil War that a Royalist family lived there.

LAUNTON'S OUTSIDE LADDER

At Launton the organiser fell into disgrace with the women of the party for not warning them of the outside ladder! As she explained, she had always gone there before with gentlemen! John Hatcher joined us at Launton looking very fit after his family holiday and we were all delighted to see him. From Launton to Caversfield, again a church in a park. There we saw the pre-Reformation bell which hangs in the church and the very interesting set of war graves: that of British and Roman soldiers whose remains were discovered in restoring the church; Germans who were killed while attacking Bicester Aerodrome and airmen from the Commonwealth who were killed in defending it and on other duties. At Caversfield, Doubles methods were tried, some of which, we believe, would not be sanctioned by the C.C.

After tea in Bicester came Kirtlington, another handy eight which go extremely well. There we were welcomed by the verger, who told us that we could exceed our hour if necessary. Once again we had pleasant ringing. It was on this day that it first became apparent that there was 'a thing' on transport. The car in which the president was travelling was again in trouble. On Monday small Jane was taken ill and had to be taken home in a hurry, and after we arrived in Oxford that night we learnt that the President's car would not be available for the rest of the week. On Tuesday his driver decided to try conclusions with a car driven by one of the Oxford Police. Fortunately, both sides escaped with only scratched paint.

After supper those who had not been to Carfax went down to ring there. It was then discovered that the key which had been obtained in the morning was the wrong one and that there was no possibility of obtaining the other that night. The majority of people then went on to St. Ebbe's to be welcomed by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

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FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

This year's festival was held in the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the venue being Wokingham, and despite almost unceasing rain well over 100 ringers from a wide area attended. The bells of Sandhurst and Finchampstead were ringing in the early afternoon and later those of St. Paul's, Wokingham.

St. Paul's Church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Ven. Thorndike Shaw), who is also branch chairman, and the sermon was preached by the Rector of Finchampstead (the Rev. W. Woosnam Jones).

All then quickly made for the Parish Rooms, where tea was waiting, the room being full with hardly a chair to spare. At the conclusion of the meal the chairman spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors and said that they always looked forward with pleasure to the meetings of the four Guilds in Wokingham.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, on behalf of the Guildford Guild, and Mr. J. Chesterman, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, suitably replied.

After the usual votes of thanks to all who had prepared and served the tea, and also to the organist who had come along at short notice, the ringers made their way by coach, car or cycle to the towers of Twyford, Wargrave, Waltham St. Lawrence and Sandhurst, while others stayed in Wokingham to ring at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches. Thus despite the weather ended the sixth successful annual gathering of the four Guilds. B. C. C.

MR. C. WALLATER'S 500 PEALS

Mr. C. Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffs, recently completed his 500 peals. They have been rung in 104 towers, in 15 counties for 14 Associations and Guilds. He has conducted 67 peals. His record is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1), Stedman 4 (1), three methods 1, five methods 1, six methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 6, two methods 2, three methods 6, four methods 3, five methods 1, seven methods 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 30 (7), Stedman 115 (44), non-conducted Erin 2, Oxford Bob 2, Darlaston Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 38 (5), Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Oxford and Kent 1, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 15 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, Staffordshire 1, London 1 (on treble), Bristol 1 (on treble).

Caters.—Grandsire 22 (1), Stedman 76 (4), Erin 1, Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 13 (2), Kent Treble Bob 11 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 64.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 3.

Handbells.—Doubles, three methods 1.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members and friends attended the Society's August meeting held on August 8th at Barton-on-Humber. It was a beautiful day, in fact too beautiful as so little water was left in the Humber that ferries were cancelled and ringers from the north side were held up for two hours. Ringers from the south side, however, kept the bells of St. Peter's going, and the northern ringers were welcomed to the town to the strains of Stedman Triples.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Sylvester, conducted evensong in St. Peter's Church, and with his warden, Dr. F. P. Burstwhistle, joined the ringers at tea in the Church Hall.

The president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitors—Miss A. Clarke, of Kingston-on-Thames, and Mr. A. Simpson, Cotgrave, Notts—to the meeting, and special note was made of the occasion of three generations of Mr. A. Hoodless' family taking part in the ringing. Dr. Burstwhistle gave a greeting to the ringers from his home district of Beverley, and the Vicar gave the company a hearty welcome and an invitation to come again.

Further ringing took place on the bells of St. Mary's. Standard methods, Little Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the day.

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Christopher Murray	Treble
Edward Lutman	2
Robert Tait	3
Richard Lynch	4
George Booker	5
George F. Wilmot	6
Gabriel Lindoff	7
John Hutchinson	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff.

The first peal in the method by all, and in Ireland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'MINOR FIVES'—A WAGER IN BAD TASTE

Dear Sir,—My explanation of the geographical situation of Everton-cum-Tetworth was given for the help of Mr. Barnett, who seemed confused, perhaps rightly so, in regard to the carve-up of this parish by the county boundaries. Mr. Amos merely wasted valuable space in commenting on this aspect of the matter at all!

Whilst at school during the years of the first world war I received a first-class instruction in both tonic sol-fa and staff notation from a headmaster who was a good pianist and who knew his job! I never aspired to become an instrumentalist. But, on taking up ringing in November, 1922, I found the tonic sol-fa side an immense help. Whilst ringing I always think of the bells in action in terms of tonic sol-fa, never in figures.

Up to now this habit of mine has assisted me in ringing 128 peals, which number includes six Double Norwich Court Bob Major (one 'in hand'), peals in the well-known Surprise Major methods, London, Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus! I have never yet seen the name of Mr. Amos recorded in your columns as having taken part in a peal or quarter peal of any advanced method, so will leave it to your readers to judge as to which of us made the most use of his musical education, as applied to ringing!

I first heard Everdon bells from the main road at Dodford whilst on my way home from a meeting at this tower in March, 1927, and still have memories of their fine tone at the time. I rang on them on July 23rd, the same year, at a Daventry branch meeting. On both these occasions the bells gave the notes soh, fa, me, ray, doh, and, unless Mr. Amos or some other clever person has been attempting to lower the note of the third with a chisel and hammer, they still sound the same!

The bells at Waffenham, visited by me on November 3rd, 1935, give the notes: te, la, soh, fa, me. I took particular notice of this, as it was the first five of this type I found hung for ringing. Weston Favell I visited on August 23rd, 1939, when Mr. Robinson was in charge of the tower. I had previously heard about this 'doh, te, lah, soh, fa' business and listened to the bells outside to confirm it or otherwise. Despite anything Mr. Amos may say to the contrary, the bells ARE the front five of an octave!

In attempting to make a wager on the tones of Everdon bells, Mr. Amos seems to have overlooked a point which is always to the forefront in the minds of all who have the best interests of the Exercise at heart. Bells are hung in church towers to the glory of God and consecrated in the service of His Church. This not only shows the wager to be in bad taste, but holds up the position of Mr. Amos as a church worker to ridicule and derision. Need I say more?

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

BELLS OVER THE BALTIC

Dear Sir,—Following a recent item in 'The Ringing World' under this heading, I received the following letter on August 31st:—

'Dear Mr. Thurlow,—When I called at Norwich and received from you plenty of interesting information about bell ringing and especially change ringing there, I promised to let you know at what time my programme on these matters would appear on the Finnish Radio. Now I know it: it will be broadcast on Sept. 9th at 19.55–20.30 Finnish time, or 18.55–19.30 B.S.T., if you still have summer time. The programme is in Finnish and its heading is "Kellonsoittajaveljesten maasa" (In the Country of the Bellringers). It will be sent out, i.a., over Lahti station (254 kHz, 1181 m.=our strongest transmitter broadcasting on long waves) and over Pori (on short waves, 19.75 m.).

'I know it is rather difficult to hear the Finnish stations in England, but a promise is a promise and in this way I still have an opportunity to thank you for your valuable help and your great kindness. I have read your book and found in it quite a lot of subject-matter for my programme.—Yours sincerely, Vilhelm Zilliacus, Assistant to the Finnish Programme Director.'

If anyone can give any advice as to how to make sure of hearing Lahti, I should be grateful, as evidently doing this is not so easy as buying my book.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

The Exchequer House, Norwich.

HERTS AND BEDS RINGS IN A MINOR KEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent correspondence on the subject, I have visited the churches at Roxton, Beds, and nearby Everton-cum-Tetworth, Hunts, and find that neither peal of five is in a minor key.

Roxton has a recast ring, by Warners, of 1893. Mr. Stote is correct in his boundary details around Everton. It is a Huntingdonshire parish and the part of it in which the church lies is detached from the rest of the county by an arm of Cambridgeshire, Gamlingay parish. The portion of the parish in which Tetworth hamlet itself lies is in the body of Huntingdonshire, but to find the church one must first go to Everton, Beds, whence it is about one hundred yards.

Everton-cum-Tetworth bells are a mixed ring in a tall, 14th century sandstone tower crowning a sandy ridge above the River Ouse valley. The oldest is the 4th, cast by John Dier about 1590. They were rehung in 1894 and the tenor was recast. The third is slightly flat and the tenor a trifle sharp, and this might give the impression that it is a minor ring, but this is unintentional and the intervals of pitch of the other bells make the whole scale a major one. They are not often rung.

I know of two minor fives in Hertfordshire which have become minor sixes by the addition of a treble. These are Essendon (1769) and St. Paul's, Walden (1937). The date is that of augmentation. Essendon's are a very pretty ring; the old bells are by Richard Chandler, 1681–5, and the treble by Thos. Pack, of London. St. Paul's, Walden, with a fine 17 cwt. tenor, seem less well in tune, as though an unsuccessful attempt has been made to tune up the flat bell, the 4th, into a major key. Four of the old bells, including the flat bell, are inscribed 'Chandler, 1665.' A district meeting will shortly take place here and will enable interested visitors to apprise these odd bells.

Another possible minor ring is in the ruined tower at Hexton, Herts, of which I wrote some months ago. Nothing has been done yet to bring the bells to safety, but fortunately no further dilapidation has taken place, though I fear the effects of another severe gale. The three bells strike 'soh, fah, me,' and the vacant pits where a treble (headstock still in place) and a tenor (traditionally) once hung can be seen. This makes a minor five; the flat middle bell is a fine 14th century specimen ('Ave Maria' preceded by an initial cross used by William Rufford); the other two are from the Chandler foundry, 1688–1697.

The sad tones of many mediæval bells lend themselves to minor scales, and Hexton may thus provide an example, but I quote the founders because I have a theory that the Chandler family, founders from Drayton Parslow, Bucks, in the 17th century, were fond of providing minor rings. Has anyone any further evidence to support this idea?—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—An anomalous situation has arisen regarding the naming of 'Little' methods. The Methods Committee has decided that, in all extensions of a given Little method, the treble shall make the SAME PLACE as in the parent method, and Mr. York-Bramble, with whom I have discussed this matter, is in complete agreement.

Several peals have been rung, however, in which the method which should be called Gainsborough Little Bob Royal (treble to 6ths place) has been called Medium Bob Royal. It was called Medium Bob by the Cambridge University Guild, as, at that time, Gainsborough Little Bob Royal was thought to be treble to 8ths place not 6ths; under the new ruling the name Medium Bob is redundant.

In an attempt to clarify the position, we have rung a peal of Maximus containing all the various sizes of 'Little' methods, and we have named those ourselves, which have not, so far as we know, been named before (or which have been incorrectly named as extensions of other methods).

The following is a table of such methods:—

Place made by the treble	2nds at the lead end	Plain hunting at the lead end
2nds	——	Bastow Little Court
4ths	Little Bob	Crayford Little Court
6ths	Gainsborough Little Bob	Wellington Little Court
8ths	Burford Little Bob*	Churchill Little Court*
10ths	Bampton Little Bob*	Cassington Little Court*

The four methods marked with * are the ones which we have named ourselves. If they have been rung before and named differently, we shall be very glad to use the names previously given.

This is all rather complicated, but is, I hope, clear. The essential point to realise is that, in all extensions of a given Little method, the treble does the same thing as in the parent method.—Yours sincerely,

O. M. SLANEY.

Basford, Newcastle, Staffs.

WANTS TO JOIN LONDON TOWER

Dear Sir,—A lady ringer from my tower is soon to commence a two-year course at a college in South Kensington and would like to join a tower in that district. I should be glad if any London ringer would write to me at my home address giving a tower where she would be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

F. B. DITCHER.

19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.

Stockland, Devon, Bells To Be Retuned

The six bells at Stockland, Devon, have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough for retuning, and a new steel frame is to be provided in place of the 500-year-old oak frame, which had become very weak in places.

Ten years ago Mr. Priddy, a Stockland man, left a legacy of £500 for the renovation of the bells. After the war a renovation scheme was submitted and endorsed by Preb. E. V. Cox, who was born in Stockland Vicarage. The cost was in the region of £1,000. This year an appeal fund has raised about £390, and it is hoped to clear any liability by the end of the year. The bells will be away about six months.

YOUNG SOUTH STAFFS RINGERS TOUR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

425 Miles Covered on Cycles in Moderate Weather

SATURDAY, July 25th, saw six young ringers on cycles assemble outside All Saints' Church, Stone, Gloucestershire. They had started on a nine-day tour which was to take them to many churches in Gloucestershire and to make many new friendships. The party consisted of Trevor Reynolds, of Wolverhampton; John Holmden, of Newchurch, near Burton-on-Trent; Clive M. Smith, David Barr and Bryan Carson, all of Little Aston, near Lichfield; and John R. Joyner, of Rugeley. For this afternoon we were also joined by Ron Forster, who was to meet us several times during the week.

Ringing on the light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Stone was mainly Doubles, as the tenor seemed to disapprove of Minor. All Saints'—this being the dedication of the church—was rung as a final touch before we went out into the rain. Seven miles over wet roads brought us to Thornbury. As there were only seven of us, Trevor rang the front two so that we could hear this nicely toned ring of eight. The usual methods were rung on the back six (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat). After lowering in peal, a long climb to Alveston brought us to a small church dedicated to St. Helen, on the side of the main Gloucester–Bristol road. We were welcomed by Mr. E. Ball, who gave us the freedom of this excellent ring of six (tenor 15 cwt. in F). The ringing now completed for this the first day, we made for our headquarters, which were at Downend, Bristol, where we were given a great welcome by Mr. and Mrs. G. Joyner.

Sunday was free as far as ringing was concerned, and churches visited by various members of the party were Clifton and St. Stephen's, St. James', SS. Philip and Jacob's, Christ Church, St. Ambrose, and the beautiful twelve (tenor 50 cwt.) at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the tower captains for putting up with the various 'tower-snatchers' and allowing us to ring with them for the Sunday services.

MONDAY

By 9 o'clock the party was on the road heading for Pucklechurch, where we were joined by Mr. W. F. Scudamore and David Pennal, who stayed with us for the rest of the day. The six bells (tenor 12¼ cwt. in E flat) were rung to various Minor and Doubles methods before we moved on to the very nice ring of six at Abson (tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp). Here the four standard methods were brought round and we were very sorry to leave in order to cycle to Westerleigh in the heavy rain, which had been threatening us since we left Bristol. The heavy ring of six (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat) are excellent in every way, and we rang with Mr. J. Ferris and his band, who had placed the bells at our disposal.

After an excellent lunch in Chipping Sodbury, not to mention half an hour's diligent search for the tower key, a rather brief but none the less enjoyable ring was had on the six bells (tenor 16 cwt. in F), which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1951. Thanks to Mr. Scudamore's efforts, Yate was 'snatched.' Here there are nicely toned bells, but 'go' all their weight (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat), although only rehung in 1951. St. Saviour's, Coalpit Heath, bells are an excellent Taylor six (tenor 10½ cwt. in G). The 'go' being all that could be desired, various methods were rung, including a touch of Little Bob Minor, being the 'first in the method' for three of the band. We were sorry to leave, but more ringing was to come before the company could retire to bed.

After H.Q. had been 'invaded' for tea, Knowle, the only Somerset tower of the tour, was visited and ringing on this light eight (tenor 12½ cwt. in G) was very enjoyable. The tall, slender, brick tower is all that remains of Holy Nativity Church, which was burned to the ground during the Bristol air raids. Fortunately the bells suffered no damage, although the tower tends to sway more now. As there was supposed to be a practice at Winterbourne, we went to this church, but found nobody there. However, Trevor got permission from the Vicar for us, and with the help of a local ringer and his wife we had a short ring on this heavy six (tenor 21 cwt.) before returning to Downend for refreshments and bed.

TUESDAY

We bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner early in the morning and set off on the 40-mile trip to Stonehouse, near Stroud, which was to be our new H.Q. for the rest of the week. Ringing on the way up commenced at Wickwar, an excellent six (tenor 12 cwt.). At Cromhall we were met by Miss Drew and the Vicar (Rev. W. F. Burlton), who both rang in touches on this pleasant Gillett and Johnston six (tenor 12½ cwt.). Kent and Oxford and Single Oxford were amongst the methods accomplished here.

In the afternoon the first church visited was St. Leonard's, Tortworth, where the usual Doubles and Minor methods were rung on this six (tenor 12½ cwt.), then a long climb to St. Cyr's, Stinchcombe, where a good start was made by the tenor rope parting just below the sally, not to mention trouble with a clock hammer. After the tying of knots we rang rounds and Grandsire Doubles on this rather clumsy six (tenor 13½ cwt. in E), which are not rung regularly now. After leaving a note of explanation in the belfry, a move was made to Cam, where at St. George's Church we were met by Ron. Fox, who remained with us for the following two days. This ring of six (tenor 14½ cwt. in F) was a pleasant change, and St. George's Doubles was among the methods rung.

After inspecting our new H.Q. at Stonehouse we all joined the Stroud ringers at their practice on this nice ten (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat). The ten-bell ringing was a very welcome change. Having heard that at Painswick (12, 25½ cwt.) the band also practise on a Tuesday night, Bryan and Clive borrowed David's tandem and literally nearly flew to St. Mary's Church. They would like to thank the Painswick ringers for so kindly extending their practice a few minutes for their benefit.

WEDNESDAY

After a 15-mile run had been completed, Sandhurst was reached. The three from Little Aston arrived very late for reasons best known to themselves. (Did somebody mumble Haresfield?) At Sandhurst, which was David Barr's hundredth tower, we were joined by Miss Drew and Miss Edwards, of Cromhall, a ringer on holiday from Somerset, Miss Sheppard, and two local ringers. These nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.) were kept going to some well-struck Triples. The next parish, Ashleworth, was reached by crossing the River Severn in a very primitive punt which allowed as much water to come over the sides as through the bottom. After a key-hunt the six bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt. in E, were raised in peal, the tenor being found to be half-muffled as backstroke. Eventually, after some hard work on the tenor, some Bob Minor was brought round. After dinner the eight (tenor 10¼ cwt. in F) at Norton were visited, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent.

The next village, Churchdown, does not live up to its name, the church being on top of a steep hill (most cycles were abandoned halfway up). The ringing here on the six (tenor 10½ cwt. in G) was of a good standard throughout. The six bells (tenor 13 cwt. in F) at St. George's, Brockworth, were rung to the accompaniment of many bangs and bumps from above. When Trevor investigated for us he discovered the clappers swung in all directions instead of just the way the bells swung. St. George's Doubles was among the methods rung. Thanks to Bryan and David seeing the Vicar, an extra tower on the programme was visited, namely, Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth (six, tenor 17 cwt.). One of the bells here has an unusual inscription:—

'Badgeworth ringers they were mad,
Because Bigbie made me bad,
But Abel Rudhall you may see,
Hath made me better than Bigbie, 1742.'

This is an example of the ancient rivalry between the bell founders of those days. This was also Clive's 200th tower.

The light Gillett and Johnston six (tenor 6½ cwt.) at Great Witcombe were rung with ease to many methods, as the 'go' is perfect. Our thanks are tendered to the Vicar and his wife for the refreshing soft drinks. After an extremely long and steep climb, the small Church of St. James, Cranham, was reached. Here we were joined for a practice by Miss Sheppard, Mr. T. Price and Mr. T. Pritchard. The Rev. H. M. Thomas and Miss Thomas kindly supplied the ringers with refreshments. After a good hour's ring on this nice six (tenor 9¼ cwt.) a tired party thankfully reached H.Q. by 10.30.

THURSDAY

The towers to be visited had been arranged to give the band an easier day after the last two strenuous days. At the first church, St. Mary's, Frampton-on-Severn (six, 11 cwt.), one of the local ringers joined in some Bob Minor. The tone of the bells, which are rung from the ground floor and hardly audible, could be improved upon. Here John Joyner recorded his 150th tower. We were met by the Vicar at Moreton-Valence, where the tone of the six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) is good, but rehanging would be an improvement. Owing to the frame having become loose at Whitminster since the arrangements had been made, St. Mary's Church, Arlingham, was visited instead. The ringing on the six here (tenor 11 cwt.) brought local folk out, as they were not used to the bells being rung in the middle of a weekday afternoon. The next tower visited was one of the best of the week, namely, St. John's, Elmore, a Taylor six (tenor 11 cwt.). The 'go,' circle and tone live up to the founders' good name.

Two unofficial towers were quickly 'snatched' after Elmore. At the first, Hardwicke, an excellent six (tenor 11¼ cwt.), Trevor rang the front two to several plain courses of Grandsire Doubles as there were only five of us. This was also Trevor's 700th tower. After a quick tea in Stonehouse, the same five enthusiasts tore off to Standish where they were joined by Ron Forster. The six bells here (tenor 12¼ cwt.) are very good. A couple of six-scores were enjoyed on these bells, which are hung in three tiers, before lowering in peal.

Back to the programme again and the last official tower of the day was visited. This was Eastington, where there are six bells dominated by a 12¼ cwt. tenor. This tower will not be found in Mr. Dove's Guide through no fault of his, but because they have recently been removed to Eastington from Frocester, a neighbouring parish. St. Peter's Church, Frocester, is being pulled down as it is one and a half miles out of the village. An hour's good ringing was enjoyed with Mr. Price at Eastington. The 'go' of these bells is excellent considering a local builder did the removing.

FRIDAY

In continuous and heavy rain the band cycled the 20 miles to Churcham, where a brief ring was had on this moderate six (tenor 13¾ cwt.) before moving on to Huntley, where we had a hearty welcome from the Vicar before ringing on the 9 cwt. six here, which are rung from

the ground floor. The fourth here is a pre-Reformation bell. After a break in Longhope Village for a snack and to repair a slow puncture, we retired to the Parish Church of All Saints. When ringing the third bell here it was almost impossible to see the rope of the second bell because the staircase to the belfry was in the way, but despite this some quite good ringing was enjoyed on this 12 cwt. six. Halfway through ringing we were glad to see Ron Forster's face appear in the doorway, and he stayed with us for the rest of the afternoon.

After a fairly flat run we arrived at Blaisdon, where the Vicar and his wife gave us a good welcome. The former told us he was a ringer but preferred to ring the tenor behind, so, as he put it, to be 'out of trouble.' The bells are a good six all round, with a tenor 7 cwt. A pleasant downhill run and we were confronted with the spire of the detached tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Westbury-on-Severn. Here we were met by some of the local ringers, who joined in with us. Despite the weight of this nicely toned six (tenor 21¼ cwt. in E), one of the local ringers told us they had a complete band of girls who could ring Minor by themselves. We tried some Kent Treble Bob, but we, the weaker male sex, decided it was easier to stick to Doubles.

Tea over, the band reassembled at St. Mary-de-Lode's Church, Gloucester, where we were met by the local captain, Mr. H. Worrall, and two of his band. The Vicar also had a brief word with us. The six here (tenor 14½ cwt.) are excellent considering they are old bells on plain bearings, and it was a treat to ring them. Very weary ringers were glad to be in their beds that night, as they had already cycled 350 miles.

SATURDAY

Although still rather tired, the party were eager to be on the road and were soon wending their way to Longney (eight, 14 cwt.), where the only peal of the week had been arranged. This was successfully scored in 2 hours 50 minutes, thanks to Mr. L. Barry's conducting it for us, the method being Grandsire Triples. It was John Holmden's, David's and Bryan's first peal on eight bells, Clive's and Bryan's 25th together, and John Joyner's 25th peal. Unfortunately, John Holmden had to leave us after the peal and we wished him farewell as we made for H.Q. for a short rest and dinner.

Afterwards the band assembled with Miss Sheppard at Woodchester, famous for its band of handbell ringers, although the six tower bells (tenor 9 cwt.) seemed to be rather neglected in more senses than one. A very long, steep climb in sweltering heat was experienced before Minchinhampton, a real Cotswold village, was reached, where the party stocked up with ice-cream, 'pop' and sweets. Holy Trinity Church has a very unusual tower which houses an excellent ring of six (tenor 13 cwt. in G). As Trevor had to catch a train, he only stopped for one touch with us; the back five were made good use of, however. After a very welcome downhill run, we arrived at the village of Chalford. Here at Christ Church we were joined by Miss Sheppard again, this being her 'home tower,' to ring their steel bells (six, 10 cwt.). The 'go' is quite good and the tone is not as bad as the band had expected. The clappers are arranged like those in handbells, having springs to rest the clappers on when the bells are set. By slightly pulling at the sally the clapper will knock up and down on the bell. Bryan was thrilled at being able to 'chime' a bell when it was up. After we had climbed up to look at the rather rusty bells, Miss Sheppard very kindly took us to her home, where Mrs. Sheppard, a grand old lady of 90, welcomed us. Here we had an excellent tea, for which we extend our sincere thanks.

For our evening ring we cycled, via Stroud, to Haresfield, where we found an excellent six (tenor 13 cwt.), which had recently been rehung and retuned by Mears and Stainbank. Here we enjoyed various Doubles and Minor methods before returning to H.Q.

(Continued in next column)

MR. PUNCH CONDUCTS A 'BELFRY PROBE'

In response to the request of many readers, the proprietors of 'Punch' have graciously given permission for the following article by Alan Hackney, entitled 'Belfry Probe,' to be reproduced in 'The Ringing World'

'NEAR upon half a century of apathy,' it said in the paper round the fish, *'has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness.'*

I usually let this sort of challenge go, but one can get too soft. I removed the fillet with an open mind and read on.

The wrapping, a copy of the campanological paper *The Split Eardrum*, proved to be baffling. The search for more clues about Stedman Triples led me first through damp columns of what appeared to be election results. These proved to be records of peals rung (5040 little Bob Major at Chester, 5280 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Halifax) and fairly plain sailing. More striking, perhaps was an advertisement for a roguish little book by a parson called *'Surprise Methods,'* but the only mention of the elusive Stedman was in a brief report of a spree by some Bristol ringers. *'Ringing for the day,'* it said, *'finished on the twelve at St. Mary's, and while some of the party quenched their thirst in the King's Head, the handbell enthusiasts enjoyed a little Stedman, Kent and Double Norwich.'*

This seems to confirm the view I had been tentatively forming that these Triples were probably alcoholic. On the skin side of the fillet, however, I was able to read the entire article from which the first mention of them had become detached. The most significant part was this:

'On May 18th, 1846, the famous Four-Part was rung on the front eight at St. Martin's. Meeting short for a ten-bell practice, the company decided to go for a peal. It was, of course, the first peal of Stedman Triples to be rung with common bobs and singles only and it marked the end of the long and arduous struggles of the Birmingham Composers. To Lates it came as a complete surprise. He was outside the tower when the band came down after the peal, and accosted Johnson with the amazed query, "Why, Harry, what peal have you been ringing? The bells came round with a common single." "I know they did!" said Johnson. "It was one of Tom's with two common singles, and now you can have it."

'And John Day remarks, "Those who knew Lates could form a pretty shrewd idea of what he would say after that."'

To get to the bottom of it all, it seemed sensible to start on the column headed 'FOR BEGINNERS,' with the sub-title 'XXII. Hereward and London Bob.'

Here it said:

'The real object of these articles has been to show that ringers, with an exercise of average intelligence, will find it perfectly easy to extend their practice from one to a number of methods.

'The changes of a plain course can be knit together in one or other of the following ways:

'By 2nds only, when treble leads.

'By 6ths only, when treble leads.

'By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 2nds.

'By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 6ths.'

I bitterly regretted having missed the first XXI articles.

The reference to 'average intelligence' hurt a little, but I skipped down the column till I came to:

'Here is an interesting thing to do. Write out a full course of one of the methods, cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the rows when the treble is behind and when it is leading. With these ten pieces you can reconstruct any of the four methods.'

I contemplated this slowly for some time.

I then discovered that I must have tried abstractedly to make it all more concrete by dividing the fish into ten pieces, which lay accusingly on the draining board.

It proved impossible, however, to reconstruct the fillet into its original aerodynamic form before my wife arrived with the vegetables.

'Here,' I said ingratiatingly, holding out the sodden instructions as I edged towards the door, 'is an interesting thing to do.'

(Continued from previous column)

HOMEWARD BOUND

Sunday, the last day, came all too soon, and we left Stonehouse for the last time at 8.30 a.m., making for Gloucester Cathedral, where at 9.15 we received a welcome from the ringers here and enjoyed an hour's ringing on this excellent eight (tenor 25 cwt.). Leaving here at 10.30, a mad dash was made for Barnwood, where we were just in time to take part in a respectable fall, the correct way to finish an enjoyable ringing tour.

In all over 425 miles were covered, to visit 52 towers, in which the following methods were rung during the week: Rounds on twelve, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Little Bob and Cambridge S. Minor. The Doubles merchants enjoyed Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. George's, St. Nicholas', St. Thomas', April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Little Aston and Plain Bob.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association who helped us, all who met us, the various incumbents for use of their bells, Mr. Leslie Barry for conducting our peal, and not forgetting John R. Joyner, who arranged the tour from this end. C. M. S.

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OBITUARY

MR. FRED LASBURY

Ringers throughout South Wales will learn with regret of the fatal injury to Mr. Fred Lasbury, of St. Peter's (Pentre) Society of Change Ringers, Pentre, Rhondda, whilst following his occupation as a miner. He was 57 years of age.

Mr. Lasbury came to the Rhondda nearly 40 years ago from Compton Martin, Somerset. Joining the St. Peter's Society in 1915, he soon became an efficient and capable change ringer and was a member of the local band who in 1931 rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a local band in Wales. His 30 peals on St. Peter's bells included all the standard methods, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He also conducted a peal of Superlative Surprise. Other peals were rung in various South Wales towers, where he was popular and highly respected.

Keenly interested in church affairs, Mr. Lasbury was a chorister, sidesman and a member of the C.E.M.S. His genial disposition, even temperament and readiness to help forward all that was truest and best amongst men made him a fine example of Christian witness.

Brother ringers acted as bearers at his funeral, and immediately after the service the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled, Mr. Trevor Roderick assisting by conducting touches of Stedman Triples. Later in the day and on the following Sunday the St. Peter's ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, including 840 Grandsire Triples.

MR. ALFRED SWAN

The death occurred at Chalfont Hospital on August 26th of Mr. Alfred Swan, age 72, after a long illness. A native of the Canterbury (Kent) district, he went to Chalfont at the age of 12, and soon joined the local tower, where he remained to complete approximately 50 years of ringing. Alf, as he was known, served the tower well, as captain for a number of years and towerkeeper for 21 years. Punctual and regular for all occasions, he leaves a gap that will be hard to fill. The last time he climbed the tower was to ring rounds with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson (aged 10). He rang a few Minor peals, some with J. J. Parker, of Grandsire fame. His favourite method was Kent. He leaves a widow, son and two daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Mackenzie). Old ringing friends attending included Mr. F. Bolton and Mr. Parker. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

Odd-Bob Peal of Stedman Triples

By BRIAN D. PRICE

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HEREFORD RINGERS AT WINDSOR

Saturday, August 29th, will be remembered by the Kington ringers not only for the torrential downpour, but for a successful visit to Windsor. They enjoyed ringing at Brockworth (Glos), Stanford-in-the-Vale (Berks) and Eynsham (Oxon). The success of the trip was attributed to the organisation by Messrs. L. Miles and D. Roberts.

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MATTHEWS—JACKSON. — The wedding between Frank J. Matthews and Marjorie F. Jackson will take place at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W.4, on Saturday, September 19th, 1953, at 2 p.m. All friends will be welcome at the church. 3129

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose, Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers and interested persons coming to Manchester this session are cordially welcome. Further details from the Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson, 13, Peveril Road, Eckington, Sheffield. 2771

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton. Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3086

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8) instead of Coleman's Hatch (not available) Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Foresters Arms. Please notify Mr. Homfray, Hillside, Old Forge Lane, Horney Common, near Uckfield. 3082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3016

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3109

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck. 3063

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday, Sept. 12th. St. Mary's, Finchley. Bells 3.15. Tea locally 4.45. Business in tower 6 p.m. and further ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 3090

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3094

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ripple, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3105

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for **those only** who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, Sept. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3147

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Aspley Guise, 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.).—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.— Acton, September 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before September 16th to Mr. S. Sutton, Cuckoo Lane, Acton, Nantwich.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3126

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Capenhurst (6), September 19th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by September 15th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3144

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Bulkington, September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Special method, Lincolnshire.)—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 3112

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 19th, Newton-Hall, St. James. Tea, arranged without notice.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3113

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Holywell (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. Dis. Sec. 3145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, Withington (6), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3133

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, September 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 3132

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 19th, Hatfield (10), 2.45 to 5.30. St. Peter's, St. Albans (10) in evening. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. S. 3131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cuxton (5), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3103

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LADIES' GUILD. — Furness and Lake District and North-Western District.—Combined meeting at Kendal Holy Trinity (10) on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Greengate, Kendal, Westmorland. — Miss F. Laflin and N. M. Newby, Secs. 3140

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at Sefton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring some tea.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 3142

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Preston, St. Mark's, Saturday, September 19th. Bring own food. Eccleston meeting postponed.—L. Walmsley.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Medbourne, Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, Horse and Trumpet. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3122

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — September 19th, at Barrow-upon-Soar. Usual arrangements. Tea, at Boathouse, guaranteed for first twenty names sent to B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 3134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3108

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Hampton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 to 4.45. Service and tea. Sunbury-on-Thames (8) 6.30 to 8.30. —F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec. 3130

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3076

N. STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Durweston on Saturday, September 19th. Welcome to visitors Write, Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 3077

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on September 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea for those who notify by September 16th J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. Kingston bells in the evening. 3125

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bromley, September 19th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing afterwards. Names for tea by September 16th to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, Kent. Visitors welcome.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 3136

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 19th, at 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. — P. A. Sadler. 3124

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3–4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. Notifications, by Sept. 17th, to L. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 3096

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting September 19th, Ringmer. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 16th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3111

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3089

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8) 3 p.m. Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Tea for those who notify me by Thursday, September 17th. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3121

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in the Church Room. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. James', Wetherby. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Church Room, followed by general meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, by 16th, to Mr. C. Maxfield, 7, West Avenue, Boston Spa, Yorks. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Wetherby (8), Collingham (8) and Kirk Deighton. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3087

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 4 p.m. — A. B. Peck, Reigate. 3146

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Darlington on September 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity 10.30-11.30 and 2-3.30.; St. John's 11.30-12.30 and 2-3.30; St. Cuthbert's 3-4.30. All towers available after meeting. Committee 3.30 in St. Cuthbert's Vestry. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15 (with meeting following) St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by September 22nd to T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road. 3139

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, September 26th. For teas, please write before September 19th to R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton. — A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, September 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, please notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. 3110

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby, Sept. 26th. St. Andrew's bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Pierpont Restaurant 5 p.m. St. Luke's bells available after tea. Names for tea should be sent not later than Thursday, September 24th, to Mr. G. Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3135

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Caerphilly, Saturday, September 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3114

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Bigby, September 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than September 22nd, to L. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 3119

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Brightwell, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 22nd to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Wootton, September 26th. Names for tea by September 22nd to B. L. Smart, 4, Water Lane, Wootton.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 3116

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, September 26th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. South Collingham after tea.—P. N. White. 3128

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Saturday, October 10th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for these must reach me not later than October 3rd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3143

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 24th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Ringing at the Cathedral (12, tenor 40 cwt.), St. Marie's R.C. (8, tenor 25 cwt.) and others. (Further details and times later.) Tower bell peals will be arranged Friday evening and Saturday morning. Those requiring peals write to Mr. J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9, stating method preferred and capabilities. Handbell peals will also be arranged, if required, by Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Quarter peals can also be rung on Sunday at various towers. Offers of and requests for suitable accommodation contact the undersigned. A hearty welcome is assured.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3138

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very happy and successful meeting was held at Wentworth on August 8th. Ringing was delayed for a short while during the afternoon owing to weddings but after this good use was made of the bells. Tea was served at the George and Dragon and the business meeting was held in the same premises. The following towers were represented: Barnsley, Bawtry, Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Handsworth, Horbury, Sandal, Thrybergh, Wath-on-Dearne with the local company. The president was the chairman and the usual routine of business was soon disposed of. One new member was elected and Mr. I. Slack, secretary of Leeds District Society, was elected hon. life member. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until about 8.15 p.m. in a good variety of methods including some of the old irregular favourites with some very good striking; plenty of scope was also available for the beginners.

The annual cup contest will be held at Felkirk to-morrow, September 12th, and the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 10th.

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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — II.

A Review of the County Association, 1884–1890

By H. V. FROST (the Hon. General Secretary)

THE Hertford County Association, having been formed at St. Albans on Wednesday, October 29th, 1884, the first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford on Thursday, January 22nd, 1885, when members attended from Baldock, Bengeo, Benington, Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Hunsdon, St. Albans and Sawbridgeworth, and rang at St. Andrew's and All Saints'. Rules which had been previously circulated and which had been drawn up by the committee as nearly as possible in accordance with the rules of the Essex Association (in order to facilitate an amalgamation at some future date to form a St. Albans Diocesan Association) were considered, agreed to and ordered to be printed. The names of the members and their subscriptions were handed in at this, the first meeting.

In February, the first peal for the new Association was rung at St. Andrew's, Hertford, by the local band; it was Holt's Original, conducted by Herbert Baker. The next peal was rung at Harlow (Essex), being the first peal on the bells.

Quarterly meetings were also held in the first year at Hitchin in April and at Sawbridgeworth in July. Monday apparently was the day for meetings at that period, also for the Annual Meeting, held at St. Albans on October 26th, 1885, when a special service took place at noon in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Wigram.

The Annual Report stated that the Association consisted of 92 Ringing Members and two Honorary Members, and that branches existed at Hertford, St. Albans (three bands), Baldock, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin, Bishop's Stortford, and Benington. Eight peals had been rung, viz. seven of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major. The conductors were H. Baker (2), H. J. Tucker (5) and F. E. Dawe (1). The peals had been rung at St. Albans Cathedral, Benington, Harlow (Essex), St. Andrew's and All Saints', Hertford. A handsome Peal Book had been purchased and the peals had been entered by a London firm.

The quarterly meetings had been well attended and the accounts were, on the whole, satisfactory; the expenses of starting the Association had all been met out of the first year's income.

It was agreed that the accounts and report be printed for distribution among the members, and that the offices of secretary and treasurer be combined, Canon Wigram being re-elected.

In November, 1885, a week's peal ringing at the towers around Hertford was arranged by Canon Wigram for his clerical ringing friends. Included in the party were the Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. Five peals were rung, all records for the Association—Kent Major (6,016), Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Early in 1886, a St. Albans band rang the first local peal in the city since 1810 and, later in the year, the Cathedral Society rang its first peal. Both peals were Holt's Original and conducted by N. N. Hills. The first peal on handbells in the county was rung at St. Albans in April by Henry Lewis, C. F. Winney (London), N. N. Hills and G. W. Cartmel. The conductor was C. F. Winney, who was a frequent visitor to St. Albans.

Quarterly meetings during 1886 were held at Bishop's Stortford, Braughing and Baldock. The meeting at Braughing was held on May 10th (the long peal anniversary) and, on this occasion, eight members of the Association rang Holt's Original peal and no business meeting was held. At the Baldock meeting, the attendance was exceptionally small and, in consequence, no business was attempted.

The Annual Meeting was held in October at Hertford on Monday, the 25th, but was not attended so numerously as it was hoped might have been the case. At the meeting, after dinner, there was considerable discussion as to various details in the working of the Association and as to the best means of extending its influence throughout the county and of promoting belfry reform where needed.

It was resolved that quarterly meetings be held alternately on Mondays and Saturdays, the next meeting to be held at Rickmansworth on Monday, January 10th, 1887, and that a sub-committee be appointed to organise district meetings.

The secretary reported that membership had continued almost unaltered, sixteen peals had been rung during the year, and that there was a balance in hand of £3 13s. 6d.

At Canon Wigram's invitation, a ringing week was again held in November, 1886. In addition to the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. W. Washbrook took part. Six peals were rung, including a peal of Minor in seven methods at Bengeo (which was the first peal of Minor in the county) and a peal of Superlative at Benington, being the first Surprise peal for the Association.

At Baldock, in December, the first peal on the bells was rung by a band composed of four St. Albans men and four from Baldock. (Holt's Original, conducted by N. N. Hills.)

The year 1887 saw several bell restorations commemorating the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, but it was not a successful year for the Association. Five peals were rung in January, including a 6,000 of Double Norwich and a 6,720 of Superlative by the Benington band, under the conductorship of Sam Page. The meeting resolved upon for Rickmansworth in January came to nothing. The weather, which was very severe, and the difficulties of the journey across the county deterred members from attending. The next quarterly meeting was held at Braughing on May 10th (the Great Ringing Day) with the Rev. F. E. Robinson (by request) in the chair. The suggestion to divide the county into four districts was read and explained to the meeting, but no resolution was made thereon, nor as to a meeting in August next.

Four of the seven bands had not paid their annual subscriptions, and the Peal Book contained only the peals rung in January, although four other peals had been rung, viz., at St. Albans in March, the first handbell peal in the county by a resident band; Bob Triples at St. Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday (the first for the Association); another handbell peal at St. Albans in April and the only other peal rung for the Association in 1887 was in November at St. Andrew's, Hertford. The St. Albans peals were recorded in 'Bell News' under the heading 'The Cathedral Society,' and the footnotes read that the band were also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Herts and Essex Associations (and in one case the Sussex Association, for whom it was the first handbell peal). Nine other peals were rung in the county in 1887 on tower- and handbells, mainly by the St. Albans men who rang them for the St. James' Society and the other Associations already mentioned (with the exception of the Hertfordshire Association).

Canon Wigram gave notice that the Annual Meeting would be held in St. Albans on Monday, November 7th, when motions would be submitted for the reorganisation of the Association and that he would tender his resignation. No account of this meeting appeared

in either of the ringing papers, nor were any minutes recorded as to whether it was held or what transpired at the meeting. According to letters in 'The Bell News,' some evidently thought that the Association had broken down!

A new light ring of eight had been opened at Oxhey in June by the St. Albans men, and in February, 1888, the first peal was rung on them by seven St. Albans ringers and C. F. Winney. This peal was booked by the A.S.C.Y. and the Essex Association, as were several peals at St. Peter's, St. Albans, at this period.

At Canon Wigram's invitation, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and party came down in February, 1888, and rang eight peals in six days, which was a record in those days. Two of the peals were rung for the Association, but all eight peals were entered in the peal book under their headings of St. James Society, Hertford College Youths, etc.

At the Annual Meeting of the Essex Association in May, Canon Wigram attempted (by letter) to get an amalgamation of Herts and Essex, but it was queried as to whether he was speaking on behalf of the Association, as he had tendered his resignation and nothing more had been heard. His proposition was considered and again turned down as undesirable; so the Herts Association was again left to find a solution to its affairs. Very shortly a notice appeared in 'The Bell News' that a meeting of the members of the Herts Association would be held at Hatfield on June 16th, 1888. The tower would be open for ringing at 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a business meeting would be held at the Coffee Tavern to elect an honorary secretary and transact general business. This notice was signed by E. P. Debenham, hon. sec. pro. tem., St. Albans.

The meeting was attended by members from Hertford, St. Albans, Hatfield, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin and London. Canon Wigram presided and proposed that 'Squire' Proctor be requested to act as president of the Association and E. P. Debenham was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. It was proposed that three District Meetings be held during the year on Saturdays, that the Annual Meeting be held in future on Easter Monday, when subscriptions would become due, and that new rules be submitted to the next meeting, which was to be held at Baldock in October.

The wisdom of the appointment of Mr. E. P. Debenham as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was apparent, for in a brief space of time the membership and peal ringing increased.

Peals once again were rung under the auspices of the Herts Association. On August 6th, 1888, peals were rung at Hertford and St. Albans, where at St. Peter's a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, and later in the day five of the band rang a similar peal on handbells.

In November, the fourth of 'Wigram's tours' was held. In addition to the five clerical ringers, the party included Mr. A. Percival Heywood (as he was then), J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Croydon), J. W. Washbrook and H. Baker. Peals were rung at All Saints', Hertford, Benington (the first of Cambridge for the Association), Baldock, Hitchin, Braughing and St. Peter's, St. Albans.

At the next Annual Meeting, which was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April, 1889, the secretary was able to report that there were 65 resident members (representing eight centres of ringing) and 16 non-resident members, including the Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge and H. A. Cockey, and Messrs. A. P. Heywood, J. W. Taylor, jun., J. W. Washbrook, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughlin. Twenty-eight peals had been rung in the county during the last ten months, and reference was made to the long peals rung at Appleton in 1888, in which H. Baker and E. Holifield (Hertford) took part. These were to be entered at the end of the Peal Book, together with the compositions.

The two handbell peals of Grandsire Triples rung non-conducted, also the peal of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell (St. Albans) with Messrs. Winney and McLaughlin (London) were also mentioned.

In June, 1889, at a meeting at Hitchin, Mr. J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans) proposed 'that this meeting is of opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Exercise if a Council consisting of one or more members selected from each Association could meet together from time to time to consider such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity.'

At the next meeting, in October, the letter from Mr. A. Percival Heywood as to the formation of a Central Council was laid before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the President (Mr. Leonard Proctor) be chosen to represent the Association on the Council. Later, at the Annual Meeting at Hertford in 1890, the Association extended its congratulations to Mr. Percival Heywood on the success of his efforts towards the establishment of a Central Council.

At the same meeting Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected assistant secretary to Mr. E. P. Debenham, and these two men continued in various offices together for almost fifty years, the Association going from strength to strength under their guidance and influence.

(To be concluded.)

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	TERENCE A. THORNBER	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a welcome home to Shirley Burton from a business trip to the U.S.A., and to Terence A. Thornber from Germany on demobilisation from H.M. Forces.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. BROUGHTON	6
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	7
†BRIAN BUSWELL	3	§PHILIP H. SPECK	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	JOHN G. HOBSON	9
JOAN M. HARROP	5	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 50th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lbs. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	*VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	HENRY W. BARRETT	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	8
JAMES BENNETT	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. A birthday peal for Cecil W. Pipe.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK N. BROWN	6
*THOMAS LEE	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
JULIA M. PRESTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
†ALAN P. CAVE	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
GEORGE HESKETH	5	FREDERICK S. ALMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung to celebrate the reconsecration of the newly-restored church of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill, the Mother Church of Liverpool.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. JOHN STIMPSON	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
S. ANTONY JESSON	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Treble*	W. J. RIDGEMAN (Queens')	5
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) ..	6
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ..	3	A. W. T. CLEEVER (Downing)	7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	†MRS. G. RICHARDSON ..	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	6
MRS. M. E. WHITE ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	4	ALEX. RICHARDSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William A. Smith.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	7
*HORACE O. OVER	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ENID SOFTLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS W. CROWE ..	5
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	2	*J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY ..	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Brenda Softley.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	2	E. GEORGE SWIFT	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ..	3	ALBERT BRIDGES	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	5
PATRICIA M. REEVES ..	2	DAVID A. EDWARDS	6
JOHN THORLEY	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	7
SEDMAN M. STEEL	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A 21st birthday compliment to Jean A. Kirkman.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERNARD JACKSON	*Treble*	HARRY HARDACRE	5
JOHN JACKSON	2	*WALTER MANSLEY	6
*STANLEY WALMSLEY ..	3	*SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK ..	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ..	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK STEAD.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Mr. Herbert Scholes on his retirement from the local belfry, after 43 years' service as a regular Sunday service ringer; also to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mansley, both of the local band, on the birth of a daughter.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Macclesfield Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb.

*SHEILA MACHIN	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ..	5
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ..	2	JOHN WORTH	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	FRANK YATES	7
CHARLES W. LAWTON ..	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by WILFRED MATTHEWS. Conducted by FRANK YATES.
* First peal.
Rung fully muffled in the memory of the late Wilfred Matthews, who was buried at St. James' Church, Sutton, on Tuesday, September 1st.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
*BERNARD MADELEY	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
RAYMOND HAZELDINE ..	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 4 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	GORDON P. T. PETERS ..	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	7
*ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

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SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	MARY C. PAYNE	6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	7
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	4	*THOMAS H. EARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean A. Kirkman.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
LESTER L. GRAY	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES COLES	*Treble*	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	†ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 500th peal.
Rung on the Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	4
LEONARD RODMELL	2	JOHN A. BROUGHTON	5
JOHN M. HARROP	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being in six methods, viz., St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Candlesby Slow Course, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3
*MONICA HOWARD	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	4
		*MICHAEL HATCHETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal in six Doubles methods.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 HUNTSPILL BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 12 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
	3	ALAN COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
Presumably the first peal in the method.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, in six methods (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*†ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*†JOHN M. JELLEY	5
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal in six methods.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Warwick.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	JOHN WYBREW	4
†LEONARD SHARPE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
†KENNETH BROWN	3	ALAN FEVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising a 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	4
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
†ERNEST J. HILL	3	*BERTRAM D. COSTAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in seven methods.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Giles.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being five extents and 1,440. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BARRY W. RICE	*Treble*	HAROLD MOORE	4
JUNE STARLING	2	RONALD SUCKLING	5
JOHN BROWN	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Hereward Bob; one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER WILSHER	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	PETER J. EVES	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ELIZABETH M. HALE	*Treble*	†ROBERT W. COLE	4
ALBERT H. SMITH	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
†JOY WORTHINGTON	3	*KENNETH MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, London Scholars Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Phillip J. Eastland	*Treble*	George Challans	4
Marion Bradley	2	Frank Bradley	5
Doreen Armstrong	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.

Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9 cwt.

Howard W. Egglestone	*Treble*	Ernest E. S. Johnson	4
*Mary Dowsett	2	Richard I. Gardiner	5
Joe E. G. Roast	3	Peter J. Came	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Surprise. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Came and Ernest G. Roast.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cynfarch,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C. No. 59), Oxford Treble Bob (150), Kent Treble Bob (151), Double Oxford Bob (102), Single Oxford Bob (59), and two extents of Plain Bob (28 and 29).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

R. Gordon Corby	*Treble*	J. Benjamin Budd	4
*Robert W. Hinde	2	John W. Griffiths	5
Dennis H. B. Millward	3	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Griffiths.

* First peal in six methods.

HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leslie Pierce	*Treble*	Kenneth Brown	3
Charles Fordham	2	*John Wybrow	4
Alan Fever	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Kenneth Brown.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 29, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At 26, William Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.

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

Conducted by John Huber.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

Herbert W. Knight	1—2	John Thomas	5—6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3—4	Roger Savory	7—8

Conducted by John Thomas.



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DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At 26, William Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.
Roy Huber .. .. .. 1—2 | Frederick E. Dukes .. 3—4
James Dolan .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Jim Taylor, Roy Huber and Jim Dolan.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Fourteen extents. Tenor size 8 in C.
Patrick I. Chapman .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
John King .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
The longest length rung by all the band and for the Guild.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.
Ronald C. Noon .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 5—6
John King .. .. .. 3—4 | Patrick I. Chapman .. 7—8
Arranged by Isaac J. Attwater. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 34 six-scores of Grandsire (Maximus callings). Tenor size 11 in G.
Jean Stewart .. .. .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody .. 3—4
William Hall .. .. 5—6
Conducted jointly by John T. Dunwoody and William Hall.
Each six-score a change of conductor.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 568)

ST. PETER'S SHAFTESBURY

The earlier 'Rules' are often prefaced by poetry or prose and a good example of this comes from St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (see Briscoe, 'Curiosities,' page 46):—

'What musick is there that compar'd may be,
To well-tuned bells' enchanting melody?
Breaking with their sweet sounds the willing air,
They in the list'ning ear the soul ensnare.
When bells ring round, and in their order be,
They do denote how neighbours should agree;
But if they clam, the harsh sound spoils the sport,
And 'tis like women keeping Dover Court.
Of all music that is play'd or sung,
There's none like bells, if they are well rung.
Then ring your bell—well if you can,
Silence is best for ev'ry man;
In your ringing make no demur,
Pull off your hat, your belt and spur;
And if your bell you overset,
The ringer's fee you must expect!
Fourpence you are to pay for that,
But if you do sware or curse,
Twelvepence is due, pooll out your purse,
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Both clerk and ringers claim their due.'

HARLESTON, NORTHANTS

In this tower the ringers are urged to maintain harmony by the following verse:—

'Ye youths so gay
To hail this day
Your cheerful music bring
No sound excels
The fine ton'd bells
Whn merrily they ring
The listening crowd around
Their joy reveal
To hear the peal
All All applaud
The enlivening sound.'

On another board:—

'You young men all who are (sic) you be
Pray meet and part in harmony
When bells ring round in their order be
They do denote how neighbours should agree
But if you meet and disagree
A ringer you will never be.'
Jan. 23rd. 1829.'

BREWOOD, STAFFS

Here is a large tablet, bearing the following warning to ringers:—

'Ye gentlemen ringers, both far and near,
That are disposed to ring here;
To mark this law and keep it well,
The man that overthrows his bell,
Sixpence he must pay
Before he goes hence away;
He that ring with glove, spur, or hat,
Sixpence he must pay for that;
If he either curse or swear,
Sixpence must pay while you are here,
'Tis not a place to quarrel in
To curse or swear it is a sin.'
J. Brewster, W. Icke, Churchwardens, 1845.

SALFORD, LANCS

These rules are cut in 'lower case' letters on a stone in the north wall of the ringing chamber at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancs (Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part II., page 102):—

'You that are Ringers or would learn to Ring
observe these orders well in every thing
He that for want or care o'er turns a Bell
shall 2d. pay in Money not in Ale.
and He that Rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay His 6d. certainly for that.
He that presumes to Ring and spoils a Peal
Shall 6d. pay in Money or in Ale.
these orders well observe and then you may
with Pleasure spend with us this joyful day.'

CHILDWALL, LANCS

On a board in the ringing chamber at Childwall, Lancs, are the following oddly punctuated rules (Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part I., page 20):—

'If for to ring a Man comes here;
Ringing sacred: its Laws revere:
These ringing Laws must be well us'd;
That ringers may, not be abus'd:
If ringer wears his spur or hat;
One quart of ale he pays for that:
If while he rings, his bell o'erthrow;
Sixpence he Pays before he go:
But if he's heard to swear or curse;
Demands One Shilling of his Purse:
If to these Laws he does conform;
The ringers part he may Perform.'

It will be noticed that both the above Lancashire examples mention the 'ale,' and as we have already shown this was a very usual custom, not only for ringers, but in all walks of life at that period. A typical example is at Hornchurch, Essex, where they had their own ringers' jugs or gothers:—

'If you ring in spur or hat
Three pints of beer you pay for that,
If you swear, or give the lye
A pot you pay immediately.
If a bell you overthrow
A pint you pay before you go. 1798.'

TWO CHESHIRE TOWERS

The following lines were formerly at St. Michael's Church, Middlewich, Cheshire, but are now illegible:—

'Anyone who does ring here
Must ring well with hand and ear;
And if he rings in spur or hat
A quart of beer must pay for that,
And if a bell he overthrows
'Twill cost him eighteenpence before he goes:
Our rules are old they are not new,
Therefore the ringers must have their due.'

A stone tablet in the tower of St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, bears this inscription:—

'Mind Gentlemen your Bell ring true
And here behave in Order due
He that profanes his Makers Name
Shall Sixpence forfeit for the same
Or here shall any Quarrell raise
Or Noise doth make that doth displease
If Bell overturns, shall 4 pence pay
And Sixpence if its rung back way
Or if his Hat or Spur does wear
Then 4 pence mores the Sextons share
These Eight Bells rung with Care and art
With joy will transport every heart.'

(To be continued)

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BANBURY, OXON. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Whiteman 1, J. Stretton 2, C. Pearson 3, E. Pearson 4, J. Bishop 5, H. Hyde 6, H. Impey (cond.) 7, H. Bishop 8. Rung to celebrate a diamond wedding anniversary, also a golden wedding anniversary of two regular service ringers of St. Mary's.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, Miss P. Casey 6. A compliment to Miss C. Smith on her approaching marriage.

BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Leonard Catlin 1, Miss M. Angela Carter 2, Kilby R. Holtom 3, Malcolm J. V. Chown (cond.) 4, Malcolm S. Cloke 5. First quarter on the bells.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Allum 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, E. W. C. Reeves 4, G. Keal 5, W. Holloway (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Clive Humphries, aged 20, whose sudden death is a great loss to the Bradfield band and the Guild.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): R. E. Lester 1, C. Taylor (first quarter) 2, K. Brown 3, A. G. Fever 4, J. S. Wybrew 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Thompson, of Southwold.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Steere 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. J. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM. — At the Church of St. Cuthbert, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. F. Newton 1, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, D. R. Airey 4, R. D. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

QUARTER PEALS

GLOUCESTER. — On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harrison 1, Doris Sheppard 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, H. Daniels 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. Rung as a 66th birthday compliment to S. Harrison.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Sercombe 1, B. Elvin (first 'inside') 2, R. Hickling 3, Miss E. Bracey 4, R. Lofty 5, D. Hall 6, J. Moor (first quarter Major) 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Aug. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd (first of Cambridge Major 'inside') 4, G. Cherry 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

ILLSTON, LEICS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Russell 1, H. Wykes 2, J. G. Geary 3, D. Allsop (first 720 Kent 'inside') 4, P. Baldock 5, G. A. Hollick (first 720 Kent as conductor) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Hatcliffe (first quarter) 1, Barbara Beeson 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, John Spenser 4, John Roper 5, Allan Bennett 6, Valerie Willard (first quarter as cond.) 7, Cyril Williams 8. A farewell to Diana Hatcliffe, shortly leaving for Hatfield, Herts.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Constant 1, T. E. Taylor 2, C. E. Jarrett 3, P. F. Borer (first in method as cond.) 4, R. Constant 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, T. A. Cross 7, R. Jenkins 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss D. Smith and Mr. V. Buck, two of the local band.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Capper 1, W. G. Lavers 2, W. Simmonds (first of Doubles) 3, W. H. J. Edworthy 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, K. Sims 6.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,320 St. Martin's Doubles: Miss M. Dowsett 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. E. S. Johnson 3, J. Roast (cond.) 4, P. J. Came 5.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wilson 1, G. Tembey 2, D. G. H. Martindale 3, J. A. Haile 4, J. Mossop (cond.) 5, S. Richardson 6. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. G. T. Berwick, M.A. (late Dean of Perth Cathedral, West Australia), to the Vicarage of St. Bees.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): Miss J. Jones 1, J. Honey 2, Miss L. R. Binnington (first 'inside' in five methods) 3, A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, F. Honey 6. Rung for the institution of the new Rector, Canon C. C. H. James.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Aug. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Janet Bailey 2, S. H. Dearden 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Phillips 6, J. Hill 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, C. J. Watts 10.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Chapman 2, R. Sanders 3, R. Charge 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Euston 7, F. Gurney (first quarter, aged 67) 8.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John A. Howard (14) 1, I. A. C. Butcher 2, H. Meads (88) 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6, H. J. Wilde 7, J. Walker 8. Rung with 7–6–8 covering. First quarter by treble ringer.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce that the well-known Suffolk ringer, Mr. Garnham A. Blaxcell, of Stowupland, was killed in a road accident on September 12th, whilst cycling home after a peal attempt at Debenham. He was involved in a collision with a motor bus. Mr. Blaxcell was 63 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. D. Cullum, of Reading, has resigned the post of captain of St. Peter's Church, Caversham, on account of a recent illness, from which he is slow in recovering, and has been ordered rest by his doctor. His association with St. Peter's dates from 1895, and he has been in charge of the tower for the past 18 years. 'This is a splendid record,' writes the Rector in the parish magazine, in expressing grateful appreciation of his long and loyal service. Mr. Cullum is continuing his membership of the tower, and his successor will be Mr. T. Lanaghan. Mr. Cullum is a College Youth of over 50 years' standing, and is a regular attendant at the annual meetings and dinners. He has given long service to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he is one of the trustees.

Who is the ringer who arrived home 24 hours after starting for a peal at Alderley, Cheshire? His friends are anxious to know if he now knows where to look for the engine of his 20-year-old M.G.

Miss Julia Preston, secretary of the Liverpool branch, has accepted a post in Switzerland, and she expects to be away from this country for at least a year. The peal of Stedman Caters at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', on September 5th, in which she participated, was a farewell to her apart from the other purposes recorded in our peal columns.

Mr. W. A. Smith, nephew of Mr. J. P. Fidler, is temporarily employed by B.P.-Shell Mex. Co., in Amsterdam, during his vacation from Durham University. A 21st birthday compliment was paid to him by friends at Fairfield, Buxton, with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on September 2nd.

Her friends in Bedfordshire and Middlesex will congratulate Miss Valerie Willard on conducting her first quarter peal, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Valerie is vice-captain of the company, and she organised a farewell quarter peal to Miss Diana Hatcliffe, who is shortly sailing for England and will live at Hatfield. 'We get a little bit homesick at times,' writes Miss Willard, 'when we read of day outings visiting five or six towers. Our annual outing comprises a visit to Ballarat, where there are two towers. Sometimes, perhaps, we will go to Bendigo. but they are still in the process of improving the "go" of the bells.'

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray are spending a short leave in Sydney. Peal attempts have been arranged for their visit.

The Banbury, Oxon, tower had a double celebration on September 5th with a quarter peal to honour the diamond wedding of Mr. F. Selwyn and the golden wedding of Mr. T. Impey, two regular members of the band. There was an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Banbury, on the same day.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes: I was very pleased to see something from Mr. Fred Dench in last week's 'Ringing World' regarding a peal of Superlative rung 60 years ago at Crawley. According to the list of peals in Davies' 'Surprise Methods,' the 50th peal of Superlative Washbrook called at Appleton on April 26th, 1889. Mr. Dench's peal at Crawley on September 14th, 1893, was the 93rd. The 100th was at Kidderminster on December 6th of that year and was conducted by R. E. Grove.

(See also our correspondence page.)

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THE LONDON 'STAR' IS TAKEN TO TASK

Editorial Wants Bells Rung on Rare Occasions

An Editorial that appeared in 'The Star' on August 31st has been challenged in strong terms by two of our readers who have addressed letters of protest to the Editor.

The Editorial, which is headed '2,500 Clangs,' is as follows:—

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a one-armed bellringer on holiday is reported to have tolled a 9 cwt. bell 2,500 times in four hours.

These marathon performances are doubtless great fun for campanologists. But what of the people around? How many of them enjoy the clamour, going on hour after hour?

As a summons to church bellringing is no longer necessary. Everyone knows the time. Moreover, many denominations never have used bells.

So let them be reserved for the rare occasions of national joy or consternation. And as for the devotees of Bob Major, can't they perform far away from towns and cities whose inhabitants are already bombarded with every kind of noise?

'Take Ringers Out of Cold Store'

Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has sent the following letter to the editor of 'The Star':—

Dear Sir,—Your writer of yesterday is patently so ignorant on the subject of bell ringing that except for the fact that he chooses at times to use the leader column of a widely circulated evening paper to air what is obviously something of a personal grievance his petty tirade would not be worth comment.

Unfortunately other people's pleasures often annoy some of the rest of us. The assembling, vocal appreciation and departure of football and racing crowds, the noise of speedways and motor racing, the nocturnal efforts of dance bands and departing dancers, the roar of week-end traffic through peaceful villages, the too powerful wireless set are a few of the things which give pleasure to some and shatter the nerves of others.

Happily the great majority of our people are tolerant and do not waste their time in trying to deprecate or suppress their neighbour's mode of enjoyment, and I am quite sure that only a comparatively few people (and they in quite a lot of cases more out of hostility to the Church than anything else) have any objection to the practice of the almost exclusively English art of change ringing—incidentally (although your writer's immediate cause of complaint arose in Ireland) the only difficult art in which the Englishman has no serious challengers.

I note with some relief that your writer would have bells for occasions of national rejoicing and sorrowing. For these events I assume he would draw the ringers from cold store.—Yours truly.

G. L. GROVER, Hon. Secretary.

Poor Fellow!

Miss W. Oliver, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, writes:

The member of your editorial staff who is continually deploring the fact that Englishmen are still free enough to be allowed to practise one of the oldest and most difficult arts known in this country is undoubtedly one of those unhappy people—and there are quite a number of them about—with some personal reason for objecting to bell music. It is a well known saying that the music of the bells reflects the thoughts of the listener, and no doubt anything so closely connected with the Church or with Sunday strikes a discordant note in the unfortunate man's mind. Probably in the household where he spent his boyhood Sundays were unpleasant days where mother smacked the children and sent them to Sunday School to keep them out of father's irritated reach. Or perhaps his first love affair ended miserably one Sunday on the way to church and to the accompaniment of the bells. Whatever it was that spoiled bell music for him originally, he has not yet become mature enough to sort out his emotions and the sound is therefore still distasteful to him.

If he ever stopped to think he would realise of course that an art so ancient, so difficult, and so beautiful in the ears of normal people must of necessity be practised long and regularly, as diligently, in fact, as any of the other arts that help the celebration of any great occasion, private or national.

What would the choirs, the orchestras, the organists, say if they were told 'we shall want you to perform for all occasions of national rejoicing or national sorrow, but we cannot allow you to practise—that is unnecessary and noisy.' Soon there would be no singers, no orchestras, no organists, left. But perhaps your writer would prefer this. Doubtless he would like to have everything canned—recorded organ recitals, 'potted' choristers, synthetic bells. Poor fellow!

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Improved Standard of Ringing

On September 5th a meeting of the Guild was held at Holmfirth, when good use was made of the bells from early afternoon until time for service at 4.30.

The Chairman being on holiday, the Vicar of Holmfirth (the Rev. A. T. Dangerfield) conducted the pleasant service, and also presided at the business meeting. An excellent tea was provided by the keen young lady ringers.

At the business meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to the local company for making the Guild so welcome and providing such a good tea. A word of appreciation to Mr. A. Haigh, the only remaining ringer of the old band, for his work was also endorsed.

In reply, the Vicar said although many years had elapsed since a meeting was held at this tower, the Guild was really welcome and could come again at any time. It was proposed to try to arrange the next meeting at Mytholmroyd on November 7th. One new member was elected.

About 30 members attended during the afternoon and evening. The fruits of the time and effort put in by members during the last few years can now be discerned. Methods rung included Plain, Little and Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and London. Never before have all these methods been rung at a local meeting in this area. The striking was up to the standard that one gets at most meetings. In fairness to residents a few yards away from the tower the bells were lowered at 8.15. A. W. B.

'REGINA'

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I be allowed to state that Mr. York Bramble's 'Regina' is *not* one method, but four distinct ones, and that he was informed of this in June last, when he submitted the figures to us. Each of the methods will, however, extend quite naturally if the rules passed by the Central Council are applied. — Yours sincerely, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing at St. Chad's, Over

Mention of ringing at St. Chad's, Over, usually conjures up memories of two record length peals, first of 17,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on July 21st, 1923, in 10 hours, which stood for 28 years, but was surpassed on November 4th, 1950, by the peal of Bristol Surprise Major of 21,600 changes in 12 hours 58 minutes; the longest peal 'by one set of men,' the words in inverted commas being added because of the performance at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, when relays of men rang the full extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes. That is, of course, outside the definition of a peal, as recognised by the Central Council, the governing body of ringing.

The meeting of the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at St. Chad's, Over, on September 5th, was a very happy and profitable event, not large by numbers, but great in spirit.

After an hour's ringing the 'Guild Office' was said the Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson, B.A.), who, after a very cordial welcome, saddened the gathering by announcing that he was leaving St. Chad's, where he had laboured for 11 years, to take up lighter duty at Wettenhall, which is only five miles away.

In the absence of the branch chairman, the meeting was taken by the genial secretary, Mr. David Smith, who, after welcoming the ringers, expressed regret at the Vicar leaving. In thanking the Vicar for his always kindly consideration and generous dealing with the ringers and services to ringing generally, and to the Northwich Branch and the Chester Guild in particular, Mr. Smith said the Vicar had never refused the smallest, or the largest, request of the ringers. Several ringers supported the remarks and expressed their good wishes.

The Vicar, in acknowledging, said he had certainly helped to put St. Chad's, Over, on the map; he had had letters from far and near.

The Northwich Branch is noted for something else besides its long length peals; it is noted for its long service ringers, among them being Alfred Johnson (life member), with 63 years' service; Albert Booth (life member), 56 years, both present at the meeting: Cecil Raddon, 50 years; W. Oakes, 45 years; A. Percival, 40 years. Also present was Albert Crawley, Crewe Branch, with 53 years' ringing to his credit.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Summer Festival in Guilsborough Branch Area

The Guild Summer Festival was held on August 29th in the Guilsborough Branch, with Long Buckby as the focal tower.

A wet and stormy day did not damp enthusiasm, and 120 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the school, now used as a parochial centre. The service in church was well attended and enjoyed. The organist and choir, female as well as male voices, gave a lively lead to the singing, and the response from the congregation was good to hear. The Vicar, who conducted, also gave the address, which was both thoughtful and thought provoking.

After tea several items of business had to be disposed of, and the Master, Mr. E. Whitmore, presided at the meeting.

A vote of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the day was moved by Mr. E. Nobles, and seconded by Mr. H. Richardson.

The arrangements for the day's proceedings were in the hands of Mr. E. Orland, branch secretary, and the local committee, and the smooth running of everything testified to the care bestowed on the task.

The opportunity to visit the towers in this branch, which is on the western edge of the Diocese, was greatly enjoyed, ringing being available from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SOUTH DEVON

A Cordial Welcome

THIS was run, with his usual charm and efficiency, by E. M. Atkins, now living at East Teignmouth, where some of the party stayed, between August 30th and September 5th. Most, however, stayed at Elbury, 2, College Road, Newton Abbot. During our earthly sojourn we must admit that good meals do profoundly alter our outlook on life, and we must be grateful to Miss Sandoe for giving us such grand breakfasts and dinners. She would doubtless make future ringing parties equally welcome.

Those who had arrived in time took part in service ringing on August 30th at Wolborough, Dawlish, and East Teignmouth. Others were arriving on Monday, on which day visits were paid to Bishop's Teignton, West Teignmouth, King's Kerswell, Highweek, and King's Teignton. It was at the latter place that the undersigned joined the party, and therefore he relies on hearsay for the first part of this report. Thus he can only guess at what Mr. Lilley, the Chairman and Master of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, said, when he joined the Guild at supper that evening and welcomed them to Devon. Whatever Mr. Lilley said is sure to have been indicative of the most happy, kind and cordial way in which Devon ringers welcomed us everywhere, for which welcome we are most grateful.

On September 1st Cambridge was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes on the very pleasant eight at Wolborough. Others meanwhile were ringing at Babbacombe and St. Mary, Upton, Torquay. Then to Cockington for lunch, where the famous forge works hard nowadays selling souvenirs (the words 'forge' and 'souvenir' don't seem to go well together, however we must be careful in print). Being told we couldn't drive to the church but must park in the village park for 6d., we asked if we could qualify as a funeral; this didn't work, but a more matter-of-fact member got away with saying he was visiting the church on business. A nice six here, also a most interesting church, with, as in so many others in the district, a richly carved screen. Most of the screens hereabouts bear a very strong family likeness.

Then to the fine eight at Paignton, where the organist told one of our members the number and variety of ways in which ringers can get hung. Next, at Berry Pomeroy, a notice told us that the mats were for the ropes to fall on, not to stand on. A son of wicked Protector Somerset, who robbed Holy Church in the time of Edward VI., is buried here. Tea at Totnes, where we had to ring to rule, so that the Town Council could meet at 6.15. A splendid eight here. Then, after supper, to East Teignmouth, followed by a delightful hour over coffee with E. M. and Mrs. Atkins, at Rock Cottage.

PLYMOUTH AND BUCKFAST ABBEY

Wednesday began with Holy Communion, celebrated by our President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, at Wolborough. Then off in the Plymouth direction. Three fine eights here, at Plympton St. Maurice (formerly St. Thomas), Plympton St. Mary, and Emmanuel, Plymouth, where we lunched in the Parish Hall and were kindly given tea. Paul Williamson here demonstrated his skill by replacing his cylinder head gasket: but opening Gilbert's boot was beyond the combined skill of the Guild, and there the President's hat and coat had to stay for a night.

A drive round and round the newly-laid out centre of Plymouth followed: this was partly to see the Hoe, etc., partly because modern traffic arrangements often seem to make it necessary to drive round and round a place before you can get into it. Eventually the car park at St. Andrew's was entered and the fine ten were going. It is thrilling to see this famous church gradually recovering its beauty after the war damage. Then to Buckfast Abbey, where Little Bob Royal, etc., were rung on the back ten of this famous ring. It is customary to swing the Bourdon during the ringing of the other bells, on great festivals—as is or was done at Beverley Minster also, producing a magnificent bass effect, if somewhat distracting to the ringers. We did this for a few strokes. Finally to Ashburton, and the evening finished with the business meeting, at which Brian Price agreed to run next year's Guild week in South Wales.

Next day London Surprise 'went west' about ten minutes from the end, after some excellent ringing. The rest of the day was spent in and around Exeter; the non-peals rang at Alphington and Exeter St. Thomas. In the afternoon—after the undersigned had lunched with Stafford Green—we rang at Exeter St. David's, then St. Mark's, where the President of the Devon Guild, Prebendary E. V. Cox, welcomed us with a charming speech, in which he said his only peal in Cambridge was for the King's visit on March 1st, 1904, when he, together with E. H. Lewis and H. S. T. Richardson, rang their first peal of Double Norwich. Then to Exeter Cathedral with its glorious ring—where nowadays you mustn't ring the tenor single-handed. After Heavitree, home to supper and a film show, including Mount Athos and its Russian bells.

On September 4th the Master left to celebrate his 21st birthday at home, whilst the rest toured the Moors. Whilst eight were at Buckland-in-the-Moor for an hour or so, others visited Widdecombe and Manaton. One member got left behind at Widdecombe. Tom Pearce's horse not being available, he proceeded thence by hitching and train. After ringing at Chagford, we visited Moreton Hampstead and North Bovey—which latter place fines you 6d. for ringing in a hat, in contrast to the 3d. at Moreton Hampstead. We spent our money better on extremely good Devon teas and cream. Then to Chudleigh, and after supper the week concluded—for all but eight—at Ipplepen. What the eight did at Uffculme on Saturday morning I don't know—but there is always a sense of excitement attaching to unreliable news—else why should 'The Daily . . .' and 'The . . . of the . . .' sell in such millions?

So we scattered again, full of gratitude to the Devon ringers, to Miss Sandoe, and to E. M. Atkins for his splendid organising.

GILBERT THURLOW.

READING CYCLISTS TOUR DEVON AND CORNWALL

Accident to Miss Nancie Swann Mars Enjoyable Week

A PARTY of St. Mary's, Reading, ringers and friends toured South Devon and Cornwall during the last week of August. Only Nancie Swann's accident marred a very pleasant week's holiday.

We set out by train from Reading to Newton Abbot and then cycled to Torquay. After ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major at St. Mary's, Upton, and Paignton Parish Church, eleven hungry Y.H.A. members arrived at Brentmoor Youth Hostel for dinner, handbell ringing and sweet sleep. The dormitory here was quiet: it was at later hostels that sleep became an impossibility before midnight, especially for George Morris, of Malvern, and Neville Diserens, who could not seem to keep their beds in order. The conversation, 'Are you awake, George?' 'No, I'm asleep,' could be heard until the early hours of the morning.

Leaving Brentmoor enshrouded in a misty rain, we made a snap decision to attend Matins at Ugborough and were warmly welcomed by the local ringers. A compliment was paid by one who said, 'That's the best bit of scientific ringing I've heard on these bells.' A motley gang in oilskins continued to Revelstoke, where a course of London was rung, and Plymouth, where we joined the St. Andrew's ringers in Kent Royal and Stedman Caters before Evensong.

On Monday we rang an excellent touch of Stedman Triples before a wedding at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, and while eight stayed to ring after the ceremony, George Morris and Ken Brown went on ahead, doing slow work with one of the weaker cyclists. Then, racing madly to reach Liskeard in time, Nancie proved that she is not so safe riding a bicycle as ringing Bristol. However, a fractured arm did not prevent her from staying with us, travelling by train, bus and private car. Good luck, Nancie! We hope you'll soon be back with the chalk and blackboards.

The next day, depleted by one good ringer, the gang enjoyed Cambridge on the pleasant six at Lostwithiel and the hospitality of the local ringers. 'Your rounds and changes were perfect, but why don't you learn to rise and fall?', was the local comment. We then climbed to Luxulyan, reputed to be the finest granite church in the county and, after coffee and cakes, soon had the six going to London Minor. A peal attempt for Cambridge Major at Probus came to grief after two hours of good ringing, and then we continued to Truro to join in the local practice at the Cathedral. Some of us afterwards had our first taste of a real Cornish pasty.

On Wednesday, towers were snatched at Kea and Perran-at-Worthal on our way to bathe at Falmouth. A pull at Kenwyn was arranged by Mr. Alan Carveth, who also kindly took four of us in his van to the Redruth practice.

The next day a course of London Major was rung at S. Budock and a peal of Cambridge attempted on the fine eight at S. Keverne, but, owing to collective fatigue, neither Cambridge nor Stedman would go even for a quarter peal.

The last full day's ringing proved to be the best. From Phillack we had a pleasant ride via Land's End, ringing at Penzance, the sweet six at S. Sennen (the First and Last Church in England), Zennor and Towednack. The best striking of the day was a course of Cambridge Major with the Rev. A. S. Roberts at Carbis Bay. Many thanks to Mr. Garner Haywood, who kindly took the three lady ringers (including the invalid) to the various towers in this day's programme.

After ringing at Phillack the party broke up on Saturday morning, leaving four to attempt a peal with the Revs. A. S. Roberts and Elliot Wigg, Messrs. Roger Leigh and Garner Haywood at S. Madron. Unfortunately, an interruption brought Cambridge Major to an end.

Lastly, may we record our thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' to all incumbents who gave permission for the use of their bells, tower captains and local ringers who met us at every tower. And thank you, Jim, for a well organised tour.

K. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING—TO WHOSE SATISFACTION?

Dear Sir,—In your issue of September 4th you include the account of a tour in North Cornwall and West Devon which must have given great satisfaction and pleasure to those partaking. I venture to suggest, however, that on tours in this and presumably other parts of the country, greater consideration should be given to the places where peals are attempted. This should still give satisfaction to the tourists and would be less likely to give dissatisfaction to local inhabitants and ringers. Events at Holsworthy this year and at Tavistock during a tour some two or three years ago illustrate this.

To quote the 'Cornish and Devon Post' of August 22nd, 1953:—

'From a Holsworthy Resident, August 15th. Sir,—As reported in your issue of August 15th a team of ringers rang 5,056 changes in 3¼ hours on Holsworthy Church bells for the first time. As a resident living near the Church, I am sure many other townsfolk will agree with me in hoping it will be the last.

'Just what the ladies and gentlemen who comprised the party gained from their efforts I do not know, except perhaps they derived benefit from their exertions, and it was noticed that one gentleman had stripped himself to the waist.

'Holsworthy bells, since being recast and rehung, are now the loudest peal for many miles around, and the continuous ringing for over three hours nearly drove some of us to distraction.

'(Signed) PEACE LOVER.'

In contrast to 'Peace Lover' your correspondent of September 4th describes events thus '. . . and this splendid ring, recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, was soon going to Cambridge, the first of Major on the bells. The *west doors* were left open, and as they *lead on to* the path in *the main street*, we had a constant gathering of interested spectators.'

At Tavistock some two or three years ago a touring band rang a peal of Surprise Major on what are considered one of the best eights (Taylor's) in this part of the country. The peal was, I understand, quite a good one judged by *changeringing* standards. As a result of the complaints made by local residents following the peal, the tower is now closed to visiting bands other than for short periods. This even stops the Devon Guild holding ringing meetings in Tavistock.

I appreciate that similar complaints occur in other parts of the country, but there are factors which make criticism more likely in the majority of towers in North and East Cornwall and West and North Devon. These towers are devoted to call changeringing rung with no gap at the handstroke lead. A 'touch' of call changes rarely lasts more than twenty minutes unless a 'peal' is attempted for a great occasion of Church or State. Changeringing is rarely heard.

There are good and bad call change towers in these parts, but there are many, many good ones, and in my experience their standard of Sunday service ringing is infinitely superior to all, but very, very few of the changeringing towers in the country. This is to be expected, for the call change ringer cannot aim for complexity of method, but can only endeavour on his practice night to improve the precision of his rise, his ringing of changes chosen for musical effect, and his fall.

The call change ringer is, in my experience, most interested in changeringing, but severely critical, and in general disinclined to transfer his allegiance. This is not because he cannot ring 'scientific' himself—several of our local Tavistock band can take a pair of handbells to Grandsire Triples—but because he has yet to have any indication that the standards of precision of striking of the changeringer in any way approach his own.

As instance of this, soon after I came to live here, one of the local ringers mentioned the last peal that was rung in Tavistock. (He, incidentally, is a regular subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' though a call changeringer and circulates his copy to the other call changeringers.) In his opinion—and I value his judgment—the peal should have been stopped by the conductor after half an hour, since one of the band was most irregular in his leads, was breaking the beat, and obviously was not improving with time. So why inflict his inefficiency on the neighbourhood? I dare not argue with him that this same culprit would now, as the result of many recent peals, be almost certainly much better in his leads.

Clearly then a visiting band ringing any peal, and particularly a peal of Major, is just asking for violent opposition from the townsfolk if the bells are at all badly located or the ringing departs violently from local standards or customs. The band will further have to contend with the criticism of the locals, who have almost certainly heard less bad ringing in the past year than have the peal band. Remember last practice night or last Sunday, when that course of London or Grandsire piled up! Such a row is never heard in a call change tower.

I accept it as axiomatic that a changeringer can only hope to become proficient in all aspects of his art if he rings many lengths of the order of a full peal. A quarter peal or practices can never be enough. But I do feel most strongly that unless peals can be rung to the satisfaction of the ringers and at the same time give no possible dissatisfaction to local residents and local ringers then they should not be rung at all.

This puts a great onus on the organisers of peal tours—or ordinary as distinct from special peals for that matter. Peals should only be rung in towers which are so isolated that no residential complaint is possible, or in towers which are effectively louvred or in towers where some form of silencing is possible and permitted.

I remember some years ago ringing Yorkshire at Sherborne Abbey, when we fitted 'Jim Davis' silencers similar to the ones in use at that time, and possibly still in use, at Bishopsgate. Admittedly we lost the peal through one of the bells becoming unsilenced.

If a touring band wants to ring on noisy or troublesome bells then limit ringing to short touches. To have rung the first peal on any ring of bells is in most cases nothing of which to be particularly proud. It probably means that others have been just that little bit more considerate of, or well advised on, the other chap's point of view.—Yours sincerely,

R. GORDON CROSS.

Tavistock, Devon.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, SINGAPORE

Dear Sir,—As requested by J. B. P. in the issue dated August 28th, I have pleasure in giving the details called for.

The eight bells were cast in 1888 and the tenor weighs 27 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., note E flat. Each bell is dedicated to a saint and, commencing with the treble, they are Matthew, James, John, Paul, Bartholomew, Thomas, Peter and Andrew.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

EVERTON AND ITS BELLS

Dear Sir,—As a Bedfordshire ringer I should like to comment on the correspondence regarding Everton and its bells. Dealing first with the locality of the parish, Everton is a Bedfordshire village in the Biggleswade petty sessional division. The complexity of the situation is due to the fact that a small detached portion of the parish (surrounded by Beds and Cambs) has, since the time of William IV., been declared part of Huntingdonshire, and it is that portion known as Tetworth that the church of St. Mary stands. Mr. Stote is correct in his description of the location of the county boundaries (August 7th, p. 519), but I should like to add that the brick wall on the east side of the church lane has a white stone set in it to mark the boundary. The distance from the church tower to the nearest point of the Bedfordshire boundary is about 320 feet. Although the village is divided for local government purposes, ecclesiastically the parish of Everton-cum-Tetworth is in the rural deanery of St. Neats and diocese of Ely.

The bells are rung from the ground floor and the inscriptions, etc., are as follows:—

Treble. 1630. Note F.

2. I.K. God save the King 1630. Note E flat.

3. Sonoro sono meo sono deo 1611 Ricardus Holdfeld. Note D.

4. Johannes dier hanc campana fecit. Note C.

Tenor. Christopher Graye made me 1681. Recast 1894 Mears and Stainbank. Note B flat. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

From this it will be seen that the bells are tuned to the major scale.

Now, having clarified the situation, I must upset matters by mentioning that the Bedfordshire Association had members from this church throughout the period 1911-1937. Strange to say the Bedfordshire Young Ringers met one of these Everton ringers during their recent Hampshire tour. Having resided at Milford for many years, he read an announcement of the ringing tour in his local paper and met the party at Lymington.—Yours faithfully,

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Kempston, Bedford.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dench and others may be interested to know that his peal of Superlative at Crawley on September 14th, 1893, was actually the 90th peal in the method to be rung. After a lapse of many years, the famous Burton-on-Trent band started the ball rolling again with a peal on May 5th, 1884, the footnote to which says it is the 8th peal ever rung in the method. From then until the date of Mr. Dench's peal, they rang 36 more peals of Superlative in various towers. In 1885, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, associated with J. W. Washbrook, rang their first peal in this method, and they scored 28 peals of it before September, 1893. No peals were rung by any other band until Sir A. P. Heywood, associated with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, rang the first of three peals in November, 1889—the other two were in 1890.

In the latter year, we find the Brighton ringers turning their attention to the method, led, of course, by George Williams. They rang four peals before 1893. 1892 and 1893 found the method rung in various parts of the country—11 more peals being scored by various bands at Sheffield, Kidderminster, Birmingham, Gloucester, Newcastle, etc., as well as in the Home Counties before the Crawley peal. Thus the method was becoming increasingly rung. It would be interesting to know whether there are any survivors of these even earlier peals of Superlative.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

(Continued from page 598)

On Wednesday morning we held our Corporate Communion in the chapel at Springfield. While the organiser went to interview the Town Clerk and obtain permission to ring at Carfax on Thursday evening, the rest went to Abingdon to ring on the light six at St. Nicholas'. There they were met and given a warm welcome by Mr. A. E. Lock. From there to St. Helen's with its seven aisles and mediæval painted roof. We were not able to ring the front two bells owing to the fact that their frame is not safe. We found some difficulty in holding the front bells long enough to suit the back bells, but, having found the speed, we had good ringing.

REGINA MAJOR

Drayton, Berks, was our next tower. This was the village where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar so long and where he did so much ringing. A permanent memorial to him in that church is the beautiful carving which he did in his spare time. At Drayton we rang the first course of Regina Major. As the bells run easily we were able to ring a large variety of methods, many of which had not been discovered in the days of the first Master of the O.D.G. Ringing, however, was not the absorbing interest that day. Several enthusiastic peal ringers were to be seen crawling up the road listening for details of the Test Match.

We were very lucky in finding a small inn at Dorchester where the cricket enthusiasts were able to listen to the broadcast while the rest enjoyed their lunch on the green outside or in the garden. A feature of that inn was its wonderful garden full of old-fashioned flowers such as are rarely seen to-day. At Dorchester Abbey the Vicar met and welcomed us. He, too, was very anxious to return to his wireless set!

Dorchester again added to our list of beautiful churches and fine rings. On its bells, with a fourteenth century tenor and seventh with their beautiful mediæval lettering and moulding, many peals have been rung, including the record of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods. It was at Dorchester that Peter Border brought us the news that England had won the Ashes. Our next tower was Ewelme with its fine modern six. The beauty of the village and church once again provided a counter-attraction to the ringing. Across the site of the Battle of Chalgrove Field to Watlington, where we were met by Mr. A. Hine, who welcomed us on behalf of the local ringers. At Watlington the bells proved too heavy to handle for many of the party and it was not until the heavy bell men returned from tea that we succeeded in getting good ringing.

CATHEDRAL CLAPPER BREAKS

After supper some of us went to the Cathedral to ring with the city ringers, while others went out to Iffley. After a course of Grandsire Cinques Mr. Judge decided to attempt a half-course of Cambridge Maximus. The course had hardly begun when an ominous thump was heard overhead and the tenor rung by Wilfrid Moreton ceased to sound. The balanced clapper had broken.

Thursday was a peal ringing day, one party being scheduled to go to Buckland to ring Grandsire Triples, the other peal band to go to Appleton for Grandsire Caters. The non-pealers with Charles McGuiness in charge, rang at Radley, Sunningwell and Cumnor. At Radley they were met by the Vicar, who was to ferry some of the party as far as Cumnor, by Janet Eason, Anne Humfrey and Enid Lloyd-Roberts, Master of the Bristol University Society. From local reports since received the ringing there was much appreciated.

The tale of the peal bands is one of woe. The attempt at Buckland was lost by a miscall. It was particularly disappointing, as it was Beatrice Boyle's first attempt for a peal.

MORE CAR TROUBLE

The Appleton band had a worse tale to tell when they met the non-pealers at The Bear and Ragged Staff, an inn associated with Leicester and Amy Robsart. Half the band had left on time for the peal. The second car, the writer's, refused to start. The trouble was diagnosed as 'plugs' so with the help of Wilfrid Moreton and his passenger they were taken out one by one and dried. All went well until a nut was knocked into the engine. We admire considerably the man who did not say, 'I told you so,' but spent the next half-hour fishing with a hairpin, helped by Peter Border and others. By then it was fully recognised that the trouble was not just 'plugs,' but a blown gasket. Once more Gordon Cross stepped in to help, although he was on the way to Whipsnade with his family. He took the stranded peal ringers to Appleton, where they arrived an hour late.

Everything had, however, been got ready by Mr. Frank White, who had met the early arrivals. At once the band settled down to tapping the bells at a good rhythm and from the word go it looked as if the peal was in the bag. However, after two hours' most enjoyable ringing, it was found that there had been a miscall and the bells ran round. On leaving the tower the band met Mr. Frank White, who congratulated them on their very good ringing. He particularly congratulated Ivor Trueman on the excellent way he rang the tenor as a stranger.

The next problem to be faced was the question of transport for four people, if not six, for the rest of the day. Mr. F. White tried to get local transport, but as that was not available the writer managed to persuade the uncle of one of her school children to do it. He had a six-seater car and that solved all difficulties. After lunch at Cumnor everyone met at South Leigh, famous for its murals. There we were given a hearty welcome by the Vicar, who not only allowed us to use the bells, but also encouraged Michael Slaney to play the organ. This, unfortunately, had a bad effect on the ringing, not because of the playing, but because the organ is built in the ringing chamber! However, a large variety of methods was rung, for the bells are a handy ring of eight, much used in years gone by for peal ringing.

From South Leigh, where hymn singing and ringing had made us late, to Bampton, where the key had to be tracked down. This fine eight, considered by some to be the finest in the diocese, were kept going to a variety of methods.

At Faringdon, where we were met by Mr. M. J. Pryor, secretary of the Vale of White Horse Branch, the tower again was difficult of access. The bells are hung in a central tower and the only means of access is by a ladder in the church. The bells, an eight (tenor 17 cwt.), go well and everyone enjoyed ringing there in spite of the network of wires.

After supper another visit was made to Carfax, the correct keys having been collected by Mr. P. Walker and taken to Springfield by Daphne Castell. This time we got in, but found that when the third was up she hit her chiming hammer. This trouble was put right after about 20 minutes by Ranald Clouston and A. York-Bramble. Everyone had a chance to ring, although time was short.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting took place on our return to Springfield. At it a formal vote of thanks was passed to the clergy and captains of the towers where we had rung, to Mr. P. Walker, who had made many local arrangements, and to the sisters and staff of Springfield St. Mary.

It was decided that the next ringing week should be at Hereford as accommodation was available, the arrangements to be left to Wilfrid M. Moreton and the new secretary. Among new members elected were Peter O'Connell, of Groton School in America, and the Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, who had helped us so much. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Wilfred Houghton and sympathy expressed to the president.

Friday was our last day and from the point of view of scenery perhaps the best. Again we made a good start in fine weather. The majority arrived at Witney in good time. It was here that the night before four members had rung in a 'merry peal' of Double Norwich, conducted by Alan Pink. The adjective is the one which was given to it by one of the inhabitants of the local almshouses, who had opened her windows to listen. In due course the organiser arrived driving the hired car. There is a rumour that had she been tested by anyone but the person who did pass her, she would not have passed! The ringing at Witney was much enjoyed and we were very grateful to the local captain, Mr. L. Oliffe, for finding time to meet us.

ST. LAWRENCE MAJOR

Next on to Burford, there to be met by Mr. W. J. Dixon, who had all the bells up ready and who rang several touches with us. The bells were rehung three years ago and now go the right way round. The difference in them is remarkable. For the last time we had an outstandingly beautiful church with a fine ring of bells. At Burford we rang, besides the usual methods, nearly a course of St. Lawrence Major: this was at the president's request.

While we were ringing we were informed that the secretary's car was temporarily out of action owing to the need for a new ball race. To obtain that he had to return to Oxford. Thanks, however, to the Rev. F. Rigby and Mr. P. Cave, who by then had joined us, we were able to take everyone to Churchill, where the tower is an exact replica of Magdalen tower, but one-third the size.

We had lunch at the Chequers opposite the church. There we were made very welcome, the landlord not only providing chairs for the handbell peal in the afternoon, but also making tea for them, although the inn was closed.

HANDBELL PEAL OF MAXIMUS

We left six handbell enthusiasts behind to attempt a peal of Maximus while the rest went on to Kingham after John Hatcher had rejoined us. At Kingham we rang a variety of Plain and Surprise methods, including some Spliced Surprise Major, without our usual conductor. In fact, it meant that a touch had to be worked out before we started. From Kingham with its handy eight on to Chipping Norton, where we found bells of a different calibre. Here we were made welcome by Mr. J. H. Jarvis, the local captain. We rang a number of different methods, including a touch of Spliced Surprise which came home as the result of a co-operative effort on the part of all concerned. While the majority of the band had tea in Chipping Norton and then made their way to Cassington, a tower well known to many generations of the O.U.S.C.R., the writer went back to Churchill, there to listen to part of the attempt which she knew was being made on the greatest number of Maximus methods, and to collect some of the ringers when they had finished. On her arrival everything seemed to be going well and the bells were travelling along with a beautiful rhythm. Unfortunately, a heavy rainstorm drove her from her listening point before the end. However, within ten minutes the band emerged triumphant carrying their chairs before them.

After tea, back to Oxford through a cloudburst. The motor-cyclists arrived soaked and the laundry at Springfield was soon a drying ground for a variety of garments not usually seen there. After supper everyone went to the Clarendon Institute, there to spend an evening

in the company of the Oxford City ringers and members of the Diocesan Guild.

During the evening the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, thanked the local ringers, and particularly Mr. P. Walker, for all that they had done to make our visit such a success. He also thanked the organiser for all that she had done.

FINAL PEAL ATTEMPTS

After much shuffling peal bands were arranged for the Saturday morning and transport fixed. Finance was sorted out and good use was made of the time until one member returned in the early hours of the morning from exploring North Oxford.

Saturday came with the hasty departure of part of the Harwell peal band to catch trains, while others left by car for the same destination. The latter became involved in a train of traffic several miles long and passed Enid Lloyd-Roberts, who was waiting for them at Steventon. After a return journey had been made for her, they settled down to ring a peal of Yorkshire in 3 hours 9 minutes. The conductor is reported to have found the tenor as hard work as on Appleton eighth owing to its falseness.

The peal band for East Hagbourne saw the departure of the rest of the members before setting out themselves for a 12.30 p.m. start. Before leaving the president gave to the Sister Superior book tokens for the use of the Community, and thanked her on behalf of us all for all that they had done. From remarks which she made we gathered that before long we should have had some of the Community ringing handbells as they were so fascinated by them. Another band, with G. Dodds as conductor, set out for Cowley St. James', but unfortunately that peal attempt was lost also. The band who were going to East Hagbourne then set out. They ate their lunch while listening to the local band ringing for a wedding. An attempt was made for Double Norwich, but the band proved that it was not strong enough to tackle that method on those bells, so after three courses had been rung the bells were set up and we decided to go for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples and, if things were going well, to go on for a full peal attempt. However, by mutual agreement it was decided to stop at the end of the quarter peal. The band then adjourned to the Fleur-de-Lys, so well known to all ringers who visit East Hagbourne, and there we had tea.

SPECIAL THANKS

Looking back over the week with deep happiness, one realises how much the happiness of the week was due, not so much to the person who organised, but to the way in which everyone, whatever their age or ringing ability, adapted themselves to whatever need arose and put other people first; particularly I would like to mention Mrs. McGuiness, Beatrice Boyle, Julia Preston and the others who night after night saw that we had tea; Mary Kennedy, who undertook as soon as she arrived to see that everyone was shown their room; the president, Wilf Moreton, Charles McGuiness and Ran Clouston, who often took over from the Ringing Master in order to give her a rest; the car drivers who often against their inclination took five passengers when they would prefer four; Ivor Trueman and Heather Tesson, who ran the bar so efficiently on the Friday evening; to the motor-cyclists, who always took a pillion passenger, and particularly Mary Fuller, who proved herself so adaptable; also to Alan Blair, who when the emergency arose did make a practical suggestion and carried it out; also all those who did as the Ringing Master asked so willingly; to our genial secretary, who coped so well with the intricacies of finance; to Wilfrid Moreton, who dealt so willingly with all the transport difficulties; and not least the practical jokers who provided the lighter side, without which we should probably have been dull dogs.

M. R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE R. NEWTON

Mr. George R. Newton, one of the best known personalities in the Exercise, and a member of the Central Council, died peacefully at his home, 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool, on September 5th. He was 78 and is survived by his wife and a son and daughter.

For most of his life he had been a coachman, and among the many distinguished Merseyside families he had worked for was that of Sir Max and Lady Muspratt, to whom he was coachman for 30 years. Since 1943 he had been a guide in Liverpool Cathedral.

Mr. Newton was a member of 23 ringing societies and a past President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers. He joined the Association in 1904, and had rung about 390 peals. For over 15 years he was Ringing Master of Liverpool Parish Church. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 59 years.

In 1951 he was appointed first Ringing Master of Liverpool Cathedral bells, and had been responsible for all the ringing in the Cathedral, including the opening of the bells by Her Majesty the Queen, the funeral of Admiral Sir Max Horton, and for the service attended by members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in the Cathedral last Sunday.

The funeral service was held in Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday, September 10th.

MR. T. F. COLES

Wimborne has sustained a great loss by the death on August 28th of Mr. Tom Frank Coles at the age of 79 years. He was a well-known and highly esteemed tradesman, whose business as an ironmonger was established by his father almost 100 years ago.

Mr. Coles was a past president and senior member of the Wimborne Minster Governors, and at one time churchwarden, and has been a member of the Parochial Church Council since its inception, serving on the Finance Committee until failing health compelled him to retire in 1951.

He was a member of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and was a regular ringer for morning and evening services; also secretary-treasurer of the Wimborne Society of Church Bellringers since 1922.

His last visit to the Minster belfry was on Easter Day, 1951, and, although he had been unable to climb the 72 steps to the ringing room since that day, he had shown a keen interest in the activities of the Wimborne branch and local society.

On September 1st a large congregation attended the first part of the funeral service in the Minster, where the coffin had rested overnight, and four of the local ringers acted as bearers. As the cortege left the church the beautiful ring of ten bells was rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples as a tribute to one who had done so much for the Minster.

MR. WILFRED MATTHEWS

The death of Mr. Wilfred Matthews took place at his home, 37, Byrons Lane, Macclesfield, on Friday, August 28th. He was 77 years of age and had been a ringer for over 60 years at St. Michael's, where his father also rang for over 40 years. Mr. Matthews did quite a lot of composing in the Grandsire method, having two 12-part peals to his credit, as well as a number of Cater and Cinques peals. He attended to his duties as a ringer right to the last.

The funeral took place at the Church of St. James, Sutton, on Tuesday, September 1st. The bells were rung at both St. Michael's and St. James' by members of the Macclesfield Branch. Handbells were also rung at the graveside by four fellow ringers, Messrs. F. Yates, C. Morlidge, V. J. Norbury and G. Bottamley. Eight members of the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's on the following Saturday.

MR. ERNEST GOSDEN

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Ernest Gosden, captain of the Benhilton, Surrey, Society of Change Ringers. On Aug. 26th he was, as usual, in charge of the weekly tower practice where arrangements were completed for members of the band to ring a quarter peal for his 20th wedding anniversary the following Sunday. On the Friday he was taken ill, and he died the following Thursday in St. Helier Hospital.

Mr. Gosden learnt to ring at North Shields at the age of 11, and rang his first peal there at the age of 13. Altogether he rang 19 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association before his work brought him to Sutton in 1943.

It was not long before he was in the Benhilton belfry, and early in 1944 he was elected captain of the band. He had the difficult task of building up a band from scratch owing to various movements from the district. But, as with all jobs he undertook for the Church, he tackled it with determination and got results. He was a keen supporter of the Surrey Association, and encouraged all his members to join, although in recent years, owing to his work on the P.C.C. and from 1951 onwards as churchwarden, he rarely attended meetings. He believed that the regular ringing of his tower bells on a Sunday and the encouragement of learners was more important than his personal advancement in ringing, and that the strength of the Association was to be measured by the regularity of Sunday ringing.

His main diversion of recent years was tune ringing on handbells, and many charities benefited by his team of handbell ringers who supported local Rotary Clubs in their Christmas efforts. At the time of his death he was in the middle of arrangements for a United Church effort in Sutton and Cheam, to be made this Christmas, on behalf of the old and poor.

The funeral took place at All Saints, Benhilton, on September 8th. Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled in rounds, and the ringers included Miss Valerie Woodhatch, one of the last batch of learners to be taught to handle by him. The rounds were followed by 504 Grandsire Triples rung by a representative band of the Surrey Association, under the conductorship of the N.W. District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins. Those taking part were: Mrs. V. Lathbury, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Mrs. V. Smith 3, Mr. C. Parks 4, Mr. R. Lathbury 5, Mr. W. Parrott 6, Mr. F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, Mr. J. Clarke 8.

As the cortege left the church for the Streatham Crematorium a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by the same band. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the local band, the striking being of a standard he would have been happy to hear. The ringers were: J. Clarke 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, G. Reed 4, P. Leech (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Goldsmith 6.

A Requiem was said for him at 9.30 the following morning, after which his ashes were scattered at the base of the tower. As a memorial it is intended to make a small garden on this spot and erect a tablet acknowledging his services to the church and tower.

So passes a man who served ringing and the Church well and a man who will be sorely missed by his many friends.—W. P.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE LANCASTER

The death occurred on August 23rd at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, of Mr. George Lancaster, at the grand age of 93.

A native of Essex, he came to Stratton in 1911 from Brightlingsea, where as a member of Thorington band he was a friend of the late Mr. W. J. Nevard.

Mr. Lancaster was a gardener by profession, but, during the first world war, was employed in the Stores Department of the Railway Works at Swindon, from which he retired many years ago. He had rung between thirty and forty peals, including the first on the old six at Stratton by a local band in 1914, which he called. He also rang in the first peal there after the bells had been restored and augmented to eight in 1931.

Owing to ill-health he had not done any ringing since the second world war, and was latterly confined to his bed at his daughter's residence. Ringers from Swindon Christ Church, Blunsdon, and the local band were present at the funeral on Friday, August 28th.

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BIRTH

HOWARD.—On Monday, Sept. 14th, 1953, to Rosemary and Denis, at 19, Married Quarters, C.A.D., Bramley, Hants, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth. 3194

SILVER WEDDING

ELSON—BRIGGS.—Richard Eric to Evelena, on Sept. 18th, 1928, at St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Notts. Present address. 114, Harrow Road, Wollaton Park, Nottingham. 3150

DEATHS

LADD.—On Sept. 4th, 1953, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Ann Ladd, of East Grinstead, aged 84 years. Cremated at Charing, Kent, Sept. 9th. 3192

LADD.—On Sept. 10th, 1953, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Walter James Ladd, of East Grinstead, aged 88 years. Cremated at Charing, Kent, Sept. 15th. Parents of E. J. Ladd. 3193

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Having sold his Fountains Park residence, A. York-Bramble asks that correspondence for him be addressed, for the present, to: R.A.F. Reserves Club, South Street, Park Lane, London, W.1. 3081

The new address of Mr. S. Anthony Jesson is 11, Meadhurst Road, Western Park, Leicester, Phone 87436. 3149

The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy, of Eastbourne, is now Esperance, Oldfield Road, Lower Willingdon, Sussex. 3092

The address of Philip H. Tocock is now 14b, New Zouch, Tidworth, Hants. 3158

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose, Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY.—The 1954 edition of the Ringers' Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Will Association Secretaries wishing for dates of Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., to be inserted in the Diary portion please forward details to me without delay?—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 3172

BELLRINGER'S GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS OF BRITAIN, R. H. Dove.—Regret, first edition now sold out. New and revised edition ready shortly. Watch 'The Ringing World' for announcement.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 3173

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Holywell (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, Withington (6), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3133

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.— Meeting at Coaley, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 3177

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, September 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 3132

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 19th, Hatfield (10), 2.45 to 5.30. St. Peter's, St. Albans (10) in evening. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. S. 3131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 3097

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Brigg (not Broughton) on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Names to me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3151

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Hampton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 to 4.45. Service and tea. Sunbury-on-Thames (8) 6.30 to 8.30. —F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec. 3130

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bromley, September 19th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing afterwards. Visitors welcome. — K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 3136

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 19th, at 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. — P. A. Sadler. 3124

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3–4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. 3096

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting September 19th, Ringmer. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3111

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. 3089

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8) 3 p.m. Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3121

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 4 p.m. — A. B. Peck, Reigate. 3146

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Sept. 26th. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 3178

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kempston ringers' social, Sept. 26th. Ring of eight bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45. Social 6.30–9.30. Good bus service. All ringers and friends invited. Names for tea to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 3165

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, Sept. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Cook, 24, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire, before Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 3179

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—The meeting to have taken place at Kingsbridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th, has been cancelled. Other arrangements at a later date.—T. G. Myers, Hon. Sec. 3168

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Darlington on September 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity 10.30-11.30 and 2-3.30.; St. John's 11.30-12.30 and 2-3.30; St. Cuthbert's 3-4.30. All towers available after meeting. Committee 3.30 in St. Cuthbert's Vestry. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15 (with meeting following) St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by September 22nd to T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road. 3139

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3175

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3153

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, September 26th. For teas, please write before September 19th to R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton. — A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — St. Paul's, Walden, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duke of Norfolk T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3148

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, September 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, please notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. 3110

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting at Tamworth on Sept. 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Sept. 22nd. — Audrey A. Timms, Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Butts, Coventry. 3183

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby, Sept. 26th. St. Andrew's bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Pierpont Restaurant 5 p.m. St. Luke's bells available after tea. Names for tea should be sent not later than Thursday, September 24th, to Mr. G. Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at All Souls' (8, 23 cwt.), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6. Buses 28, 29, 30 from Trinity Street. — J. Thornley, Assistant Sec. 3165

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, by Wednesday, 23rd. Business meeting after tea, at which a presentation will be made to Mr. H. Lofthouse, secretary for 30 years.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Schools 5 o'clock. Please notify by Sept. 22nd Mr. F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leicester. 3187

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names by the 24th to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham. 3185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Bigby, September 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than September 22nd, to L. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 3119

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Sept. 26th, Crowland. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names before Sept. 19th to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 3184

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Caerphilly, Saturday, September 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3114

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Brightwell, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 22nd to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Dedication service at Duns Tew, Sept. 26th, 3 o'clock. Bells (5) available. Please notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3155

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District). —Joint meeting, Wendover, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 21st. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3186

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Wootton, September 26th. Names for tea by September 22nd to B. L. Smart, 4, Water Lane, Wootton.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 3116

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Lyneham (6), Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 3161

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Piddlehinton, Sept. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names to the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute, Piddlehinton, by Sept. 23rd, please. —Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3157

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Bridport, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Monday, 21st, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3176

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.— The meeting on Sept. 26th will now be held at Balderton (Collingham not available). Own tea arrangements.—P. N. White. 3160

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. in Village Hall, 7, Beddington Lane. Names for tea to Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, by Sept. 24th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3169

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Rotherfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec. 3163

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sept. 26th, at 6 p.m. Buses hourly, returning to Newbury 8.53. Basingstoke 9.3.—D. Cane. 3179

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Upham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 3164

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting, Thorne, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, near Doncaster, by 24th.—Doreen E. Smythe, J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 3189

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Butlers Marston (6). 'Blue' bus service from Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington Spa (via Kineton). Please notify for tea—important. Service 4.30 p.m. — R. J. Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby (Harbury 314). 3178

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Cullompton (10 bells), Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 3154

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea available at local cafes.—R. I. Shepherd. 3181

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 3rd, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, by Sept. 30th. 3180

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Hugglescote on Oct. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 (2s. 6d. each). Please notify Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, by Oct. 1st. Meeting after tea.— W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 3176

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Cropredy (6), Oct. 3rd. Service 4. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing: Charlbury, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Chadlington after tea.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford. 3167

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than Sept. 29th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Oundle Branch. — Meeting, Stoke Doyle (5), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th. For transport to Stoke, inform Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, time and number of persons, not later than Sept. 25th. 3180

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Grafton Regis, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to G. Atkins, Grafton Regis, Towcester. 3152

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton Coldfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3174

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Nottingham, Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Oct. 1st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. St. Peter's (10) available evening. 3170

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wissett (6), Oct. 3rd. Same arrangements as usual.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3188

SUFFOLK GUILD (Sudbury-Clare District), ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern District). — Joint meeting at Bures on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Sept. 30th.—L. D. Mills and J. H. Gould, District Secs. 3195

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llanfaes, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names, please.—W. G. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3191

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 3rd, at Hursley. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3162

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Saturday, October 10th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for these must reach me not later than October 3rd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3143

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH. —Civic service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the recast and rehung ring of 10 bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham at 2.45 p.m. on Oct. 17th. The bells will be available for all ringers from after tea until 9 p.m. Admission to service by ticket only (free). Tea tickets 3s. 6d. Service and tea tickets available from E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3190

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 24th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Ringing at the Cathedral (12, tenor 40 cwt.), St. Marie's R.C. (8, tenor 25 cwt.) and others. (Further details and times later.) Tower bell peals will be arranged Friday evening and Saturday morning. Those requiring peals write to Mr. J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9, stating method preferred and capabilities. Handbell peals will also be arranged, if required, by Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Quarter peals can also be rung on Sunday at various towers. Offers of and requests for suitable accommodation contact the undersigned. A hearty welcome is assured.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3138

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Payne (first quarter of Minor) 1; R. Spring 2, M. Amos (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 3, R. Holland (first quarter of Minor) 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, E. Orland 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13th, 1913, in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

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Rev. H. Law James	Treble
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Frederick W. Stokes	3
John W. Lake..	4
Arthur I. Holmes	5
Rupert Richardson	6
George Ladd	7
William Richardson	8
Albert H. Ward	9
R. Hugh Richardson	Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Rev. H. L. James.

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OUR OUTING

By a Member of the Central Council

CONTRIBUTED articles giving accounts of ringers' outings almost invariably identify the ringers concerned and the towers visited. This precedent your contributor does not intend to follow as to some extent at any rate it limits the writer's field, for it is perhaps ungrateful, to say the least, having been received graciously and made welcome to the tower by members of the local band, to refer to the bells of a particular church as being splendid examples of the boiler maker's art or to make pointed reference by name to an unfortunate individual who, having been good enough to make arrangements for visitors to ring, entirely forgets on the day about the visit and has to be hunted to earth for his keys. Your contributor, still having in mind an awful Saturday some year or two ago when he, his thoughts diverted from ringing by the task of umpiring a cricket match, forgot about ringers who were visiting his church until their search party arrived to collect him, promptly and wholeheartedly forgave the secretary now at fault. He is a nice and obliging lad anyway, and who in the circumstances could be churlish enough not to accept his abject apologies unreservedly?

To the majority a ringers' outing consists of booking the date, perhaps saving sufficient of the wherewithal, getting up in the morning, a journey by coach, climbing so many stairs, ringing their allotted bells, disposing of the meals provided and then home with a few more towers added to their list.

To the organisers, however, there is a good deal more than this in the affair. Their job starts many weeks before the day and only those who have undertaken the task really appreciate the amount of work involved in booking the coach, picking out and fixing with suitable towers, ordering meals, working out the time table and making up the party. Added to this is the worry of filling the places of last-minute deserters and during the journey marshalling the stragglers, keeping the time table, persuading reluctant tyros to grab a rope, making sure that no one gets hanged and all the other small details which go to ensure a successful day.

On the outing which is the subject of this article there were ringers and non-ringers, mildly enthusiastic ringers, wildly enthusiastic ringers and fanatically enthusiastic ringers, and the organisers had to arrange a programme to satisfy all. To see that there was sufficient ringing, not too much ringing and ample time left for some of the coach load to enjoy the boating, bumper cars, bathing belles and the hundred and one other attractions of a popular seaside resort.

As ringers we were not a band of experts. Indeed, we had one or two whose limit was rounds, two or three who had not progressed beyond plain hunting and one at least who did not aspire to anything more complicated than keeping the tenor behind.

We rang at four towers, three eights and a six. The eights were chosen as being as near home tower conditions for weight and draught as could be found on the chosen route. The six were included to enable the fanatics to while away the time allotted to those members of the party who wished to enjoy the more universally popular attractions of the resort.

We climbed the stairs of the first tower in company with a local ringer whose name and capabilities are well known to the Exercise at large, and in this august presence our captain must have wondered how our learners would acquit themselves. All went well, however. The instructions to catch the sally high and not to pull the front ones too hard at back stroke were faithfully observed, and our exalted receptionist complimented us by saying that he wished all visiting companies did as well on the bells as we had done. We trod on air as we wended our way to the coach park. Having gained confidence, our second eight was less of an ordeal, and all down to the youngest member, aged 12, who never before that day had put a hand to a foreign strand (rope, of course), rose nobly to the occasion to the obvious relief of our leader and in spite of the presence of non-ringing sightseers, consisting of wives, mothers, sisters, other people's sisters and friends, handled their ropes as well as they do at home.

Incidentally the general opinion of non-ringers who heard the second eight, both in and outside the tower, was that the whispers about boiler maker's products were not really merited. Outside they thought the bells were quite a pleasing ring, which shows the necessity of hearing both sides (in and out in this case) before being unduly critical.

We arrived punctually at the last tower only to find that the local secretary had forgotten all about us. We found him though and after removing lashings from a clapper we soon had this easy going and melodious eight in swing. A local ringer who joined us in a touch or two told us that of the last four parties who had paid that church a visit

we were the only ones who had not had a mishap. Two had broken a stay and one a rope by getting it jammed in the sally guide. Not in vain have been the oft repeated injunctions, 'Bring the back stroke right down. Catch the sally high. Don't pull so hard. You're not supposed to move the tower as well,' which in the gentle persuasive tones of our leader fall on the ears of learners in our tower. One by one our ringers faded out of this last tower leaving only the fanatics to round off the day assisted by a local ringer with a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles and a fair fall on the back six.

This done, all that remained was for our leader to make a round of the local hostelries to collect the lads and, let's face it, some of the lassies, too, and then northward bound for home.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	*PHILIP H. SPECK	7
MURIEL REAY	2	HECTOR G. BIRD	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
JOHN F. BUTLER	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on twelve bells.
The conductor's 100th peal as conductor at St. Martin's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¼ cwt.

*J. H. GARDNER	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	J. ADAMS	6
M. ANGELA CARTER	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
†CHRISTINE M. HALL	4	EDWIN G. MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss M. A. Wood.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALAN CATTELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	†OWEN MICHAEL SLANEY	7
*PERCY STONE	4	ALAN CATTELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London Surprise Major.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*PATRICIA D. PROWSE	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	†C. KEITH BREWER	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	A. HUBERT EPLETT	7
HARRY HARPER	4	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A farewell to James P. Blond, and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Polsue, churchwarden.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*IVY WERRETT (aged 12)	*Treble*	HORACE E. WERRETT	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	EDGAR W. WINTERS	6
FRANK W. CROFT	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	7
PETER W. CROFT	4	GEORGE CHERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung during the golden jubilee celebrations of Letchworth, first Garden City.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*JAMES GIDDENS	*Treble*	‡ELIZABETH M. SLOAN	5
†RUTH E. DONNELLY	2	WILLIAM M. ROWE	6
JOAN GRAY	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
EDMUND J. FOWELL	4	RAYMOND B. ALTASS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
PETER BORDER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	HERBERT W. PERKINS	5
*JAMES P. BLOND	2	HERBERT C. SPENCER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Herbert C. Spencer.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	2	PETER CROOK	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	CHRIS M. P. JOHNSON	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. William E. Moxham, who has been a service ringer at the above church for 53 years.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
*RONALD EDGE	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. J. R. SMITH	3	*JOHN M. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
WALTER E. WILKINSON	2	RONALD EDGE	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
JEAN DAWSON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	5
HARRY TURNER	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	ALBERT PRYKE	7
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	4	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	6
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
WILLIAM J. FLATT	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*DAVID WILSON	*Treble*	†ERNEST W. RAZZELL	5
LENA SKEET	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
JAMES EDE	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
LESLIE PENFOLD	4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY (C.C.C. 107).
Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 4th, the 16th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor, and the 15th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*EDWARD W. BIFFIN	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	†REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN WEST	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	5
PETER J. EVES	2	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
PERCY GREEN	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
†EDWARD W. ROAST	4	*JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	*LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
MRS. E. CHANDLER	3	E. PETER ROCK	7
*MARY M. MIDDLEMISS	4	C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ROY E. BROOM	6
STELLA WAIN	3	ALAN N. BROWN	7
ALLEN TWYMAN	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Pendlebury.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	*JAMES MARSHALL	5
DAVID M. LEES	2	RODERICK J. LEES	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Proposed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal for more than 25 years.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Dorothy L. Williams and Mr. Albert Grice (secretary at this tower), on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

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PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

PATRICK PAGE	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	LESLIE L. DUGUID	6
*NORMAN J. SMITH	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS R. AIREY	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROBSON	5
*MRS. W. MAUGHAN	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
*MRS. K. LAWSON	3	*WILLIAM MAUGHAN	7
†THOMAS TEMPLEMAN	4	†KENNETH LAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Maughan on their recent marriage.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LOUGHBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

MRS. J. R. SMITH	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	T. EDWARD HARROLD	6
COLIN WALKER	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	KENNETH A. ROE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.
Rung in appreciation of the services rendered to the Diocese by the Lord Bishop of Leicester; for the wedding of Miss M. A. Carter (ringing member of the local band) to Mr. J. Lovell; also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrold, both members of the local band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*PETER COXALL	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all, for the Association and on the bells.
Rung in memoriam George R. Newton, of Liverpool.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SMALLEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
R. GORDON CORBY	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
JOHN ASHCROFT	4	*KENNETH WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Thomas Davies, B.A.

SIX BELL PEALS

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 21 methods:—(1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight. (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford Delight. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. (4) and (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight. (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
*JEAN C. BROWN	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
ERIC SIMPSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 21 methods.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. R. Hayden, local tower captain, and the coming-of-age of the conductor.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Plain Bob, one Morris' 240 and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	JOHN NEWMAN	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	3	SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE T. MAINWARING.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Preece (daughter of the captain of this tower) and Mr. Wm. Blatchford, of Eardisland.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents with 10 callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

WALTER H. TRUEMAN	*Treble*	JOHN EDWIN MANNERS	4
JOHN VINCENT	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* 50th peal, also completes Stedman, Doubles to Cinques.
A farewell peal to Brian Bladon, who joined the R.A.F. the following day, and birthday peal for ringer of 2nd.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
PHILIP COOTE	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	4
MRS. E. CHANDLER	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
MARY M. MIDDLEMISS	3	*J. IVOR MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal.
In memoriam the Rev. E. Fowler (himself a ringer and friend of all ringers), Vicar of this parish.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MARY E. STEPHENS	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
DESMOND R. BRAZIER	2	ALLEN S. SMITH	5
*TONY W. ALLEN	3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal 'inside.'

UPTON PYNE, EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents of seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HORACE W. J. BUTT	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
*REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung in memory of A. Wreford, 1871-1951, mother of the 4th ringer, who was born and spent the first half of her life within the sound of these bells.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	ALAN CASSON	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
*EDWARD PROCTER	3	EDWIN JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung with the bells fully-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. James Braithwaite, patron of the above church, who passed away the previous day.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	4
CECIL RADDON	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 of Grandsire, 20 extents of Plain Bob, and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*PHYLLIS M. GRAY	*Treble*	†WALTER IZZARD	4
STEPHEN J. IVIN	2	BRYAN PATTISON	5
MARY E. STEPHENS	3	GEOFFREY G. CRIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL	1—2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark fifth birthday of Ellen Knights, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector A. Knights, of Hinckley.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 in A.

*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	1—2	ALAN CATTELL	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	*OWEN MICHAEL SLANEY	7—8
		ERNEST MORRIS	9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

This and the peal of London Surprise Major at All Saints', Leicester, were specially arranged for O M. Slaney, of Stoke-on-Trent.



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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 610)

Most of the early rules are—as we have already seen—in a poetic strain, but occasionally we find them different, as as St. Martin's, Windermere (quoted in Myer's 'Bell and Bell Lore'):—

'The Belfry is a part of God's House, and the conduct of those who assemble there for the purpose of ringing should be guided by this consideration.

'Nothing should be said or done in the Belfry that we should be ashamed to do in the church itself.

'The ringers should always have in mind that the bells are dedicated to a sacred object, namely, for the glory of God, and to call together his people for solemn worship.'

In addition to the above are ten interesting rules, framed and hung on the walls, viz.:—

(1) The names of any fresh members, when selected, must be given to the Rector, who will certify his approval of the choice; none but those chosen and certified shall be allowed to ring.

(2) None but the ringers shall be allowed access to the belfry during either practice or on Sundays without consent.

(3) No ale, beer, or spirituous liquors shall be brought into the belfry at any time, and no smoking shall be allowed therein: any infringement of this rule will subject the person offending to instant dismissal.

(4) The key of the belfry must always be returned to its proper custodian, after every practice, or after use at any time. The bells can never be rung without the Rector's consent.

(5) All profits, whether they come in the ordinary way, or from special occasions, such as weddings, etc., shall be divided equally among the ringers who take part.

(6) If any dispute arise in reference to any matter, they shall be brought before the Rector, whose decision shall be final.

(7) An exact account of the ringings and practices shall be kept in a book by the captain.

(8) It must clearly be understood to be the duty of each ringer to provide a substitute on every occasion of absence.

(9) Any member absenting himself from the belfry, without satisfactory reason, for one month, shall be longer be considered a ringer, and his place be filled up.

(10) That a captain shall be appointed.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE

In the ringing chamber at St. Edith's, Polesworth, Warwickshire:—

'Who will divert themselves with ringing here,
Must nicely mind to Ring with Hand and Ear;
And if he gives his Bell an Overthrow,
Pay sixpence a forfeit for doing so:
He who in Ringing wears Spurs, Gloves or Hat,
Pay sixpence a forfeit for that:
All persons that disturbance here creat,
Forfeit One Shilling towards the ringers' treat:
Those that to our easy laws consent.
May join and Ring, with us we are content;
Now in love and unity join a pleasant peal to Ring,
Heaven bless the Church, and George our Gracious King.
Amen.'

LEIGH. LANCASHIRE.

At St. Mary's Church, Leigh, Lancashire, are the following 'unpunctuated' rules on a board in the ringing chamber:—

'The Ringers' Orders
You that are Ringers or would learn to Ring
Observe these orders well in every Thing
He that takes . . . to Ring and spoils a Peal
Must one Shilling pay in Money not in Ale
He that for want of care o'erturns a Bell
Must Sixpence pay for his pretended Skill
Ringing . . . with Hat or Spur
Is sixpence forfeit before you Stir
By walking talking quarreling or so
You may disturb the peal and ringers too
He that in this Steple either Curse or Swears
Sixpence must pay or be kick'd down Stairs.'

Rather drastic this latter treatment! and note the fine, 'in money—not in ale.'

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS

On a board in the belfry at Wolstanton, Staffs, is the following:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you overthrow,
Twopence you pay before you go:
And if you ring with spur or hat,
Fourpence is due, take care of that:
And if you either swear or curse,
Sixpence is due, pull out your purse:
So if to our rules you do consent,
Then take a bell and we're content.

BRUSHFORD, SOMERSET

The following is inscribed on a tablet in the tower of Brushford Church:—

'Rules, orders and regulations as established at the belfry of Brushford, the 7th day of June, 1803, by the joint consent of the ringers and Robert Gooding, churchwardens.

'Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
Next, let us praise the Holy Trinity,
Then homage pay unto our Valiant King,
And with a Blessing raise this pleasant ring.
Hark, how the chirping Treble sings it clear
And covering Tom comes rolling in the rear;
Now up and set; let us consult and see
What Laws are best to keep sobriety.
Then all consent to make this joint decree,
Let him who swears or in an angry mood
Quarrels, or strikes, altho' he draws no blood.
Or wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a Bell
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
Pay down his sixpence for each separate crime.
This caution shall not be effaced by time—
But if the Sexton these defaults shall be,
From him demand a double penalty.
Whoever does our Pastor disrespect
Or Warden's order wilfully neglect,
By one and all be held in foul disgrace,
And ever banish'd this harmonious place.
Now round let's go with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with pleasing sounds the yielding air,
And when the Bells are up, then let us sing
God save the Church, and bless great George our King.'

ST. MICHAEL'S, ST. ALBANS

A tablet in the ringing chamber of St. Michael's, St. Albans, bears the names of ringers and the following:—

'Mind the Rules of this Belfry must ne're be forgot,
On carelessly pulling a Bell off it's fine of a pot.
Now this is a thing we likewise must say,
Kindly bring forth a shilling if you break a stay.
Oct. 1st, 1837. John Monk, clerk'

BREDGAR, KENT

In Bredgar, Kent:—

'My friendly ringers
I to you declare
You must pay one penny
Each oath you do swear.
To turn a bell over
It is the same fare
To ring with your hat on
You must not dare.
MDCCLI.'

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND

At Kendal, Westmorland, in 1788, a series of rhyming orders for ringers were painted oin the wall over the belfry door. Fearing they might be obliterated by plaster coming off, they were painted on canvas in 1833, but after a time this rotted and fell to pieces. The late Mr. T. Jennings had, however, copied same in 1860, and in 1894 they were printed. There is only one copy left, which runs:—

'Rules.

'From Easter Sunday until New Year's Day,
At Ten the Ringers shall appear alway:
I'th afternoon by half-past two again,
This rule unalter'd ever shall remain.

From New Mayor's Day shall Ten be the Hour
For Forenoon Service as expressed before;
The Afternoon Service from thence must alter'd be,
Until the Clock commence the Hour of Three.

Whoe'er till Bells are Raised is absent hence,
The Forfeit for the fault is just Fourpence;
If he neglect till Service it be o'er,
For every peal he Forfeit twopence more.

He who the whole Day does himself absent,
Without of Two or more he gains consent,
One Shilling Forfeit he must pay, as fee,
For th' use and Service of Society.

On Parish Days the Ringers shall appear,
When they the tolling of the Bells do hear;
All Absentees for every peal that's past
In twopence fine must surely will be cast.

And 'tis agreed that on such Parish Days,
The Seventh Bell's warning shall be absent—raise
Within one quarter of an hour, if not,
No more's allowed, and equal fine's his lot.

Whoe'er presumes a Bell to pull off here
Without consent, or does get drunk or swear;
Sixpence for each offence he sure shall stake,
'Ere he his peace with us for it shall make;
Likewise he fourpence pays, besides all that,
Who here appears with either spurs or hat.

The Youth who to the Ringing Art's inclined,
Shall ever with us hearty welcome find;
If he with us the Jolly Boy reveres,
Who sometimes soothes and mitigates our cares.

No Miser here with us can claim a part,
Nor be companion in our Noble Art,
Which Nurtures health, of life the Chiefest Bliss,
With which the World compared a Bauble is.

He who to pay these forfeits is not free,
If yearly Ringer or a Deputy,
It is resolved the fine from wages due,
Shall be deducted with exactness true.

And Furthermore, if anyone beside,
Refuse by these our orders to abide,
From out the Belfry he shall be expelled,
And as an alien evermore be held.'

(To be continued)

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rowley 1, Susan Jackson (first as cond.) 2, J. J. Stanier (first 'inside') 3, G. Bowen 4, J. N. Disorens 5, G. Lewis 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wright 1, R. Burford 2, A. Tumber 3, Mrs. Salmon 4, G. Hutchinson 5, O. Smart 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, W. Trill 8. For harvest festival.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield (first as cond.) 1, Miss A. Laycock 2, S. Helliwell 3, M. Cox 4, D. Cox 5, D. R. Fenton 6. First quarter for the ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Doel 1, W. White 2, F. Symonds 3, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 4, H. White 5, D. Manser 6. For the wedding of Miss Susan Snell and Mr. White.

BUCKLAND ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Pearce 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, R. P. Selway 3, W. E. Turner 4, A. S. Ayto 5, C. F. Joyce (first quarter) 6.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKS.—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. Graves 2, Wm. Graves 3, J. J. Taylor 4, Miss M. Graves 5, L. M. Woodhead 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Derek Walter Abell and Miss Vera Marjorie Smith.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Taylor 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift (cond.) 4, A. Bridges 5, K. C. Vickers 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Alfred Swan, who was interred this day.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, T. Beaumont 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, H. Springate 5, R. E. Norris 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, P. Borer 8. Rung half-muffled for the late George Lawrence, a member of the Chatham band since 1907.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fruen 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Neate 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

ENFIELD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. McKie 1, A. Bull 2, P. P. Carter 3, J. Roberts 4, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 5, L. Ladley 6, P. Coward 7, R. Wood (first quarter) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Sept. 14th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge and 720 Plain Bob): A. Bailey (first of Minor) 1, Maureen Fellows (first touch of Cambridge) 2, P. J. Morton 3, A. Ager 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5. M. G. Morton 6. Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee in the priesthood of Fr. McIlvena.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, W. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. A. F. Godley (first in the method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, S. A. Warwick 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HENDON, N.W.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Ruth Foreman 2, J. W. Parslow 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (79, cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A birthday compliment to the oldest and youngest ringers at St. Mary's—Mr. E. E. Pratchett (79) and Miss Sheila Stratford (15).

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, R. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, M. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, J. E. Dews 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by local band since 1939. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak (first of Surprise Major) 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, T. E. Davies 4, S. Croft 5, E. N. Harrison 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (being 180 Stedman 480 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): G. E. Ruck (cond.) 1, Miss G. A. Rich 2, Miss J. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, W. Rich 6. First quarter in three methods for 2 and 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Scattergood 1, Wm. Holland 2, I. M. Holland 3, R. C. Preston 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, D. Holland 6, H. David Holland 7, R. Hall 8. Rung as a farewell to D. Holland on taking up training at St. John's College, York.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Minor (720 Hereward Bob, 600 Double Oxford Bob): Josie Botting (first quarter) 1, Shirley Golding 2, H. O. Baker 3, R. W. Hinde 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Mrs. S. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, A. G. Mason 3, R. Smith 4, J. Armstrong 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. Bullock 7, R. Brooker (first 'inside') 8, J. Bullock 9, J. B. Archer 10. Rung for divine service and to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Benjamin, of Swanage, Dorset. Also the birthday anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. C. King (cond.) 1, P. Nash (first in method 'inside') 2, R. M. Currie 3, J. M. N. Lakin 4, R. F. Brewer 5. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. R. West (captain) and Mrs. West.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 13th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, M. Sinden 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rich (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Miss G. A. Rich (first quarter of Triples) 3, A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, T. A. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye 7, E. Axon 8. Rung for the evening service.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: W. Wenban 1, R. G. Bell 2, J. Schofield 3, S. H. Hoare 4, R. Rowley 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First quarter in the method for 3 and 5.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, R. Moore 2, R. J. Fox 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, T. J. Locke 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. Smith 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th, also a grand-daughter to the ringers of the treble and 7th.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. A. W. Lloyd, the head postmaster of Preston, Lancs, has been appointed to a similar position in Edinburgh. He takes up his new duties in November. Mr. Lloyd (who is not a peal ringer) is keenly interested in service ringing and the general advancement of the art. Preston's loss will be Edinburgh's gain. His departure will be a matter of real regret for his many friends in the Preston area.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Luton's oldest active ringer, Mr. A. King (82), and his wife were entertained to dinner on Sept. 11th at the Red Lion Hotel, Luton, by members of the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers on the occasion of their diamond wedding. Canon Davison expressed the personal congratulations of the company to the happy couple. For over half a century Mr. King has rung at Luton and for 40 years he was secretary of the St. Mary's Society.

Mr. Denis Mottershead, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, had an appropriate coming-of-age birthday celebration. He called a peal in 21 Treble Bob Minor methods on August 29th.

When Miss Vera M. Smith was married at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks, her mother was in the team that rang as she entered the church, and her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith) both rang as the bridal couple left the church. There must be very few brides' mothers who have rung as a daughter entered a church for such a ceremony.

Mr. B. G. Key, the conductor of the peal of Stedman Doubles at Hoar Cross, Staffs, on Sept. 12th, inquires whether this is the heaviest ring of six for this method to be rung to a peal. The tenor is 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. The band express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobothom, of Newchurch, for the splendid birthday tea they provided. Through harvesting, the former was unable to ring in the peal.

Mr. Herbert Rowley, who has been ringing at Horbury, Yorks, for more than 64 years, conducted a quarter on the bells for his 85th birthday. Mr. Rowley conducted his first quarter on January 17th, 1892, and his first peal on January 7th, 1894. He is still an active ringer, being the most regular and punctual member of the local band for practices and service ringing.

Those interested in the standard of call-change ringing who are on holiday in Devon or Cornwall might like to know of the contest for the Tawstock Shield to be held at Northam, near Bideford, on September 26th.

The contest consists of the rise. The conductor then calls the bells by single changes into Queen's. He then calls each bell from the lead and calls it in succession until it reaches 7ths place, i.e., from 13572468 to 35724618. Then from 35724618 to 57246138 and so on until Queen's are reached again. Finally back to rounds and fall the bells.

Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts has now completed the Stedman family—she has rung peals from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. Albert Walker has conducted 100 peals in his own tower—St. Martin's, Birmingham. A century to be proud of!

Correction.—The ringer of the treble in the Universities Association peal of Stedman Triples at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on August 15th was Mr. Harry Miles, and not as printed on page 590.

By the peal at Syston, Leicestershire, on September 5th Mr. B. Stedman Payne has 'circled' the tower, thus emulating his father, Mr. Ernest F. Payne, and the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, who did this some time ago.

The Essex Association, at the request of the Essex Education Committee, has agreed to arrange a week-end course, entitled 'Church Bells and the Art of Changeringing,' at the residential youth centre at Thaxted.

From Elland, Yorks, comes this story. On Sunday, September 6th, one of the young ringers, who is also a choir boy, went to sleep while ringing his bell. By a coincidence the text the Rector announced for his sermon was: 'I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber.'

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DEDICATION OF ST. MARY'S, LIVERPOOL

St. Mary's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, whose history goes back close on a thousand years, was destroyed by enemy bombs in May, 1941.

The church has been completely restored and was opened on Saturday, September 5th, by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool in the presence of a large congregation. The metal from the old ring of six bells, recovered from the ruins after the raid, had been sent to John Taylor's at Loughborough for recasting into a new ring of eight—tenor 9 cwt.

These, too, were consecrated on Saturday, September 5th.

St. Nicholas', Liverpool, the daughter church, was asked to provide a band of eight ringers for this great occasion and, as it seemed appropriate for the secretary of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association also to take part, the band was made up of seven of the regular St. Nicholas' ringers and Miss Julia Preston.

Rounds were rung during the dedication service at the end of the Consecration Prayer and just before the singing of Psalm 150.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, viz.: Lester L. Gray 1, Miss Julia M. Preston 2, George Hesketh 3, Jack N. Brown 4, Thomas W. Hesketh 5, Edwin C. Birkett 6, Percival W. Cave (conductor) 7, Frederick S. Almond tenor.

In spite of the new ropes and the fact that there had been no opportunity to try the bells beforehand the ringing was well nigh perfect, and was listened to by a large number of people outside the church, and also watched by an interested crowd of spectators inside, because the ringing chamber is an open space at the rear of a gallery and is in full view of the congregation.

After ringing the ringers were entertained to tea by the church authorities, and then proceeded into Liverpool, to St. Nicholas' Church, where, reinforced by Messrs. Lee and A. P. Cave, they rang a really first-class peal of Stedman Caters.

This peal, in its way, also made history, being the first of Stedman Caters on the new ring, and the first peal at St. Nicholas' at any time in which a lady has taken part.

It was the first peal on the bells for Mr. T. Lee, and the first Stedman Caters for Mr. A. P. Cave, son of the conductor.

The band would also like to record it as a farewell peal to Miss Julia Preston, who is shortly leaving Liverpool to take up a post in Switzerland, where she expects to remain at least a year.

She will be sadly missed in Liverpool ringing circles, both as a ringer and the finest secretary which the Liverpool branch has ever had.

The peal at St. Nicholas' might also have been recorded as having been rung in connection with the visit of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to Liverpool for its annual meeting.

Reverting to the bells at Walton, these are in truth an excellent ring, and one of which Messrs. John Taylor and Co. may well be proud. As a light eight they can have few equals, and Liverpool is indeed fortunate in possessing two such glorious rings as St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Walton. P. W. C.



Six members of the Pitstow family who rang 720 Bob Minor on September 13th on the occasion of the christening of the daughter (Rosalina Mary) of Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow at Saffron Walden Parish Church. The ringers were Mary Pitstow 1, Harold N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, Dennis Pitstow 4, Malcolm Pitstow 5, Leonard Pitstow 6. This is the first time that six Pitstows have rung together.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS MARRY

Two regular ringers at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mr. Frank J. Matthews and Miss Marjorie F. Jackson, were married at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on September 18th.

The bridegroom, who is Junior Steward of the Cumberlands, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, a trustee and secretary respectively. Both his late grandfathers, J. D. Matthews and F. Smith, and his father are past Masters of the Society.

The Vicar officiated and the ceremony was witnessed by many relations, including the two grandmothers of the bridegroom.

The bride, who was dressed in white lace over taffeta, and attended by three bridesmaids, was given away by her father, Mr. F. L. Jackson. Mr. M. Smith acted as best man.

After the ceremony the eight bells rang out in celebration of the event.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the local ringers joined the gathering to wish the couple 'all the best.'

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Matthews later left for Bournemouth for their honeymoon.

TIVERTON RINGERS' OUTING

A pleasant day in North-West Somerset was spent by members of Tiverton St. Peter's Society with friends from Bampton, and Mr. R. Bowden, a former member.

Canon Swann, late of St. Mary Redcliffe, met the visitors at Timberscombe, where he is now Rector. An hour was pleasantly spent on these light but musical eight bells. The best ringing of the day was on Carhampton's lovely six.

After all the adverse reports on the bells at Old Cleeve, everyone, including that much travelled and experienced ringer, Mr. Stafford Green, agreed that they were well worth ringing.

Mr. Pugsley, the local tower keeper, had everything in readiness at Minehead Parish Church, visited after tea. About 1¼ hours' good ringing followed, methods rung being Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Minor on the back six. The tour was arranged by the secretary of the N.E. Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Lightcliffe

A fine sunny day favoured the Western District for their meeting at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe, on September 12th. This pleasant-sounding octave has recently undergone extensive repairs, carried out by Mr. F. Popplewell, one of the local company, and responded well to the day's ringing, which ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

During the afternoon a short service was conducted by Rev. G. S. Wilby.

Over 30 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom, with the curate of Lightcliffe, Rev. G. S. Wilby, acting in the role of head waiter.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson. Votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities and the local company for their arrangements. The vice-president again impressed upon members the importance of sending in names for tea. On this occasion less than half of those present had sent in their names. This thoughtlessness often caused considerable inconvenience to those whose job it was to make the visitors' stay as pleasant as possible.

Following the business meeting and a few short touches on handbells members returned to the tower. It is hoped to hold the next meeting on December 19th at Hunslet.

PEALS AT HEYWOOD

With reference to the footnote to the peal at Heywood, Lancashire, on August 1st, stating 'believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells,' the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead points out that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung there on February 26th, 1887, being the only peal of Major rung there between the years 1881 and 1932 (the year at which he had arrived in tabulating peals). As a point of interest Mr. Felstead states that 19 peals were rung in the tower in the 1880's and only six between 1890 and 1932.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Silver Cup Contest

The annual Silver Cup Contest of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Thrybergh, a beautiful village near Rotherham, in glorious summer weather. The popularity of this event was evidenced by the great crowd of ringers and friends who attended.

The test piece was 360 changes of Minor, and the six teams who were competing represented the following churches: Sheffield Cathedral, Handsworth, Whiston, Warsop (with two teams), and Bolsover. The contest ringing, which was of very high standard, was judged by Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk, and Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne, who, at the conclusion, declared Warsop the winners with some excellent Oxford, and just a few faults away was Handsworth with some equally well struck Plain Bob.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, where sixty sat down, including the Rector of Thrybergh (Rev. G. K. Dixon), who afterwards presented the cup to the winning captain, Mr. H. T. Rooke, amid applause. The business meeting commenced with the Rector in the chair, and his short speech of welcome to the Society was much appreciated.

Further ringing took place in the evening, when an all-ladies' band rang a touch of Bob Minor, and a team of youngsters, the average age of whom was 15, also performed. The next meeting of the Society is at Ecclesfield on October 3rd, where the bells have recently been recast and rehung clockwise. J. E. T.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bedford District Visit Goldington

A large company of Association members, with friends from the surrounding counties, visited Goldington on September 5th. This was the first time that a meeting had been held at Goldington, where the bells have recently been augmented from four to six. Ringing commenced shortly before 3 o'clock for a wedding and continued until 4.30, when a service was conducted by the curate.

A delightful tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, with the Association's president, Miss E. Steel, as chairman. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook on October 3rd, but since the meeting it has been found that Sharnbrook bells will not be available, so permission has been obtained to meet at Wootton on the same date.

Miss Steel proposed that a further £5 should be given from the Belfry Repair Fund to Goldington since they had not yet paid off their debt.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for conducting the service, the organist, and Mrs. Marshall and her helpers for providing the tea.

Further ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

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RINGING NEWS FROM OVERSEAS PARAGRAPHS FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AMERICA

The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, hope shortly to accomplish the first peal in North Island. On Saturday, August 9th, they made their first attempt, when they started for Grandsire Triples and had some very good striking for 2 hours 5 minutes, when they broke down after ringing 3,332 changes. . . . The band stood as follows: C. Colgrove 1, W. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. Barringer 8.

The Boston (U.S.A.) Guild has accepted an invitation to give an exhibition of change ringing on October 8th at Christ Church, before the American Association of Bankers, which is to hold its annual convention in Boston.

On Labour Day, which is September 1st, the Guild rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the tenor covering, at the Memorial Tower, Hingham: P. J. Allfrey 1, E. E. Randall 2, S. J. Perkins 3, R. Newton 4, J. F. Laker 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6, G. Mackman 7.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District at Neath

About 30 members attended the quarterly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Neath, on September 5th, where ringing took place until 4.30 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Roberts), who gave a very interesting address on the history of the church. An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Church Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector of Neath. His words of welcome were well appreciated by all. Members then rose and paid a silent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Fred Lasbury. A proposal by Mr. Ivor Roderick to hold the next meeting jointly with the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Guild was duly carried. It was also agreed to carry on with the arrangements for the 1954 outing.

Votes of thanks were accorded, to the ladies for the tea, and to the organist and the Rector.

Ringing was continued at the tower with methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise. J. A. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was most successfully held at Monmouth on September 5th. Ten branch towers were represented, and ringing arrangements were attended to by the Branch Master, Mr. A. Ryan Price.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. P. Knight), who heartily welcomed the branch to Monmouth. An excellent tea was provided at Partridge's Cafe. Canon Knight afterwards took the chair at the business meeting, and this was opened by Mr. F. Hannington, the Association's general secretary, who spoke of the sudden tragic death of Mr. Fred Lasbury, of Pentre. The meeting stood in silence, and Canon Knight offered a short prayer.

Ten new members were elected from Blaenavon, Monmouth and Chepstow. The secretary (Miss Jacqueline Evans) reported progress from Cwmcarvan and Llangibby, and mentioned that Association badges were on sale. J. S. E.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

English Tourists at Dublin

Opportunity was taken of the visit of the expert English ringers to hold the Summer District Meeting in Dublin on Saturday, August 29th. It was attended by ringers from Arklow, Drogheda and Dublin (St. George's, St. John's and Christ Church Cathedral).

The English touring team had completed a four-hour peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral by 2 p.m. After a 'snack' eight of them went for another peal at St. George's Church, which started at 4 p.m. The remaining four joined up with the resident members and went to St. John's Augustinian Church, where the circular iron staircase at the back of the nave is the only means of getting to the tower. It was rather an unnerving experience for those who are not used to heights. In the tower the ringers set the ten bells going to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

The stay here had to be cut short, for a business meeting was scheduled to commence at St. George's at 5 p.m., so the ringers filed into cars and the tourists' coach. The latter, according to the Dublin 'Evening Mail,' had been specially designed to convey the English ringers around Ireland. Perhaps it was the registration lettering which gave that paper the clue 'R.T.B.' (Ringing the Bells)!

The meeting was presided over by Mr. James McManus, District Chairman, who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome to Ireland—two-thirds of them 'in absentia'—as they were ringing a peal of Bristol while the meeting was in progress.

ANNUAL MEETINGS ON EASTER MONDAY

It was unanimously decided to accept a proposal to alter the day of the annual meeting from St. Patrick's Day to Easter Monday. Whit Monday was also suggested, but this was not pressed, owing to the unsuitability of this day for those who have to and wish to attend the Central Council meetings. Arklow was decided as the place of the 1954 annual meeting in place of Kilkenny, who feared that the Eastern District would 'eat them out of house and home,' and leave nothing for the Southern District, who will hold their meeting in Kilkenny in 1954.

After the meeting, all present sat down to a high tea, which had been arranged by the ringers of St. John's and St. George's. Owing to the late start of the afternoon peal most were unable to meet those ringing in it because of having to catch trains and to ring for evening devotions at their own churches. However, there was enough food left for the peal ringers to be well fed, and even they left some for whoever should come after them.

As if the patients in the adjacent Children's Hospital had not enough ringing for one day, the bells of St. George's were again put to use, which gave the resident ringers opportunities of ringing with the 'experts.' Some of St. Patrick's Cathedral band took part in the ringing, including Bob Murphy, now almost four-score years, and Tommy McMorran (secretary and instructor).

QUARTER PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Wells (first 'inside' of Triples) 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Linnell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Old 3, W. H. Ashby 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. A birthday compliment to B. Linnell.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, J. Carter 2, S. Skinner 3, C. Savage 4, J. L. S. Glanvill 5, C. Deem (cond.) 6, J. Quick 7, S. Ellett (first on eight) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Skinner and Miss P. Carter, both members of the Aylesbeare branch of the Devonshire Guild.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVIEST WORKING BELL TO BE RUNG TO A PEAL BY A LADY

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the other members of the band who rang in the 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major at Sherborne Abbey on September 5th. I should like to congratulate Miss Hilda Snowden on ringing the 6th bell.

This bell, which weighs approximately 22 cwt., is presumably the heaviest 'working' bell to be rung to a peal by a lady. Miss Snowden rang it in a manner which any 'mere male' might well envy. A very fine performance!

It may also be of interest that Patrick Cannon—with his insatiable thirst for heavy metal—has now rung five peals on these bells, four of them on the tenor. He has performed the 'hat trick' by turning it in to Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge in successive years.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. HARRIS.

Chelmsford.

NAMING OF 'LITTLE METHODS'

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Mr. Slaney on conducting a handbell peal of Maximus in 12 methods, I am compelled to disagree with his remarks on the naming of 'little' methods.

The method he calls Gainsborough Bob Royal was first rung on January 15th, 1921, in a handbell peal of Spliced Royal. Now as far as I can ascertain, Gainsborough Bob Major was first rung to a peal on July 21st, 1928, i.e., some time after the peal of Royal. Hence, if my data are correct, the Major is the incorrectly named method.

A further argument against the method being called Gainsborough Bob Royal depends on the fact that although one method may be the correct extension of another method it is not laid down that it must have the same name. In practice this is fairly common; for example, New London Court Bob Major is the extension of Single Court Bob Minor. I, therefore, maintain that, even if Gainsborough Bob Major had been rung earlier and the present rule (which is entirely arbitrary and cannot be made less so by Mr. York-Bramble's opinion) had been laid down at that time, the ringers in the peal in 1921 were entitled to call the method what they liked and that subsequent ringers of the method who called it anything else were incorrect.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

'MEDIUM BOB ROYAL'

Dear Sir,—There will be many, I am sure, who will admire the recent performance by a band of handbell ringers who do not practise regularly together of a peal of Spliced Maximus in eleven methods. There will also, I suspect, be a few who will regret that this should be made the occasion of a controversy on the naming of methods. I feel, however, that Mr. Slaney's comments about Medium Bob Royal should not be allowed to pass unchallenged.

The first peal of Spliced Plain and Medium Bob Royal was rung on January 15th, 1921, and was conducted by E. M. Atkins. Whether or not Gainsborough Bob Major had been rung at this time to a peal I do not know, but I would submit that, as the Central Council accepted that name at the time, Medium Bob Royal is, in fact, the correct name for the method still. The Methods Committee's recent report expressly states that the committee's recommendations only apply to extensions first rung after the last Council meeting and does nothing, therefore, to alter the position of Medium Bob Royal. Whether the extension of Gainsborough Bob Major and Medium Bob Royal to twelve bells should be Gainsborough or Medium I do not know!—Yours faithfully,

E. J. LINDLEY.

Epsom.

WHERE TO CALL IN CEYLON

Dear Sir,—Since I have three years' service to do in Trincomalee and there are no churches here with bells, my wife is endeavouring to obtain a set of handbells to bring with her when she joins me shortly.

With Mr. Robinson, an ex-Portsea ringer, we will have the nucleus of a handbell band, so should any readers of 'The Ringing World' come to Ceylon and be interested in joining us, I will be most pleased to hear from them at the address below.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

c/o E.E. Dept.,
Royal Naval Base,
Trincomalee, Ceylon.

ESSENDON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I notice in Mr. Jones' reference to Essendon, Hertfordshire, that he states that they are a minor six, which, of course, is incorrect. If they were originally a minor five and augmented to six by the addition of a treble, the third would be retuned to make a correct six. That was the proposal some thirty years ago in connection with Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, of which I wrote in a previous issue.

H. J. HAZELL.

Enfield.

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I am gratified at the suggestion in your issue of May 22nd that my little booklet is worthy of a wider distribution. This may be possible if there is sufficient demand. Perhaps you will, therefore, let me write something about it.

As soon as they could ring rounds my beginners at Ealing (of all ages from 12 upwards) were given one of the standard text books, but experience has shown that, normally, the text books were only helpful when the beginner stage was past. I found, too, that with a succession of pupils much valuable ringing practice time was lost in continually explaining the elements of change ringing. I accordingly wrote a series of very short notes to help them to understand the elementary things with a minimum of technical jargon. If they do really understand why they do a certain thing, it is much easier for people to learn and remember.

In 27 octavo pages there are short chapters on the plain hunt, Plain Bob on 4, 6 and 8 bells, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Coursing Order and Bobs and Singles. There are no touches or compositions and nothing abstruse which could be learnt from the printed books available. Neither is there any attempt to teach the handling of a bell, which can only be done by example and practice in the tower.

The fifty copies which were stencilled and made up in booklet form, with a cover, have gone very quickly, but I will gladly prepare up to, say, 500 further copies. The paper alone costs almost 6d. a copy, so a charge of that amount would have to be made. Because of postage and the work involved, and the need to limit the amount by which I should be out of pocket, I could only send, post free, to those who would order five or more copies, pro rata.

If enough of your readers will indicate their interest to you, sir, or direct me to make the idea feasible, then I will do what I can. Perhaps some who have already seen the booklet would also express their opinion.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Middlesex.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in Belfry Gossip Mr. Barnett's note saying that there was a list of peals of Superlative in the Surprise Methods book. I had forgotten that they existed. I was relying mainly on the Index of the early 'Bell News' together with the peal analysis tables of that time and my own tower lists. On comparing the list in the above book with those I have tabulated tower by tower, I find that both Mr. Barnett and myself are wrong and that the Crawley peal was the 95th! I have found that there are two peals which were missed by Mr. Davies in his book. They were both rung at Drayton by J. W. Washbrook on August 6th, 1888, and January 25th, 1890—the former was the second of three peals rung on that day (Bank Holiday Monday) in the tower by the same band. I had recorded all the other peals in the list, so I fear it means the Index of the early 'Bell News' is not infallible!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

NO DICTATION!

Dear Sir,—Is Mr. W. Butler quite sure of his facts when he states that five men, none of whom are well known Minor and Doubles ringers, have dictated to Minor ringers what they should ring?

Although one member of the Methods Committee refers to Doubles ringing as 'playing around with five bells,' the names of at least two members appear quite frequently in the five and six bell peal columns. The committee only recommended that non-Plain Bob lead ends should be banned, and no doubt if the representatives had voted as their Guilds would have wished them, instead of voting according to their own ideas, 'the large majority' would have been reversed.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont.

RINGING IN HERTS

Dear Sir,—The date of the Aspenden peal is also given in 1764 by Mr. L. H. Chambers, who visited the tower after the bells were rehung in 1936, and a full history, including the details of the board, was published by him in 'Transactions of the East Herts Archæological Society for 1938.' However, I believe Mr. Richardson's 1746 to be the correct date as the board was given by William Freman, who died in 1749. This gentleman gave two trebles to Aspenden in 1736, and three trebles to Braughing in 1745, also a board for the 1746 peal, but I see no connection between the names on the two boards, as was queried in the 1928 correspondence.

As to the method rung (5,040 tripples), the Hertford peal (1724) and Braughing peal (1746) were also 5,040 tripples, and if we are to believe Mr. Trollope, who was perhaps the greatest authority on these matters, then they were Doleman's false peal. The 1767 peal at St. Peter's, St. Albans, was John Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples.

With reference to my article, may I point out a misprint? Squire Proctor's band *attended* (Braughing's Ringing Day) for over fifty years, etc., also a correction: for St. Albans Amalgamated Association (1876) read St. Albans Association.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

P.S.—The bells at St. Paul's, Walden, were a Chandler five, but Briant recast the old fourth a full semitone sharp. There is a tradition that this bell got mixed up with one recast at Knebworth about the same time. Essendon bells have been described as the front three and back three of an eight, but I believe them to be a ring of six, out of tune. Kimpton bells also have a very flat tenor.—H. V. F.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

THE annual tour of the Manchester University Guild of Change Ringers was held this year in West Yorkshire. It was a ten day cycling tour and began on the evening of July 6th, when fifteen ringers assembled at Burley Wood youth hostel.

The first day's outing was a circular trip, and we rang all day at eight-bell towers. We began at Ilkley, famous to ringers for its association with Jasper Snowden. Pleasant, if not faultless, ringing of Double Norwich, Cambridge and standard methods gave the tour an agreeable start. Some mild speculation about a stray member was ended by his joining us at this point. The unity of the party was broken after this ringing by a dissenting group of mediævalists who went off to see Bolton Abbey. The rest of us rode to Keighley, where we were met by a very young newspaper reporter. The bells were not so easy as Ilkley, but good striking of Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples was attained and we enjoyed ringing with local ringers.

At Bingley we were flattered to find another reporter, who seemed more impressed with our first try at Superlative than we were. Oxford Treble Bob and standard methods were rung with more success. After this we were joined by the Bolton Abbey party at the beautiful church at Guiseley. The lively eight here were handled without distinction by a band beginning to feel the vigours of the first day's ride—at least, that is the excuse. The Vicar was kind enough to join in our ringing.

CHALLENGE TO BELL HANDLING PUNDITS

After a showery ride from Burley we started our Wednesday ringing at Otley. The rope of the fifth at this tower gave a startling sideways leap just before each handstroke, and this provided an irresistible challenge to the bell-handling pundits. Next to Collingham, where we arrived early, and spent our waiting time having lunch and looking at the little church. Perhaps the most interesting features were the seventh century cross with a runic inscription (said to be the oldest Christian monument in the north of England) and the traces of Saxon rock in the outer wall. We took some time to accustom ourselves to these light eight bells, and only began to give them the sensitive handling they need when we were about to leave. A rash attempt at Superlative failed, Kent was only a little better, and we finally resorted to Little Bob. It was our pleasure to ring next on the exceedingly fine eight at Tadcaster.

On Thursday morning Selby Abbey was visited and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Royal were rung with enough success to justify optimism about ringing at York in the afternoon. Impressions of Selby were perhaps overwhelmed by those of York Minster. The vastness of the nave and choir and the solemn beauty of the north transept will probably be remembered most. We had been granted permission to ring for Evensong, but a sad accident awaited us; the rope of the eleventh broke, and we had to ring without this bell. Grandsire Caters was tried and sounded much better than we had expected.

QUEER ACOUSTICS BLAMED

A detour was made next day by the men in order to claim Boroughbridge as the first six of the tour. Here well struck Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung with some effort. The party reunited at Birstwick, where the light eight went so nicely that it was decided to attempt three leads of Bristol and a course of Superlative. There was some disagreement about the merits of these attempts, and this was eventually attributed to queer acoustics. Pateley Bridge waited with a wheel-slipping treble, a 3rd which wouldn't go up at back and an electric shock for one of our members. We rose to the occasion with good striking of Cambridge Minor. A long hot climb up a rough path brought us to the hostel, where we washed in water from the stream.

Saturday was another architectural feast day. We paid a regrettably brief visit to Fountains Abbey. The suitability of the transeptal tower for bells was naturally discussed; and our imaginations were active, sometimes over-active, in reconstructing the past. We rode on to Ripon Cathedral. After a quick tour of the building, during which the noble Early English choir was particularly admired, we climbed the squat south-west tower to the belfry. Kent and Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on this very pleasant ten. Our more energetic members then departed to Wath and enjoyed ringing the easy six there. The rest of us went direct to West Tanfield. The church itself is unusual in having a squint which looks from the nave to the north chancel altar. The bells were a bit rough, and we went on to Masham hoping for something better. But here one can only report that an exhausted band rang Hereward Bob and standard methods rather limply.

IN THE DALES

Sunday service ringing was at Aysgarth and Askrigg. The best ringing of the tour was achieved at Aysgarth on Sunday morning, when impeccable courses of Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. We gave demonstrations of handbell ringing during the course of an entertainment at the hostel that evening. We were more enterprising in our choice of methods on Monday. St. Clement's Double Court and London Surprise were rung on the six at East Witton. At Middleham three leads of Bristol were rung. We afterwards had our photograph taken by a newspaper reporter, who said we'd make better copy if we'd had a serious belfry accident. Finally, at the quiet riverside church at Grinton, 'the Cathedral of the Dales,' we rang Spliced Minor.

The first complete course of Bristol for the tour was rung on Tuesday at Richmond. A board at this tower which recorded a peal by ringers from Catterick Camp bore the names of several well known ringers, and included that of Mr. Ronald Airey, the first master of the M.U.G.C.R. Two more eight bell towers, Northallerton and Thirsk, followed; but the bells were not inspiring and our ringing deteriorated, as if to restore the average after Richmond. After a ride which took us past the ruins of Bylands Abbey we arrived at the 'self-cooking' hostel at Ampleforth. Food preparation here was a chaotic scene of bustling activity, out of which extraordinarily satisfying meals emerged.

Our last full day began with visits to Helmsley Castle and Rievaulx Abbey, the latter interesting enough though not so impressive as Fountains. Cambridge, Double Norwich and standard methods were rung on the slightly disappointing eight at Helmsley, after which we rode on to our last six at Kirkby Moorside, an interesting little church which has a priest's room over the south porch.

Malton was our last resting place. On Thursday morning an hour's ringing at Walton was followed by a presentation to Mr. Brian Harris for his work in preparing the tour. This concluded a most enjoyable and strenuous ten days; the party then dispersed on a slightly subdued note—most people, one suspects, were thinking of a few days' rest. But everyone will be there next year.

D. A. E.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Tong and Its Bourdon Bell

The first ever meeting of the Shropshire Association at Tong proved a very great success, perhaps because of several unusual features. The beautiful church, a small but exquisite example of the English Perpendicular period attracted other visitors besides ringers on September 12th. As the ropes from the central tower fall to the floor of the nave, ringing is in full view of all parts of the cruciform church.

By 4 p.m. at least forty ringers and an unknown number of non-ringers presented a most animated scene as the bells, tuned to very good purpose by Taylors, were rung in various methods up to Cambridge, the 'go' being voted first-class, despite the rather long draught.

The Vicar, Rev. E. J. Gargery, then arrived to wish us welcome, explaining that a Deanery Festival at Shifnal required his presence, and that because of this the usual service was impossible. Mr. C. H. Tindall, captain of the Tong band, was, however, present, and in fact he remained with us until we finally dispersed. They gave us permission to ring the bourdon bell, last cast by Taylors in 1892. This weighs 46 cwt., and succeeds that given by Sir Harry Vernon in 1518, when he found his way home to Tong Castle after being lost in Brewood forest, by the sound of a bell rung for evensong. It was originally rung only when 'a Vernon came to Tong,' but was perforce freed from this restraint when the family ceased to own the castle. Nowadays it is rung for festivals of the church, and other special occasions, of which our visit was evidently one. It is a grand bell by any standards, and is known as 'the great bell of Tong' throughout a wide area.

The Old Bell of Tong is the inn nearby, and forty ringers made their way there for tea. The secretary had experienced some difficulty in persuading the landlady to cater for the number expected, which was 35, and for a time it looked as though five would go hungry, but eventually all was well.

No business was possible under the circumstances, and it was likewise impossible to 'call the roll' of towers represented, but Chester, Birmingham and Coventry were certainly amongst the number. More ringers appeared when ringing was resumed to the total of at least fifty, and London, Double Oxford and other Minor methods were rung.

Our Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard, who called the one and only peal rung on the old Rudhall bells, was much impressed by the way they now handle and, as for the tuning, it was agreed by all that the six are a ring of which any village might be proud. The writer had not heard them before tuning, but is unable to find quite the right adjectives to describe the most satisfactory result.

Our meetings this year have taken us to several towers where bells have been restored, and all the circumstances made that at Tong perhaps the most memorable. W. A. F.

AN OUTING TO MONMOUTHSHIRE

On September 12th a small party of ringers, representing the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth and Dorset, partook of a very pleasant outing arranged by Mr. Ryan Price. Towers visited were Marshfield (8, 11 cwt.), Peterstone Wentloog (8, 7¼ cwt.), All Saints', Newport (8, 14½ cwt.), Nash (6, 7¼ cwt.), Machen (8, 12 cwt.), and into Glamorganshire to Caerphilly (8, 13 cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Little Bob Major E. T. P. F.

THE 'AVON,' 'SEVERN AND 'WYE'

Ringers of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, with their wives and fellow ringers from Allesley, Coton and Bulkington, crossed the rivers Avon, Severn and Wye for their annual outing on August 22nd.

At the unbelievably early hour of 7.30 a.m. the party assembled at Pool Meadow. The coach, having picked up some on the way —Coventry was enjoying a bus strike, on Saturdays only—departed on time and promptly at 9.15 a.m. pulled up at Upton-on-Severn Parish Church. Mr. Charles Camm was there to meet us, and made us most welcome. The bells were rung up in a peal and some good touches were enjoyed. These bells are a fine ring for their weight (tenor 12¼ cwt., and not 17¼ cwt., as given in Dove's).

Leaving at 10 a.m. and passing across the Malverns from Worcestershire into Herefordshire through glorious scenery, we arrived at Ledbury to be met by Mr. Frank Overton, and once again made most welcome. The rise here was not as good as it could have been, for the bells have recently been rehung and are a glorious eight (tenor 12½ cwt.). This tenor was reputed to be 24 cwt. until rehanging proved this to be wrong. Touches were brought round, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of this fine ring. Ledbury has a detached campanile, and the church itself is magnificent, with some fine stained glass windows and monuments. The non-ringers and ringers alike were impressed with this fine church.

Being most reluctant to leave all were eventually shepherded into the coach for the run to Ross-on-Wye, where lunch was arranged. During the meal we heard the bells being rung up. Arriving at the church at 12.45 p.m., we were met and given the usual welcome by Mr. J. J. Webb and, with the bells already up, 'stood to' for Stedman, when, after one whole full, an unusual noise preceded silence from the second bell. Stand was called and an inspection by Mr. Webb revealed that the clapper had parted company. This was replaced and, without further incident, some good ringing was enjoyed. The ringing here was prior to a wedding, so the happy couple had free wedding bells.

Leaving Ross on time, we crossed the Wye and made our way to Hereford on the way to Lugwardine. This little village proved rather elusive and, despite our map reading, we came in at the wrong end and, unfortunately, later than the arranged time. We were welcomed here by the tower captain, Miss Holland, and two other local lady ringers. These fine light eight bells were enjoyed by all, and good use was made of the time at our disposal. With a parting wave from the local ladies we made our way to Worcester, to be met at Deansgate by Mr. Tom Lewis, who joined us at tea. After a substantial meat tea had been disposed of we were escorted to All Saints' by Mr. Lewis, and these fine ten were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Bob Royal and Kent Royal. What a pity that this ring is housed in a tower which has so much movement. Despite this some good ringing was enjoyed. Mr. Lewis then escorted us to St. John's across the other side of the Severn, and introduced us to his father, who joined in some good ringing on these very nice eight bells, which go as good as they sound. Reluctantly we made our departure for Coventry after many hearty handshakes.

We take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and tower captains for assisting in making this a most successful outing, plus good bells, good ringing, good company and good food. J. L. G. H.

OUTINGS

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT

On July 25th ringers and friends from the Doncaster district set out on their annual outing, which this year was to take them into Derbyshire.

The first tower of the day was Chesterfield, where some good ringing took place on this fine ten with a 25 cwt. tenor. Unfortunately, due to a late start, time did not permit such a long session here as we would have liked.

Derby Cathedral, with its ring of ten, was the next place visited, and here also the striking was good, partly due, of course, to the excellent 'go' of the bells, which were admired by everyone.

After lunch in Derby (and after one or two ringers had managed to find the bus again), a start was made for Ashbourne. Although the bells here were duly admired for tone, the exceptionally long draught made good striking rather more difficult. However, this did not deter our more experienced ringers, who enjoyed their visit to this tower.

By this time, the weather had taken a decided turn for the worse, and it was in pouring rain that we laboriously ascended the hill to the tower at Matlock, where a disappointment awaited us, as we were only able to ring on seven of these bells, due to a broken rope. A further setback occurred when the rope of the 14 cwt. tenor proved too weak for one of our stronger ringers, and so we could not do as full justice to these bells as they deserved.

After having tea at Bakewell, a visit was made to this tower, with its beautiful eight, where (after the belfry key had been tracked down) some good ringing was enjoyed. The time spent here passed all too quickly, and it was with some regret that we left these excellent bells.

Hathersage was the final tower for the day, and here on this six we almost met our Waterloo. However, with a gallant performance on the back end from our heavy-bell ringers, we felt that we had at least held our own against these difficult bells.

Our thanks go to all the incumbents and to all the people who met us and made us so welcome, and it was with a pleasant impression of Derbyshire that we returned to Doncaster.

D. E. S.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, IPSWICH

The second outing of the year, a half-day coach trip in Suffolk, was made on Sept. 12th by ringers of St. Lawrence, Ipswich, and friends from Rushmere, St. Margaret's and St. Mary-le-Tower.

The first tower was Brandeston (6), followed by the eight at Wilby (good bells, but noisy inside) and Stradbroke (10, a good ring outside, but inside only 9 and 10 can be heard; some improvement, however, is expected in the near future).

After tea at the Queen's Head, Stradbroke, the recently rehung five at Heveningham, with two recast bells, were visited. Control was difficult at first owing to new ropes and the bells hung on ball bearings. Doubles was scored after three of the young members knelt on the floor, much to the amusement of the experts. At Yoxford—good going bells on plain bearings — ringing included Cambridge, Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, with a course of York Surprise to finish the day. Home was reached by 10.30 p.m. Thanks are accorded the ringers who had the bells ready for the visitors and the clergy for their permission to ring.

NAILSEA RINGERS IN THE RAIN

Several ringers from Nailsea joined with a party from Dorset in an afternoon ringing tour in South Gloucestershire on August 29th. This was arranged as a 'thank you' for the 'fours and fives' expedition arranged near Bridgwater on Whit-Saturday. The trip took place in almost continual heavy rainfall, and towards the end of the day there were big waterspashes across some very narrow lanes to be negotiated.

Stapleton, Bristol, was reached in time to ring at the conclusion of a wedding, and the party were joined by the local ringers in a variety of methods, including a course of Cambridge Minor. The bells here are hung in an anti-clockwise direction. (The term 'backwards' is carefully avoided as the tower captain hinted that it was all the other ones which went round the wrong way!)

The only eight of the trip were at Mangotsfield, where the striking was not of the best, although Bob Major seemed to go better than Grandsire Triples.

Tea was consumed outside Westerleigh Church, after which the glorious six (tenor 20¼ cwt.) were raised in peal and put to good use in both Doubles and Minor methods.

The next stop was Warmley, where the bells sound much better from the outside than they do from the ringing chamber. One touch of Stedman Doubles here was rung at a terrific speed.

Dyrham Church, beautifully situated in the grounds of the 17th century Dyrham House, proved to be a good light six, which went perfectly. Due no doubt to the isolated position of the village, these bells are only rung once a month, and it was a very pleasant surprise to find such a good ring in a tower somewhat off the ringing 'map.'

The company was honoured by the presence of a certain 'tower grabbing' gentleman from Clevedon at Doynton, a five in a south tower rung from the ground floor! The front four bells were all right, but the tenor was practically unringable. After a prolonged rise and a try for Plain Bob Maximus, a touch of Reverse Canterbury, selected for its lack of dodges, was rung and, after some rounds, the bells were lowered in peal a little after nine o'clock. M. J. H.

ST. MATTHEW'S, IPSWICH

With one of the objects of giving the learners experience in other towers, the ringers of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, organised an outing into Essex on September 5th, the journey being made in four cars. A member of the T.S.U. (Tower Snatchers' Union), with over 300 towers to his credit, was consulted as to a possible route.

First bells sampled were the six at St. Mary's, Stratford, a good ring with a 15 cwt. tenor that would not be hurried along. Through Constable country to Wivenhoe, where there is a good six, and a clock case in the belfry. The latter caused concern to one lady whose sally caught the corner of the case. The mud in the harbour was visited before leaving for Great Bentley. A counter attraction was the cricket match on the largest of village greens. But ringing was the purport of the outing, and the bells, a light eight, were soon in use, the learners having their initiation into springing ropes.

The last call was Thorpe-le-Soken, which was reached by dusk. This octave (tenor 9½ cwt.), was regarded as the best bells encountered. They were rehung in steel frames in 1935, as were Great Bentley's in 1938, by an Ipswich firm. Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise were among the methods rung.

OBITUARY

THE REV. E. FOWLER

The death occurred at Builth Wells Hospital on August 29th of the Rev. Edward Fowler, Vicar of Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Radnorshire) from 1926 till his retirement last year. He was 81 years of age.

A Freemason, he had acted as lodge chaplain at Builth Wells for many years. Keenly interested in bellringing and himself a ringer, it was due to his efforts that the five bells of Llanfihangel Rhydithon were restored and augmented to six and visiting ringers were always sure of a welcome. On hearing that members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild were contemplating ringing five peals in a day, he at once placed his bells at their service, and when the band arrived to commence the peals they found everything in readiness and the bells had been rung up—and the time—5 a.m.!

The funeral took place at Llanbadarn Fawr, the packed church testifying the great esteem in which he was held. The 'five peals in a day' band were represented by Mr. L. Evans, and among the profusion of flowers was a wreath in the shape of a bell from the five peal band. The Hereford Diocesan Guild was also represented by Mrs. E. Chandler (peal recorder).

At deceased's wish the bells of Llanbadarn Fawr (5) and Llanfihangel Rhydithon (6) were rung 'open' after the interment and, as recorded elsewhere, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the Hereford Guild.

MR. WALTER LADD

With the death of Mr. Walter Ladd, of East Grinstead, the Exercise has lost a very old and faithful servant. Born on December 24th, 1864, at Wye, Kent, Mr. Ladd learnt to ring as a youth with the local call change band.

He married a local girl and in 1891, following his trade as a carpenter and joiner, he moved to Cowden, Kent, where he at once joined the local call change band.

When Cowden had the sixth bell added for the Coronation of King George V. in 1911. Herbert Markwell and the late William Latter went out from Tunbridge Wells to teach change ringing. These efforts were successful and later on Walter Ladd became tower captain.

In 1925 he moved to East Grinstead and joined the band at St. Swithun's with whom he rang until early this year, when his failing eyesight forced him to retire.

For the jubilee of King George V. and Queen Mary he rang the treble at Withyham to a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was his only peal, but his regular attendance for practice and service ringing and at guild and county meetings was a fine example to others. His proudest moment was in February, 1952, when he rang with his son and granddaughter at East Grinstead for the memorial service to King George VI.

In August his wife was taken ill and died on September 4th, but he did not know of her death, for on August 24th he collapsed and died on September 10th, the day after his wife's funeral.

The funeral was at Charing Crematorium on September 15th, and among the wreaths was one from the East Grinstead and District Guild, who were represented at the service by Mr. Albert Relfe, the vice-chairman.

On September 12th and for both services on the following day East Grinstead bells were rung half-muffled to Mr. Ladd's memory.

All the Exercise will sympathise with Mr. E. J. Ladd, the popular chairman of the East Grinstead Guild, in his double loss.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, in hand: G. Francis (first as cond.) 1–2. W. L. Weller 3–4. Miss J. M. Phillips 5–6. First in hand for W. L. Weller and Miss J. M. Phillips.

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DEATHS

BOND.—On Sept. 1st, 1953, at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Harry Hussey, beloved husband of Gwendolen T. Bond, and father of Peter N. Bond. R.I.P. 3201

WARD.—On Sept. 9th, 1953, at Ringwell, 344, Duffield Road, Derby, George Ward, aged 75 years, late of St. Andrew's, Derby. Cremated at Wilford, Nottingham, Sept. 11th.—From his loving wife. R.I.P. 3204

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Canon C. Carew Cox is now St. Francis' Lodge, Morcombelake, Bridport, Dorset. Telephone Chideock 252. 3229

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the month of October **only** 2nd and 4th Wednesday.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 3137

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, Sept. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Cook, 24, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—C. K. Lewis. 3179

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, Sept. 26th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duke of Norfolk T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3148

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, September 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, please notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. 3110

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tamworth on Sept. 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Audrey A. Timms, Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Butts, Coventry. 3183

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting, Wendover, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3186

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, Sept. 26th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3157

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Bridport, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3176

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—The meeting on Sept. 26th will now be held at Balderton (Collingham not available). Own tea arrangements.—P. N. White. 3160

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. in Village Hall, 7, Beddington Lane.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3169

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sept. 26th, at 6 p.m. Buses hourly, returning to Newbury 8.53. Basingstoke 9.3.—D. Cane. 3179

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Thorne, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m.—Doreen E. Smythe, J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 3189

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 7 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Oct. 5th, 7.15 p.m. Meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow (Bow Road Underground Station), Saturday, Oct. 10th; ringing 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5.15 (names, please); business 6 p.m.; further ringing 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3240

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, **Wootton** (note change of venue), Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 3206

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 30th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3228

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthea Road, Runcorn. 3218

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Butlers Marston (6). 'Blue' bus service from Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington Spa (via Kineton). Please notify for tea—important. Service 4.30 p.m. — R. J. Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby (Harbury 314). 3178

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Cherryhinton (5), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 6.30 p.m., to help beginners.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3222

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, North Weald, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald. 3208

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bitton (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th, postponed until Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 29th, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3211

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach (8), Oct. 3rd. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business after tea. Ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea by 1st.—E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, Cirencester. 3242

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Oct. 3rd. Abbotts Leigh (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3239

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Cullompton (10 bells), Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 3154

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea available at local cafes.—R. I. Shepherd. 3181

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broseley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea before Oct. 1st to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3213

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — A combined practice, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 3126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 3207

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 3rd, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, by Sept. 30th. 3200

LADIES' GUILD. — North-West District. — Meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde. 2303

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3233

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Hugglescote on Oct. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 (2s. 6d. each). Please notify Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, by Oct. 1st. Meeting after tea.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 3176

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Oct. 3rd, Sibsey. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey. 3224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. Names for tea to me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., 3, Church Street, Billingborough, Lincs. 3223

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 1st Mr. A. E. Greening, 68, Station Road, Rolleston-on-Dove. 3234

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Interim meeting, Watton, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 79, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford. 3227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Cropredy (6), Oct. 3rd. Service 4. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing: Charlbury, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Chadlington after tea.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford. 3167

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than Sept. 29th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man Thame, Oxon. 3177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst on Oct. 3rd, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle 3219

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Grafton Regis, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to G. Atkins, Grafton Regis, Towcester. 3152

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Guilsborough, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Sept. 29th, please. Note: No name, no tea. 3209

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3215

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Smith, 57, Sycamore Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. 3212

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A few tickets (price 12s. 6d.) still available for the annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements later.—G. F. Carter, 3, Gayton Crescent, N.W.3. 3237

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton Coldfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Nottingham, Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Oct. 1st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. St. Peter's (10) available evening. 3170

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wissett (6), Oct. 3rd. Same arrangements as usual.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3188

SUFFOLK GUILD (Sudbury-Clare District), ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern District). — Joint meeting at Bures on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Sept. 30th.—L. D. Mills and J. H. Gould, District Secs. 3195

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Bell Hotel 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3236

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Sept. 30th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3221

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llanfaes, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names, please.—W. G. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3191

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 3rd, at Hursley. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3162

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Oct. 10th. Names to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. The dinner has been arranged for Nov. 14th in Tunbridge Wells (details later), and I would be glad to know at once how many members intend to support this event.—C. A. Bassett. 3231

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Redlands, Poplar Road, Shalford, by previous Wednesday. 3244

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 7th.—P. A. Martin. 3230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's bells 2.30. Cathedral after meeting only. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with the cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Nominations must reach me first post same date, none accepted after.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Annual district meeting. All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.45. Tea 4.30 (Parish Hall). Business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. On Saturday, Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at West Hartlepool, Oct. 10th. Bells at All Saints' 2.30–5; St. Oswald's 6. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 8th, to Mrs. M. Lawson, 8, Villiers Street, West Hartlepool. 3232

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Ewerby (10), Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3171

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 3205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rushton, Oct. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. Great Oakley bells available in the evening.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 3241

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Autumn meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 10th. Service 3 p.m., when the recently restored ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. Accommodation for tea is limited, so early application is essential.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 3214

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH. —Civic service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the recast and rehung ring of 10 bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham at 2.45 p.m. on Oct. 17th. The bells will be available for all ringers from after tea until 9 p.m. Admission to service by ticket only (free). Tea tickets 3s. 6d. Service and tea tickets available from E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3190

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,296 Sunrise Minor (720 Primrose, 576 Cambridge): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. E. Scott 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, A. Wade 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. Rung immediately prior to Evensong as a farewell to Mr. A. R. Hadley, a chorister at this church for the past 14 years, who is leaving for his native Worcestershire this week.

CARDIFF.—On Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Price 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, Miss J. Powell 3, G. Francis 4, H. Cassell (first quarter of Grandsire Caters) 5, A. J. Pitman 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, T. Yeomans 9, W. Dare 10. A farewell tribute to Mr. G. Francis, who is returning to Itchingfield, Sussex, after three years in the R.A.F. at St. Athans.

DEAL, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Ruck (cond.) 1, W. Rich (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss G. A. Rich 3, M. Milner 4, J. Baxter 5, W. Mount 6. A farewell compliment to Miss Rich, who is leaving the district to attend training college in London.

DUNSFORD, DEVON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Munday 1, C. C. Deem 2, F. Wills 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wreford (cond.) 5, R. P. Crump 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Messrs. H. Short and W. Chaffe, ringers and devoted church workers of this church; relatives of the tenor ringer.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Laura Beeney (13, first quarter) 1, G. Akehurst (14) 2, G. Beeney (cond.) 3, F. Beeney (15) 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Ellis 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. Harry (first quarter) 1, Jeannie Holloway 2, Marion Harry 3, Bernice Strange 4, Beryl Strange 5, J. Manners (cond.) 6.

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PROGRESS

UNLESS the young ringer of to-day has the opportunity of reading past volumes of 'The Ringing World,' how can he be expected to know what he owes to those who fought for 'progress'? Thirty years ago the report on the Central Council meeting at Salisbury was serious reading, to-day parts of the report are amusing.

The period 1922–23 might be termed as the period when Spliced ringing was resuscitated, for it was just more than ten years previously when this form of Minor extents was introduced. Then came the 1914–18 war, which almost caused it to be 'pigeon-holed' for ever, but, thanks to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston and the late James Fernley with his Norbury band, this type of ringing was re-developed.

The leading article of February 16th, 1923, is devoted to multi-method peals, but it is not the late Mr. John Goldsmith's comments on the Minor ringing I am concerned with, but the latter part, which comments upon 'the recent achievement of the Cambridge University Guild in ringing a peal in three Major methods,' which he does not look upon as a 'freak' performance, but a forerunner of many varieties of multi-method peals on eight bells. Never did he say a truer word. Yet at the Central Council meeting of 1923 a well-known ringer of Bristol suggested that a Spliced peal of Little Bob and Bob Major which had been rung the previous year should not be recognised by the Council as a peal.

In his leading article of July 6th, 1923, Mr. Goldsmith had this to say: 'Nothing should be done to discourage investigation and advance in this direction, although a suggestion at the close of the Council's meeting that a peal rung in two Major methods should not be recognised rather points to a feeling that not all ringers favour peals upon this principle. What the objection to 'Spliced' method peals can be we are at a loss to understand.' No doubt the ringers of to-day who ring 'Spliced' are at a loss too, yet the fact remains that if some of the 'leading ringers' of thirty years ago could have had their way, 'Spliced' ringing would have been 'illegitimate.' I note that some of those who used to pass rude remarks about this style of ringing no longer pass comment.

Yes, it is interesting to read through old volumes of 'The Ringing World' and to see how progress has been made in spite of strong opposition and to see how the opinions of people change with the years. J. P. F.

SURREY'S OLDEST BELLS

THERE are still a few ringers and antiquarians who have a deep interest in ancient bells, for there is something peculiarly attractive about them, especially if they are pre-Reformation. When seen in the tower we wonder what vicissitudes of national life they have witnessed, and what joys and sorrows they have proclaimed with their brazen voices. They are a link with the dim ages of the past, and in their modellings they tell us the history of a very ancient English craft. Their quaint letterings and curious medallions are relics of bygone centuries, and even to-day they present many a puzzle to those who study old bells.

Here in Surrey one is often asked which are oldest bells in the county, and though Surrey is not rich in the number of its ancient bells, there are still a few castings over 400 years old, some of which are incorporated in ringing peals.

Undoubtedly the oldest bell in Surrey is at Chaldon, where there is a small bell, diameter 20½ inches, with the inscription, 'Capana Beati Pavli.' The shape is rather like a flower pot and the sides look almost straight, for no curving exists below the sound-bow. It also appears to have the same thickness all the way down. Probably this bell was cast in Italy prior to 1250, a rare relic of early bells cast in that country.

Next comes the 2nd in a ring of three at Bisley, which is inscribed, 'Fraternitas fecit me in honore Beate Mareie' (The brotherhood made me in honour of Blessed Mary). The brotherhood, or fraternity, at Bisley was attached to those who were at Chertsey Abbey, and the inscription points that the bell was a gift from the Chertsey brethren to their kindred brethren at Bisley. Probably they employed Richard de Wymbish, a London founder, to cast the bell, and as this founder was in business from 1290 to 1315, the probable date of this casting is 1310. If we look at the list of Abbots at Chertsey we find that John de Poutherwyke reigned from 1307 to 1346 and, knowing what a pioneer he was during his rule at the Abbey, the year 1310 cannot be far wrong.

Next comes the famous 'Abbey' bell at Chertsey, which forms the 5th of a fine octave, a bell cast at Wokingham in the last quarter of the 14th century. This bell was dealt with in these columns a few months ago.

Two other 14th century bells are to be found at Wotton, near Dorking, bells that John Evelyn must have heard

many times. The inscription on the lightest is the same as the Chertsey 'Abbey' bell, but the letters are uncrowned. The 2nd is inscribed, 'Iohannes Christi Care Dingnare Pro Nobis Orate.' Both castings are from the same foundry during the latter years of the 14th century.

These five bells already mentioned seem to be the only 13th and 14th century bells now remaining in Surrey towers, but there are several of 15th century origin which came from various foundries, some of which are still incorporated in rings of six and eight.

It may not be generally known that some of Surrey's 15th century bells were probably cast by our one and only woman foundress, Johanna Sturdy, who carried on her husband's business about the middle of the 15th century.

Mr. Ernest Morris in his revised 'Church Bells of Leicestershire' gives a brief summary of the total bells to be found over varying periods, also details of the founders, etc., but it is a matter of regret that no such information is available regarding the bells of Surrey in similar form.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Tenor*	*MARK W. MARSHALL	6
LEONARD TREVOR	2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	LEONARD STILWELL	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
*First peal of Surprise Royal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method for all the band and on the bells.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS & EDMUND OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
*1,000th peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY THE VIRGIN AND CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Mark W. Marshall	6
Barbara A. Mitchell	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
Albert J. Lancefield	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Thomas Cullingworth	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Mark W. Marshall	6
*Barbara A. Mitchell	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Alick Cutler	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	†Clifford A. Barron	6
*Arthur V. Pearson	2	†Albert J. Lancefield	7
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Leonard Trevor	8
†Margaret E. L. Beamish	4	George E. Fearn	9
†Ronald J. Sharp	5	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 100th peal for the Society. † First peal of Royal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits A.X. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Mrs. K. F. J. Parr	*Treble*	Squire Croft	6
Mrs. O. L. Rogers	2	Thomas E. Davies	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Francis D. Bishop	8
Mrs. D. E. Beamish	4	Thomas W. Sheppard	9
Wilfrid G. Wilson	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
A wedding compliment to Miss M. Jackson and Mr. F. J. Matthews; a 10th birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers and wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Terence A. Thornber	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	6
S. Anthony Jesson	2	Harry Poyner	7
Ernest W. Rawson	3	*John A. Acres	8
Winifred M. Burton	4	Harold J. Poole	9
Mrs. H. J. Poole	5	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.
Rung as a compliment to John Hill, of Ewell, Surrey, on his 21st birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Audrey A. Butler	*Treble*	William Birmingham	5
William Butler	2	Walter Lee	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Jeffrey C. Birt	7
Brian L. Taylor	4	Michael Hatchett	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett.
Non-Conducted.
Umpire: Frederick Scott.
First 'silent' peal of Bob Major by all the band.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxton,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*Charles B. Pemberton	*Treble*	*Thomas Smith	5
*Terry Owen	2	Ernest F. Bennett	6
C. Anne Muirhead	3	*Alexander J. Martin	7
*Carol F. Jones	4	H. Stewart Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George R. Newton, interred at Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool, on Thursday, September 10th.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Mervyn Malpass	*Treble*	Frederick Roberts	5
Frederick Oakhill	2	*P.-Insp. John Adshead	6
Horace Robinson	3	Leslie Barry	7
*Oliver Higgins	4	†Frank Attwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

George H. Hesketh	*Treble*	William Robinson	5
Fred S. Almond	2	John Robinson	6
Thomas Robinson	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
Edwin C. Birkett	4	*Edgar White	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edgar White.
* First peal in the method and first peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Davis and Miss Muriel Hayes, who were married on this day.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD & NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Reeves' Variation. Tenor 9 cwt.

Reginald Harper	*Treble*	Robert S. Arrowsmith	5
Douglas R. Whalley	2	Arnold Moore	6
*Phillip S. Whalley	3	Ronald Barlow	7
Charles D. Page	4	Walter Longman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas R. Whalley.
* First peal.
Rung as a 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. William Rigby, of Lawton, and also to the conductor's wife.

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ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	FRANK K. MEASURES ..	6
MRS. J. R. SMITH	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON ..	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN H. LOTT	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON ..	5
*HAROLD W. ROGERS ..	2	SQUIRE CROFT	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ..	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
MRS. O. L. ROGERS ..	4	THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the 13th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ..	5
GEORGE V. BUXTON	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Specially rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Garnham A. Blaxcell, as a last token of respect and to his cherished memory.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	*GEORGE W. MOODY ..	7
JACK BRAY	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*HAZEL CLOSE	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
*ROBERT W. HINDE ..	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ..	6
FRED EVANS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS (C.C.C. 31). Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLGATE ..	5
*SHEILA M. DOBBIE	2	†THOMAS E. SONE	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ..	7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (No. 5 C.C.C.).
Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th peal on the bells. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.
In memoriam Mr. Walter J. Ladd, a member of the Association since 1912, and also his beloved wife, who passed away on September 10th and 4th respectively.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

MERVYN K. KING	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLARKE ..	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	3	DAVID J. KING	7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	4	REGINALD T. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Matthews and Miss Marjorie Jackson, and also as a 39th wedding compliment to Mr. Edwin Barnett.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	5
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
†JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ..	3	†SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ..	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Little Bob Major away from treble. † First peal of Little Bob Major. First peal of Little Bob Major on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

GEORGE MARRINER	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL ..	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	*GORDON P. T. PETERS ..	6
*ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3	WILLIAM BEESON	7
*ALAN SMITH	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. MARRINER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

RHODA HEMMINGS	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung to commemorate the 13th centenary of the conversion to Christianity of this ancient capital of Mercia.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
ARCHIE A. FITCH	3	THOMAS BIRD	7
ROSEMARY SEABROOK ..	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
Rung in memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8¼ cwt. B flat.

*EILEEN M. TURNER ..	..*Treble*	J. OLIVER GLANVILLE ..	4
†ANN COX	2	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	5
‡DAVID H. B. WILLIAMSON	3	E. JOHN WELLS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two six-scores each of All Saints and April Day, six each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MRS. G. F. ROOME	..*Treble*	†GEORGE F. ROOME	3
JOHN HARROLD	2	ALAN C. COZENS	4
KENNETH D. PERKINS	.. *Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and on five bells. First peal as conductor.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

GLEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	..*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
*†GEORGE L. PICKERING ..	2	JOHN VERNON	5
†ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN M. JELLEY ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal together.

In memoriam John Grundy, verger of All Saints', Loughborough. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are vergers of Croft, Leicester St. Margaret and Syston respectively.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALLAN SHEPPARD ..	..*Treble*	EDWARD BRADLEY ..	4
MISS D. M. HAWLEY ..	2	*†BERT SUTTON	5
*FRED TERRY	3	*LESLIE M. WOODHEAD..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

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

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM J. LEACH	..*Treble*	*EDWARD A. MALIN	4
*MICHAEL FAIREY	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER ..	3	*JOHN HOLMDEN ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal in the method on the bells.

A 21st birthday peal for John Holmden.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ROBERT SHERLOCK ..	..*Treble*	REGINALD SILLS	4
WILLIAM G. COOK	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BUDGEN.

This is the first peal on the bells since rehanging.



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HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Bedford Delight, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARY E. STEPHENS	*Treble*	*JOAN ASHTON	4
*SHEILA DUFFIN	2	†ALAN S. SMITH	5
DAPHNE J. HARE	3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. Rung by the Bedfordshire Young Ringers as a 21st birthday compliment to Sheila Duffin.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID J. TEMPLE	*Treble*	*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER J. CAME	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to David J. Temple, who is returning to his ship.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	4
JOHN S. WYBREW	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
RONALD W. STEWARD	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to a grand old friend and ringer of this district, Garnham A. Blaxcell.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM BRETT	*Treble*	GRACE BURCHNALL	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	HARRY BARNES	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY BAYLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES HONE	4
EDMUND MALIN	2	†ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH	5
LAURENCE WOOD	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED ROYAL

Comprising 4,320 Plain Bob, 432 Gainsborough Little Bob and 288 Little Bob, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN FREEMAN	1—2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5—6
*GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*JACK BRAY	7—8
		*PHILIP BARNES	9—10

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Royal in three methods. First peal of Royal in three methods by the Guild.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to S. F. Palmer on attaining the age of 79.

HANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT 221, BOSTON ROAD, W.7,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

*GILLIAN R. LAMONT	1—2	*WILLIAM T. COOK	3—4
		R. JAMES COOK	5—6

Conducted by R. JAMES COOK.

* First handbell peal.

QUARTER PEALS

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): H. Kirk (cond.) 1, Miss B. Jolley (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, R. Dawson 4, F. Forster 5, J. Bagshaw 6. Rung for the wedding of Margaret Keyworth (a local ringer) and Desmond Bradbury; also as a farewell to Brenda Jolley, who left for Southampton next day.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Evanson (first quarter) 1, W. J. Leach 2, D. J. Gardiner 3, H. E. Harrison 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, E. J. White 6, G. Harrison 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination of the Rev. S. G. S. Hinckes to the priesthood the same morning.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Hayne 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, C. Savage 3, F. S. Crudge 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 4 and 5, and first in the method by all and on the bells.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, at the Cathedral Campanile, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Finey 1, Miss P. M. Saxton (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith (cond.) 7, Miss E. W. Keys 8. Rung to commemorate the 'Battle of Britain.'

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Vaughan 1, H. Blick 2, J. Trout 3, S. Lunn 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, E. Carter 6, D. Powell 7, I. Davies 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering for evening service. A compliment to E. Carter on the birth of a grandson.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. S. Owen (first quarter) 1, S. Layland 2, H. Edge 3, H. F. Holding 4, I. Nichols 5, G. A. Packer 6, R. D. Langford (cond.) 7, W. F. Stenson 8.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. Oliver 2, E. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson (first quarter) cover bell. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilson 1, J. Carpenter 2, J. E. Henderson 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover bell. Rung before the service for the dedication of local British Legion and R.A.F.A. standards and the dedication of a Garden of Remembrance.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's Court Bob Triples: F. A. Staveley 1, E. Dalingwater 2, J. McCluskey 3, L. G. Webb 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, D. A. Chapman 6, W. E. Critchley (comp. and cond.) 7, P. J. Daw 8.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Bray 1, Carol Easton (first quarter) 2, Helen Bray 3, C. Shipp 4, E. Shipp (cond.) 5, C. Tovell 6. Rung for the ordination service by the Bishop of Norwich.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Netherseale and Bourne Surprise Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first in the method 'inside') 2, P. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, P. D. Beedie 4, S. A. Warwick 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. G. Hart 8.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): T. Lewis 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Beryl Worsfold 3, J. T. Symonds 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, T. Wellstead 6, Dorena Rowe 7, H. H. Hayns 8. First quarter of Doubles for all except the conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. B. Runcorn (curate), who is leaving for China, and to Brenda Payne, an Ashtead ringer, who is going to Canada. Rung on the 34th wedding anniversary of Mr. G. A. Cook, for many years tower captain, who was forced to retire through ill health.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Rothwell 1, Joyce Halliday (first quarter in method) 2, Joan Carter 3, Sybil Higham 4, J. Carter 5, A. W. Stone (first as cond.) 6, R. M. Edwards 7, J. A. Somers 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Fenn (cond.) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, C. E. Wright 6, S. Penfold 7, F. V. Gant 8. A birthday compliment to R. W. Stannard on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 20h, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): H. A. Sanderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, Miss D. E. Smythe (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, D. Wheat 5. Rung for the harvest festival.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Rolls 1, P. Haslet 2, Betty Gregory 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, Diana Spice 5, Doreen Hague 6, F. J. Russell (cond.) 7, B. McCleary 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Beatty and Miss Jacqueline Instone.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Parish 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, O. Norman 4, A. Clements 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung before Matins in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Woodland 1, T. E. Davies 2, June Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, F. D. Bishop 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, S. Croft 7, A. Tomblin 8. Rung prior to a service dedicating the Isleworth company's Peal Book, presented and written by Squire Croft.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, S. Smith 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, also to Messrs. T. King and E. Simpson, of Shipley, Yorks.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris 8. The first quarter peal on the recast bells, which were dedicated on September 16th.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, G. Gaylard 3, P. H. Hull 4, J. W. Drew 5, E. H. Nash 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. Field 8.

NEWTON-ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ridgman 1, G. S. Luxton 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. G. Cork 4, G. Skinner 5, W. G. Whiddon 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, S. J. Sharland 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: S. Mills 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abrams 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Howson 5, C. Sapwell (first quarter 'inside') 6, R. Hall 7, F. Wilson 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss N. Evans, daughter of one of the local band, also for the birthdays of the ringers of 2 and 4.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain, Stedman and 60 Grandsire): F. G. Richardson 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, C. E. Wright 3, J. H. Crampion 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sept. 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Baldwin (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Lawrey 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (first quarter as cond.) 7, F. W. Rogers 8.

SANDON, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 2,160 Doubles (120 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchenden Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): M. Collings 1, M. Orme 2, D. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Croft 4, P. Mchew 5. First in eight Doubles methods by all, and believed to be the longest touch yet rung on the bells.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cameron 1, G. F. Roome 2, A. C. Cozens 3, K. D. Perkins 4, H. Jordan 5, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. E. Nobles and Miss M. Stanford.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Birt 1, J. C. Birt 2, F. Scott 3, W. Judd 4, Mrs. A. Butler 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. D. Rivers 7, J. M. Ellwood (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. B. T. Lister and Mr. W. Birmingham.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (600 St. Simon's, 720 Plain Bob): A. Cole (first quarter) 1, K. L. Brown (cond.) 2, R. G. Chilvers 3, G. Bussey 4, E. W. Brown 5, C. E. Wooltorton 6. Rung on the occasion of a visit by a former Rector of Somerleyton, the Rev. G. Halsey, of Comrie, Perthshire.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, W. Panter 2, A. Gooding 3, J. Dunster 4, C. Burnett 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reekes (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (5 extents of Plain Bob, 5 extents of Grandsire and a 60 of Grandsire): J. A. C. King 1, P. Nash 2, R. F. Brewer 3, R. M. Currie 4, M. Lakin (cond.) 5.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Coleman (first of Minor) 1, J. L. Morris 2, W. H. Howson 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, I. M. Parry (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Eric Nobles and for harvest festival.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 14th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Webb 1, E. Goddard 2, E. A. Jackson 3, P. Laflin 4, A. F. Bailey 5, L. Watkin 6, C. Bell (cond.) 7, T. Jackson 8. Rung to commemorate the wedding of a member of the band, Mr. Harry Laflin, to Miss Iris Pickford.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 13th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Cookson 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nichols 3, A. L. Dunn 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Cooper (first quarter) 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Lees 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chedgey 1, F. Matravers 2, G. Sage 3, G. Uglow (first of Stedman Triples) 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. Rung for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob): A. W. Kelvic 1, J. T. Medhurst (first quarter in two methods) 2, T. Saunders 3, S. A. Hazelden 4, W. R. Manser (cond.) 5, L. J. Honess 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. D. Slaymaker and Miss Cynthia Wells, niece of the treble ringer. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Pollard (first in method), L. J. Honess 2, F. Meek (first quarter) 3, S. A. Hazelden 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, W. R. Manser 6. For the wedding of Douglas Driver and Mavis Coomber, ringers in this tower.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At the Church of St. John, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. P. Mead 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. Weddall 3, A. E. Hoare 4, W. D. Grainger 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, J. Bullock 7, T. B. Archer (first quarter) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, R. Rowley 2, J. Schofield 3, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 4, W. Wenban 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. R. Mayne 8. First quarter of Bristol for 1, 2 and 3.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Perry 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, Miss J. Hill 3, E. Garrett (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Disney. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. M. Bugby (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. W. Attewell 3, M. Hollowell 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore, of Weston Favell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Visitors to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 10th will have an opportunity of ringing on the recently recast bells of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. The bells, once considered to be the poorest in Middlesex, are a credit to the founders, and the newly appointed ringing room is a joy to behold.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 650th peal on September 25th. It was a peal of Surprise Minor in 17 methods rung at Redbourn.

The quarter peal copy from Enfield ringers was accompanied by a donation of 3s. 6d. and not 2s. 6d., as published on page 630. We regret this typographical error.

Few ringers can ring a touch satisfactory on handbells holding four bells. Mr. William H. Male, of Warwick, held four bells to a peal of Doubles 'in hand' on September 25th.

The outing in South Gloucestershire, reported on page 633 of our last issue, was arranged for the Bridgwater and District ringers. The Nailsea ringers made the arrangements and, with two friends from Dorset, made up the party.

Mr. Alan Pendlebury, of Smithills, Bolton, is coming to Guildford for six months at the end of November to attend a law course. In the scanty leisure permitted we are sure he will receive a cordial welcome in the local towers.

As regards peal ringing, the Midland Counties tour, arranged by Mr. T. J. Lock, in co-operation with Mr. G. E. Fearn, is unquestionably the tour of the year. While the score of 14 peals from 25 attempts is not high, all the peals attempted were of the Surprise variety. Next year's tour will be for one week, starting on August 28th.

It was particularly fitting that an in memoriam peal to Mr. G. R. Newton was rung at Oxton, as his first Sunday service ringing was done in this tower. As a member of St. Saviour's Men's Bible Class he went in 1895 to Woodchurch to be taught to handle a bell ready for the opening of Oxton bells which were at that time being installed. Owing to a mishap he ceased to attend at Woodchurch, and so was not a member of the opening band at Oxton, but joined them late in 1895 after further tuition at Bidstow. Until leaving Cheshire at the beginning of this century he was a member of the Oxton company.

Mrs. Beamish and her daughter, Margaret, have been visiting London, and scored a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Isleworth with Mr. H. W. Rogers' band on September 19th. The peal was a wedding compliment to that popular Cumberland Youth, Mr. F. J. Matthews, and his bride, Miss Marjorie Jackson, who rings with him at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Congratulations to the Ashtead St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers, whose first quarter peal of Doubles is reported this week. This Society was founded just a year ago, and evidence of progress must be very gratifying to all concerned in their training, and especially to Mr. F. Oakshott, of Christ Church, Epsom, who called the quarter.

Mr. F. W. Attewell, who rang the third bell in a quarter peal at Weston Favell on September 12th, was, until a recent operation, a blind ringer. He is still without sight in one eye, and only partial sight in the other. Despite this handicap, Fred learned to ring, depending entirely on the senses of touch and sound. He can now take a bell through a course of Cambridge Minor.

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A MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

14 Peals From 25 Attempts

ONE measure in the success of a venture is indicated when all concerned agree that the end has come all too quickly, and when there is general regret in parting even to one's own home. Such was the situation at the termination of a week's peal ringing tour centred around Birmingham, the outstanding feature of which was Mr. George E. Fearn completing his one thousand peals.

Members of the party from London, Kent, Sussex, Surrey and Hertfordshire met in London on Saturday, Aug. 29th, and journeyed to Coventry in a coach owned and driven by Albert R. Lawrence, captain of the Hatfield band. This coach and driver did us good service throughout the week and covered a total of 752 miles.

At Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Margaret Beamish and Mr. Frank Perrens extended to us the first of many welcomes and also joined with us in starting the ball rolling with peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The former church, having a Saxon foundation of year 1166, suffered badly through war-time bombing in 1941, when all except the tower was destroyed, and the part which has now been rebuilt will form the Chapel of Three Kings on the completion of an ambitious reconstruction scheme. Much rebuilding work here was exceedingly well done by prisoners of war.

On Sunday morning, after a restful first night at our headquarters, St. John's Hotel, Edgbaston, we assembled by 9 a.m. at St. Philip's Cathedral, when we had a feeling of the silent bells calling to us 'Come and make us speak, we are not trained to be quiet for too long,' and, my word, those bells knew how to produce the music of Bristol Major, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Maximus, in addition to Stedman Cinques! We had received a cordial welcome from the local ringers, and Mr. Albert Walker took some of the party to St. Martin's, while others were taken to Bishop Ryder's, to ring at both churches from 10 o'clock onwards. In the afternoon we had a country ride to Hartlebury, where a peal of Cambridge was rung, and to Rock (tenor 13 cwt.), where Superlative was lost after 1 hour and 50 minutes.

'A CLEAN SHEET DAY'

On Monday, the last day of August, we finished with a clean sheet, perhaps because it is the recognised washing-day. At Sutton Coldfield, where Holy Trinity Church stands behind a very pleasant and colourful garden lay-out, a peal of New Cambridge was brought round without trouble or demur. After lunch we journeyed to two most satisfying rings of eight with 'ladies' size and 'youths' size tenors. Warwickshire Surprise was rung for the first time by all the band at Shirley (tenor 6¼ cwt.), whilst Rutland Surprise was rung at Selly Oak (tenor 12½ cwt.). These two successes were probably the best combined effort during the week, as they were executed in a high order, although no reflection must be cast on those not taking part. For those who had not visited Bishop Ryder's previously, our caretaker arranged a practice ring in the evening.

Tuesday dawned and the party were as fresh as the new month, but a late start, which inevitably causes a sense of hurry, at Old Hill, with a tenor weighing 23¼ cwt. for a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, was a contributory factor to our second failure, also after 1 hour and 50 minutes. This was a case where those who express their opinions can prove conclusively that fast ringing is due either to the fact that the tenor has to be pulled in to prevent the little bells clashing through not holding up long enough, or the trebles have to be pulled in because the tenors are forcing the pace—one's line of argument seems to depend upon which end, the heavy or the light, one is ringing! However, a peal of Cambridge was being rung at Halesowen, a tower about two miles distant. Success attended both efforts in the afternoon, and in both cases there was an audience. Two peals of Yorkshire were rung, one at Erdington Abbey and one at Handsworth. At the latter George had reached treble nine, and conditions were such that within quite a short period he had managed to reach treble one—any peal ringer will know what is meant. Within the four walls where this second event took place, we were privileged to meet Ald. Paddon Smith. The ringing at Erdington was very much enjoyed by those taking part. In the evening we were conducted to Kings Norton, a suburb of Birmingham, where there is a very musical ring of ten and where the local company offered us extreme preference with the ringing.

1,000th PEAL AND PRESENTATION

Wednesday's programme commenced at Old Swinford (tenor 12½ cwt.), where Yorkshire was lost after 1½ hours, and at Hagley (tenor 9 cwt.), where an attempt for four Spliced failed after 1 hour and 35 minutes. At the former tower the tourists were pleased to welcome two respected colleagues in Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, who had taken part in most of the previous tours. Also at Old Swinford we were cordially received by Archdeacon Hurley, of Dudley, and by Messrs. Jack Bass and Stirling. In the afternoon George Fearn was able to call 'This is all' to his one thousandth peal, an extent of Yorkshire at Netherton. It was good in more senses than one that this attempt was successful, else the day would have been blank, as an endeavour to ring a peal of Superlative at Clent (tenor 12½ cwt.) ended prematurely after 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Before the assembled party left Netherton, George was presented with a wallet and Mrs. Fearn with a box of chocolates, by Tom Lock, the organiser of the tour, who extended formal congratulations on behalf of the party. Later in the day we were fortunate to enjoy some fine relish by Yardley—and to the ladies who may be reading this account, it has nothing to do with perfume, but it has to do with a ring of eight bells hung in the tower of St. Edburgha's Church. There used to be six bells here, but recently an octave was installed, and it provides a good instance of harmony in planning and execution, for the result is a lovely ring of bells in a suitable tower.

We really did achieve blankness on Thursday, and all three peal attempts were halted through shift courses. Admittedly, we chanced things at Wednesbury (tenor 24 cwt.) in the morning with Yorkshire Royal, but had we succeeded our success would have been very swept with five firsts in the method on ten bells. The ringing was up to standard, for all the band were used to two over the eight, and it was merely a couple changing places after the first hour.

A NEW QUARTER

Starting with this issue is a new quarter of 'The Ringing World.' New postal subscribers should enrol to-day. Send 6s. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. For other rates see centre page.

TANTALISING

In the afternoon, the failure at Sedgley (tenor 16 cwt.) for an extent of London was the most tantalising of the tour, for the attempt lasted for 2 hours and 40 minutes, during which time Arthur Pearson acted in the true sense as conductor. At the same time another band was a few miles distant at Coseley (tenor 11¼ cwt.) trying, in the first instance, to record a peal of Staffordshire Surprise, which was persevered with for two courses only and, in the second instance, to record a peal of three methods Spliced. This effort lasted for one hour, when the conductor saw the bells in their incorrect coursing order.

Our excursions on Friday took us into Shropshire, and we know that this county contains at least one very good octave, with tenor 15½ cwt. The place is Claverley and the church has some Saxon or pre-Norman work in it with three items of particular interest — the wall paintings, the two fonts, and the Jacobean pulpit. We visitors had had a friendly welcome from the Vicar, who wished us success in our peal attempt, but unfortunately it was the day before continued, as soon after we had entered the last part of a three-part peal of Bristol it was noticed that two bells had changed over. Success was being gained, however, on another good ring of bells at Brewood.

The afternoon was spent at Kidderminster, twelve of us in the tower of St. Mary and All Saints'. Here we soon settled down to Stedman Cinques and got nearly to the turning course without any trouble, but trouble soon overtook us and we stopped after 2 hours and 10 minutes. Later in the day we visited another twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham, where just a short ring took place chiefly to try out the bells after some repairs had been executed.

THE CENTRE OF ENGLAND

The final day on the peal programme involved a fair amount of travel, and whilst we were on the road between Birmingham and Coventry we passed through Meriden, where a stone monument stands on a spot claimed to be the centre of England. Monks Kirby (tenor 24½ cwt.) and Bullington were our ports of call, and we had a jolly good ring at both, the attempt for Superlative at the latter being successful. At the former tower, where weight, space, noise, time and everything else were in plenty, the band settled down after a slow start determined to ring a peal of Bristol—and nearly succeeded. But after 3 hours and 10 minutes one or two began to ring a method with an irregular 'line' and involving a coursing order which would not be acceptable by the Central Council. For our efforts we were treated by the ladies to some ham sandwiches in the coach, which dropped eight of the party at Stoke-in-Coventry, whilst on its long journey to Willenhall. Attempts at both of these towers were successful, so we finished with a flush to bring our total up to fourteen peals rung out of 25 attempts.

The party did not disperse until early on Sunday morning, when those going northwards hung on (until 9 a.m.) to enjoy again the company of the Birmingham ringers and those being taken downwards in the coach stopped at Evesham to ring for service on the grand twelve in the Bell Tower.

Reflections of a very enjoyable week are, of course, many, but a few may be recorded. We thank George for making available his 'local knowledge' and his assistance in all the preparations necessary for such a tour and for his correctness, as navigator, in conducting on routes in and around Birmingham. We thank all incumbents, tower captains and secretaries for giving us an opportunity to ring on their bells and for the many welcomes we received from them. A word of praise to each of these last named gentlemen on the excellent

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Midland Counties Tour—Cont.

condition of their towers and the cleanliness of their ringing chambers. We did, in more instances than we would anticipate, find that the ringing chambers had no means of thorough ventilation and, in one instance, when ringing on the ground floor, we took local advice and left the external door open, even although it allowed the public to witness our activities.

The tourists missed the presence of Edward Jeffries, who was unable to come at the last, owing to family illness. With the permission of Mr. Drew, captain of the Claverley band, the following, which appears on the notice board in the ringing chamber, is quoted for the benefit of the Exercise:—

> 'No matter how quickly men learn methods, no matter what their abilities as ringers, composers or conductors, and no matter how satisfactory to themselves their ringing may be, it will never give the same satisfaction outside the walls of the tower as will the production of accurately struck changes in the most simple method.'

Our ringing throughout the week was of a good standard, and was appreciated by those who were listening, as well as those who were performing. To accord with information given to the Press the ringers on the tour entered 32 belfries to ring about 120,000 changes in a total of 71½ hours. Four towers containing twelve bells, four towers containing ten bells and 23 towers containing eight bells were visited all in four midland counties.

CHESHIRE VETERAN IS NOW 92

Mr. William Rigby, of Fern Cottage, Lawton, Cheshire, 'Old Bill' as he is affectionately known, has celebrated his 92nd birthday, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, Reeves' Variation, which he requested, was rung and is recorded elsewhere.

He commenced ringing in 1882 at Wolstanton, and then spent seven years at Tunstall, and then to Lawton, where he has been conductor for more than 50 years. During this period his band of local ringers reached a very high standard, and many local ringers enjoyed the feats of handbell ringing which were always a feature of Lawton ringers' meetings. He has not been a prolific peal ringer, and the writer can only find about 20 peals, of which he conducted 11—his first peal was at Silverdale in 1893.

Mr. Rigby has occupied the positions of clerk, sexton and verger for over 70 years, and still takes an active interest in church affairs. He is very proud of the fact that his family and grandchildren were all members of the church choir.

All ringers will wish that Mr. Rigby will have many more happy birthdays.

D. R. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

WESTERN DISTRICT AT NEWTON ST. LOE

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Newton St. Loe on September 12th. The Rector, the Rev. J. W. Tunwell, conducted a somewhat unusual service, as he commenced with his address! At the short business meeting it was decided that the next meeting would be held on December 12th at Portishead, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon, ringing ranging from rounds to a course of Cambridge Minor by an all-ladies' band, while the visitors ranged in age from 82 to eleven weeks!

LYME REGIS BELLS REDEDICATED

The silence which has for six months pervaded the tower of St. Michael's Church, Lyme Regis, has at last been broken. It was a day of great rejoicing when, on Wednesday, September 16th, the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key) came to dedicate the new bells.

The service commenced with the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' sung in procession from the west door. Then, during the singing of the 150th Psalm, the Bishop, led by the clergy, proceeded to the baptistery beneath the tower for the solemn act of dedication. Immediately after the bells were rung in rounds while the clergy returned to the chancel for the rest of the service. Those taking part in the ringing were: G. S. Morris 1, J. Fenton 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, J. Bennett 4, G. Whitemore 5, J. Barrett 6, H. G. Keeley 7, T. Thornber 8.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the occasion as one which not only combined the interest and thanksgiving and something more than satisfaction, but a very holy pride in achievement for which many had been striving and saving.

It was of particular pride and importance not only to the congregation of that church, the ringers, the people of the town and the borough as they had them represented by the Mayor and those with her, but those also from many parts of the country who were that day joining with them, a day which must also bring to those in the church a mixture of satisfaction and pride with that note of regret which must always precede a parting, that they had achieved this before their Canon laid down his burden.

After the service the opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the local ringers standing as follows: G. Morris, Mrs. C. W. Powell, R. Keeley, Canon C. C. Cox, G. Whitemore, Preb. E. V. Cox, H. G. Keeley, C. W. Powell.

On Saturday, September 19th, the bells were open to visitors. Ringers from different parts of the country were present and everyone agreed on the excellent tonal quality of the bells and the high standard of work of the bellfounders.

THE BELLS

The eight bells, all of which have been recast and rehung in the existing frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have the following notes, weights and inscriptions:—

TREBLE, G. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. IN MEMORIAM. M.H.E.T. A.A.G.B.

SECOND, F sharp. 4 cwt. 14 lb. R.I.P. EDWIN EGLON, Parish Clerk 1931-1951. EDITH EGLON 1951.

THIRD, E. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. O Fair Britannia: Hail: 1770 T.B.F.

FOURTH, D. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Harmony in Sound and Sentiment: T.B.F. 1770.

FIFTH, C. 5 cwt. 1 qr. O Be Joyful In The Lord All Ye Lands: T.B.

SIXTH, B. 6 cwt. Thomas Mears, Founder. London. 1843. Fredk. Parry Hodges Vicar. Robert Hillman Mayor, John Church, George Roberts, Churchwardens. O SEA: SPARE ME.

SEVENTH, A. 7 cwt. 2 qr. This Peal of Bells was erected Partly by Rate and Part by Subscription in the Year 1770. This Peal of Eight Bells recast 1953—The Year of the Coronation of ELIZABETH II—by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Canon C. Carew Cox Vicar. A. Brown, Cuthbert W. Powell, Churchwardens.

TENOR, G. 11 cwt. Pro Religione: Pro Patria: Pro Libertate: Mr. A. Tucker & Mr. I. Tuff. C:W: Thomas Bilibie Fecit 1770. IN MEMORIAM: JOHN DAVY HODDER 1881-1952.

ROGER KEELEY.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Birthday Cake for Master

Over thirty ringers from Cambridge and district, accompanied by wives and friends, left Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on the morning of September 19th for their annual outing.

As our coach made its way through Huntingdonshire the sun began to break through the mist, and by the time we reached Grantham everything looked set for a perfect day. Those who had only heard of this glorious ten were as enthusiastic as we, who had been before, and everyone was able to have a pull during the hour allotted to us.

On to Melton Mowbray and an excellent lunch, and then another hour's ringing on an older, but none the less delightful, ten. The Vicar here, after giving all a hearty welcome, expressed his intention of retiring to Cambridge, but I am afraid that none of us could promise to get him the cottage he would like. A lovely ride through the Quorn country brought us to Oakham, where we found a nice eight and had some good ringing.

Tea awaited us at Uppingham, and Mr. J. W. R. Quinney gave us a pleasant surprise when he produced an iced cake, decorated with bells, in honour of the seventieth birthday of our Ringing Master, Mr. T. R. Dennis. In a few well chosen remarks Mr. Quinney welcomed everyone, and congratulated Mr. Dennis on attaining his 'three score years and ten.'

Our Ringing Master then spoke very feelingly of his 50 years' ringing experiences and of the many friends he had made during that time. Mr. Christopher Johnson, of the Cambridge University Guild, also congratulated Mr. Dennis and, on behalf of all, thanked Mr. Quinney for organising such a successful outing. The Vicar of Uppingham pointed out interesting items of the locality, including the famous public school.

Turning towards home, our last call was at Thrapston, where the lighter eight suited some of us, and the day's ringing came to a successful end. Ringing during the day had ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters and three leads of Bristol Surprise. Members of the Cambridge University Guild and one from 'the other place' treated us to some handbell ringing in a reserved room at the White Hart Hotel, where all gathered for refreshment before leaving for home. To put the finishing 'touch' our Ringing Master delighted us with some musical selections on the pianoforte.

At about 10.30 p.m. we all arrived safely back in Cambridge, after a short stop at a certain place along the Huntingdon-Cambridge road, where the writer, in his younger days, had learned the strength of the beer and so dared not leave the coach.

To Jim Quinney for another well organised outing and to T. R. Dennis for keeping order in his usual hearty manner we once again say 'Thank you.'

C. W. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EVERTON BELLS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—With reluctance, but open mind, I would ask all who have not been to Everton, Beds (St. Mary's, Hunts), to refrain from any judgment. These five were a minor peal; this I found out before one or two of the writers in the present controversy were ringers.

My first visit was in my first year of ringing, 30 years ago. Among the company that day were men about 70 years of age and, on remarking a poor ring, I was told still a minor ring, but a little better than the old five. I must admit I did not quite understand at that time just what they were speaking about. When Mears and Stainbank recast the tenor a little more metal was found to raise the weight of the bell to get a 'note,' but I ask anyone who goes to St. Mary's to try the tenor alone; it is not B flat. In fact, they are a most miserable five, and the only way out would be to melt the lot and provide another ring.

The bells as they are now were cast—1st and 2nd, James Keene, 1629; 3rd, R. Holdfield, 1611; 4th, 1400; tenor Christopher Graye (not Miles Graye), 1681. Recast M. & S., 1894.

One or two of the men I met had over 50 years' ringing, and they could remember the old five at Everton. Still the situation is not clarified, as my friend, Mr. Stephens, would have us think. It is said the nave and altar are in Hunts and the tower and bells in Beds. Tetworth is N.N.E. of Everton two miles away, and there are two ways to get there, by driftway or by main road, Beds, Hunts, Cambs, Hunts to Tetworth, passing Whitewood, Old Woodbury and Gamlingay on the journey.

The postal address is Everton, near Sandy, Beds, or Tetworth, Hunts, once known as Everton-cum-Tetworth. Boundaries are extraordinary. Huntingdon appears to have an island two miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide between Beds county/divided by a neck from/Cambs county two miles (almost to Tempsford Station) long and one mile wide. There were several Beds members at Everton, and Bedford Association meetings were held there: later Hunts and Beds have held joint meetings.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

RINGING NOT UP TO PEAL STANDARD

Dear Sir,—As the conductor of some ringing of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Longton, on Wednesday, June 17th, 1953, I would be pleased if you would withdraw the same from the peal total of this year's record.

In my estimation the ringing was not good enough for peal standard. I, as the conductor, did not submit the performance for publication, and I was not aware that anyone else was claiming it as a peal. I also do not wish it to be recorded as a peal for the North Staffs Association.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. PAGE.

Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.

A WEEK IN SOUTH WALES

Dear Sir,—A week in South Wales and what a reception! An outing arranged by Ryan Price and Ron Lucas, a list compiled by Arthur Hoare, giving a list of possible towers for ringing, a special practice arranged by the keen young band at Bedwellty and a great welcome in all towers. May I, through 'The Ringing World,' extend to all concerned my best thanks and keen appreciation.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton,
Dorset.

THE MINOR FIVE CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stote makes some sweeping statements, but shows he hasn't the courage to substantiate them. Instead, he merely attempts to dodge the issue by bringing in 'anything and every red-herring he can think of,' hoping, I suppose, by that means, to distract and 'get round' things—a technique as old as the hills!

Your readers will appreciate that the subject was—minor fives and notes of the scale. This has nothing whatever to do with the other issues. Whether Everton is a Beds or Hunts village matters very little, and before Mr. Stote talks of myself wasting valuable space by commenting on that aspect of the matter, allow me to point out that it was Mr. Barnett who first 'put this under a magnifying glass,' with Mr. Stote 'enlarging the lens.'

Any teacher of music will confirm that it does not require the slightest knowledge of Bob Minimus, or 'Timbuctoo Surprise' for that matter, to understand notes of the scale, in fact any method can be rung on bells all the same notes for that matter. One can ring a method for years and perhaps never so much as attempt a peal of it.

'Whilst ringing,' says Mr. Stote, 'I always think of the bells in terms of tonic sol-fa, never in figures.' That must be as laughable to anyone as his suggestion that the best judge of notes of the scale is the person who has taken part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus, etc.

He states that he found tonic sol-fa an immense help. But he shows a lamentable ignorance of it when he insists on describing Weston Favell as a first five of an octave. I believe there is at this moment a letter in the post from several ringers who have rung at Weston Favell more times than Mr. Stote has probably been through the place, proving him to be wrong. What's more, if he is anything of a man he will submit his view to arbitration. He can bring the finest bell tuner in this country and I'll get one of the leading professors of music here on the spot for him. Neither of us shall gain a penny individually—the loser shall give to whatever charity Mr. Stote cares to name. If he calls that 'a wager in bad taste,' all I can say is—he must have a mind as narrow as a worm-hole.

Strangely enough, when motoring in Beds last week-end, I came across another—dare I say minor five, or ought I to ask Mr. Stote's professional opinion?—at Odell. On tapping them round, it was noted that there was a full-tone between the 2nd and 3rd, which would not have been the case had they been a major five, in which case there would have been only a semitone between 2 and 3. In the case of a first five of eight, the semitone occurs between 1 and 2. Thus one bell in both instances affects the whole key—a point which Mr. D. P. Jones seems not to understand when he says the third at Everton is flat. If they are a major five, that cannot be so.

The bells at Odell, by the way, are in an exceptionally bad state. They hang 4, 1, 2 and 3 in a line, and the tenor in front of the fourth, swinging the opposite way. Wheels are broken, wooden headstocks badly cracked, frame badly decayed, and giving the impression that it must be half-a-century at the least since the last time they were rung.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

IRISH TOUR

A very successful tour in Ireland by Cheshire and North Country ringers produced nine peals, including Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. There were eight different conductors.

'CAMPANOLOGIA IMPROVED'

Dear Sir,—Within this last month I have had the privilege to be lent a copy of the third edition of 'Campanalogia Improved' by J. D. and C. M., dated 1733, I think (M.DCC. xxxiii.). J. D. is, I believe, John Doleman; but who is C. M.?

Whilst reading this volume, on reaching page 97, I came across the following very interesting observations:—

'Now the Practitioner, being perfect in these three peals, he may then proceed to the next following; which is to ring an Eighteenscore without a Bob, as followeth:—

CROWN BOB

Being a composition of three peals, viz., Oxford Treble Bob, College Pleasure and College Treble Bob. The first treble leading of this peal must be rung by the same course as Oxford Treble Bob; the second treble leading by the course of College Pleasure; and the third leading by the course of College Treble Bob; which course must be continued throughout the peal; and five leadings of each peal compleats an Eighteenscore; as in the following example may be seen:

THE TREBLE LEADINGS

	123456				
Oxf.	124365	C.T.	163254	C.P.	134625
	142356		136245		143652
C.P.	162543	Oxf.	132654	C.T.	156342
	126543		123645		165324
C.T.	145623	C.P.	153462	Oxf.	146253
	154632		135426		164235
Oxf.	156423	C.T.	124536	C.P.	163542
	165432		142563		136524
C.P.	125346	Oxf.	145236	C.T.	132465
	152364		154263		123456

THE THREE FIRST LEADINGS AT LENGTH

123456	256431	142356	462351	215634	453126
214365	524613	413265	643215	125643	541362
124356	526431	143256	463251	216534	543126
213465	254613	412365	642315	261354	451362
231645	245163	421635	624135	623145	415632
326154	421536	246153	261453	621354	146523
321645	425163	241635	264135	263145	416532
236154	241536	426153	621453	623415	145623
263514	214356	462513	612543	264351	
625341	123465	645231	165234	246315	154632
623514	213456	465213	615243	423651	Etc.
265341	124365	642531	162534	243561	
				425316	
			126543	452361	
				543216	

Surely the foregoing observations must be the first ever reference to spliced ringing, although the authors obviously did not realise it. No composer's name is attached to this alleged method, and it is certainly not Doleman, for his initials are appended to his compositions.

No calling is given to obtain a 720, as is the case in many of the other methods.

According to my 'Letterpress,' John Doleman lived about 1702, when the volume to which I refer was first published. Thus the book must have been very successful to have demanded the printing of a third edition as late as 1733, provided that I have got the date correct.

I should be very interested to hear from anyone who can throw any light on the early history of spliced ringing.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. LEEMING.

Braintree, Essex.

EXPERIENCE OF OTHER TOWERS

A DAY IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

Six young ringers spent an enjoyable day in North Staffordshire on August 22nd. They were Trevor Reynolds (Wolverhampton), Bill Stote (Coventry), John R. Joyner (Rugeley), David Barr, Miss Ann Barr and Clive M. Smith (Little Aston).

At Haughton, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were enjoyed on this moderate ring of five (tenor 7¼ cwt.). These bells were until recently unringable, but now the frame has been strengthened. An excellent ring (6, tenor 10¾ cwt. in A flat) was found at Dilhorne. The music that sounded from All Saints' octagonal tower was Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor.

After ringing various Doubles methods at Barlaston (5, 6¼ cwt. in C) Fenton was reached. The bells here go very badly and need rehanging, although they are quite tuneful. Rounds and Queen's sufficed on this eight (tenor 14⅓ cwt.), with the help of three local ringers. Norton-le-Moors, visited after a sandwich lunch, proved to be an excellent eight (tenor 12⅓ cwt. in F sharp). With the help of local ringers Kent Treble Bob Major and several touches of Grandsire Triples were accomplished.

The Vicar (Rev. J. D. Worsley) and most of his local band gave us a hearty welcome at St. Lawrence's Church, Biddulph. Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung on this pleasant ring of six (tenor 10¾ cwt. in F sharp) Mr. Stote had to return to Stoke to get a train to Coventry, so we were only five at St Michael's, Horton (tenor 11 cwt.). Trevor rang the front two so that it was possible to hear the six bells before leaving.

A three-quarters of an hour's break at Leek for tea preceded the move to the most northerly church in Staffordshire, namely, St. Luke's Church, Sheen. The Rev. R. J. Philp and a local ringer welcomed the party. The six bells here (tenor 7 cwt.) are of good tone and 'go,' but are very noisy. Although it could not be counted as an 'official tower,' the band visited Holy Cross Church, Ilam, where there are five bells (tenor 9 cwt.), but the fourth has no wheel or stay. However, rounds were obtained by 'clocking' the fourth in the right place.

The band would like to express sincere thanks to Mr. Reynolds for an enjoyable excursion. C. M. S.

NORTH ESSEX VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE

A glorious day was spent in Hertfordshire by a small party of North Essex ringers on September 19th.

Six of the company rang their first on ten bells at Bishop's Stortford, where Mr. N. Round-Turner had the bells up. Expecting to find a six at Much Hadham (according to Mr. Dove), the organiser was surprised to find a light eight hung on ball bearings with a long draught. The two trebles had been added as a memorial to those who fell in the second World War. Here a well-known Stisted ringer did not distinguish himself—taking six blows before making his tenor speak. Before a picnic lunch the six at Widford were sampled. The tenor here felt more like 15 cwt. than its reputed weight of 9¼ cwt.

The afternoon's ringing included Ware, where Shirley Barringer joined the party. Sawbridgeworth (too noisy for enjoyment) and Hatfield Broad Oak, where Essex air provided the best ringing of the day. Braintree was reached soon after 8 p.m. The party regretted the absence of Mr. Ron Suckling, who had a fall from his bicycle, and Mr. Ron Boykett.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE

On September 1st the St. Mellons, Monmouthshire, bellringers, accompanied by their Vicar, the Rev. Gower Rees, fellow ringers from Rumney, Whitchurch and Cardiff, held their annual outing in the Hereford district.

Owing to an unscheduled stop for morning coffee, they arrived late at the first tower of the day, the ancient Parish Church of Clodock, near Longtown. Here we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Astbury, who conducted the non-ringers around this most interesting church, whilst the ringers did justice to this fine six, which were restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in time for the Coronation.

An excellent lunch was waiting at the Booth Hall Hotel, Hereford. Afterwards Hereford Cathedral was visited, where, assisted by Mr. Davies, of the local company, the bells were soon going in rounds and changes. Here, possibly due to the recent meal, or maybe the number of steps encountered, the ringing was not of the best, and Stedman Triples proved to be the only touch of the day which failed to come round.

At Eardisley, the Doubles and Minor experts made good use of the limited time at their disposal on the excellent light six. The last church visited was over the border into Wales at St. Andrew's, Presteigne, Radnorshire. Before ringing the party satisfied the inner man with a salad tea at the Duke's Arms, and it was here that the Rev. Gower Rees thanked Mr. Reg Addis for the excellent arrangements he had made to ensure that this would be another memorable outing. The bells, an easy going eight, proved well worth waiting for, and the ringing here was voted to be the best of the day.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire Caters.

A NORTH DEVON OUTING

Ringers of St. James', Taunton, and Wilton, with friends from neighbouring towers, have happy memories of their outing to North Devon on September 5th.

The morning's programme included South Molton, Pilton and Braunton (where, in spite of some trouble with the rope of the sixth, ringing was well up to standard). After lunch at Braunton, some of the party found enjoyment in watching the trout in the local river.

At Tawstock, a fine estate church tucked away in the country, the stouter members of the party had some difficulty in getting into the belfry. It was, however, well worth the effort to ring on this fine eight. An hour was spent at Northam and tea taken at Bideford. Here ringing was curtailed for half an hour in order that the local ringers could carry out their annual custom of ringing at the end of the regatta. They gave an excellent example of Devon call change ringing at its very best.

The final tower was Chittlehampton, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major drew very favourable comments from the 'locals' in the hostelry across the road. F. W. S.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Sept 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, N. Tompkins (cond.) 2, Miss G. B. Cook (first quarter) 3, Miss S. Higham (first 'inside') 4, R. Bagnall 5, B. Rothwell 6, A. Lomas 7, C. F. Jones 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss G. B. Cooke on her departure to college.

BURES AND DISTRICT

At 6.30 a.m. on September 12th two coaches left Bures Church for the Thames Valley. The Staines traffic jam nearly ruined the whole day, and we were compelled to sit and watch 25 minutes tick past. Finally, at Old Windsor we discovered that the other coach had been more fortunate, but it only contained one ringer. Thus 'Staines' proved to be the first stain on our character, as we have always been known to be on time. The bells were up and ready so, after 160 Bob Major, a few tall changes and three leads of Treble Bob, we beat a hasty retreat.

At Boyne Hill we were back to the normal time schedule, and felt very refreshed on being told that our Superlative was rung in a superlative manner; the Bob Major call changes and Stedman were also nothing to be ashamed of. Having done justice to an excellent lunch, arranged by Mr. Gosling, we journeyed alongside the Thames to Cookham, where we were pleased to be welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Fowler, who informed us that a sound-proof ceiling was to be installed. This is an absolute necessity if one is to enjoy ringing in this tower. Our Yorkshire Treble Bob, Bob Major and call changes would have been better with a little less noise, as one can hardly distinguish the strike notes from the overtones.

Mr. Fowler accompanied us to Beaconsfield to have his first pull on the new ringing floor, which is a tremendous improvement. Here we really enjoyed ourselves on these fine toned bells, with Bob Major, Grandsire, Mixed Treble Bob Double Norwich and Yorkshire. Following an excellent repast arranged by Miss D. Fletcher, Mr. Millatt passed a very hearty vote of thanks to the organiser (Mr. Leslie Mills), who suitably replied.

The next call was Denham, a delightful village with bells of which they can be justly proud; unfortunately they are not heard at their best in this type of tower. The non-ringers who heard them at a distance regarded them as some of the best they had heard. The bell founders would have found these a better advertisement if they had paid attention to the louvres to send the sound up and out instead of it hitting the tombstones.

The last tower was Pinner, where Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne and Mr. Genna were awaiting our arrival. We started off with Yorkshire, and carried on with various methods, finishing with a real topnotch course of Cambridge. Janet conducted the Bob Major and Rosemary had really begun to find them on the treble.

We had travelled 210 miles through seven counties, been away 18 hours, made several more ringing friends, done our pupils a lot of good and, apart from the incident at Old Windsor, left a good impression (we believe) and, considering that 60 per cent. of our company are under 21, we must say that it was a very successful day. L. D. M.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held in South Marston on September 12th. There was a good attendance of branch members, and visitors were present from Bristol, Chippenham, East Budleigh, Fairford and Brenchley, Kent.

Tea was provided by the local ringers in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting it was proposed that the next three meetings be held at Wanborough, Rodbourne Cheney and Christ Church, Swindon.

As the branch secretary is away from Swindon a good deal, it was suggested that an assistant be appointed to carry on in his absence, and Mrs. Kynaston was asked to act in this capacity.

The ringing covered a fairly wide field, ranging from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge, York and London Minor. W. B. K.

METHOD STRUCTURE

BY GEORGE BAKER

Round blocks and transpositions in methods, principles and systems, discovered by myself in 1924, prove conclusively that every move made in the primary principle or the treble bob principle count in method structure.

Notwithstanding, we still have Mr. York-Bramble making mystery where there is no mystery.

'Fulbeck' or 'Regina' Minor—they are one and the same *basic* method—consists of eight rows of plain hunting, plus five rows in which places are made. Six places are made altogether, but *adjacent interior* places count as one move; this brings the total down to four moves, and these made *separately* in the six-bell primary principle produce the following lead heads:—

5th & 6th rows:	3rds & 4ths	=	153426	lead head
6th & 7th rows:	5ths	=	135264	,, ,,
7th & 8th rows:	3rds & 4ths	=	124356	,, ,,
12th & 13th rows:	2nds	=	135264	,, ,,

Transposed in consecutive order we get:—

123456

153426 (1)
132564 (2)
135264 (3)
156342 (4)

Everything in method construction is as easy as the foregoing when you know the ropes.

The extensions given to the higher numbers are not round block extensions. They are not pivot bell extensions, nor are they static extensions as the place-making begins at different rows on each of 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. They might be called reciprocal expanding double extensions, a term that would require more explanation than I have time for in this article.

I am sorry to contradict the Methods Committee's dictum when I say emphatically they are all one method under the above title.

MR. ERIC NOBLES MARRIED

The marriage took place at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, September 19th, of Mr. Eric Nobles and Miss M. E. L. Stanford. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Morgan.

Mr. Nobles, besides being tower captain at Dallington, is also secretary and treasurer of the Northampton branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and a representative of the Guild on the Central Council.

The ringers turned out (as was to be expected) for the wedding, and the couple left for their honeymoon to the tune of the bells.

A peal was attempted but was lost. This was in some measure compensated for when, before Matins on Sunday morning, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung by members of the regular band, comprising: Three extents of Grandsire, three extents of April Day and 4½ extents of Bob. Charles T. Windram 1, Roger Old 2, J. Nash 3, John G. Chapman (conductor) 4, Michael Bushell 5, C. Bushell 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Mackintosh (first quarter) 1, A. S. Richards 2, Anne Holmes 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. Bird (first of Grandsire Doubles as cond.) 5, M. Fuller 6.

OBITUARY

MR. G. A. BLAXCELL

As briefly reported in our columns recently, Mr. Garnham A. Blaxcell died tragically as the result of a road accident. He was returning home after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich at Debenham, and by some mischance his cycle wandered to the offside of the road into the path of an oncoming motor bus. The driver went over to his offside to try to avert a collision, but Mr. Blaxcell turned back into his proper course and was run over and killed instantly. At the subsequent inquest the verdict was 'Misadventure.'

Mr. Blaxcell was 63, and had rung about 300 peals, mostly for the Suffolk Guild. He was a familiar figure at meetings, and had cycled literally thousands of miles in the pursuit of ringing. He had been a member of the Stowmarket band for about 20 years, and among his peals were a 6,000 odd and a 7,000 odd of Treble Bob on Stowmarket bells.

At the funeral on September 17th many ringers, as well as a large number of neighbours and friends, were present. Messrs. C. E. Fisher (vice-president), C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master) and C. W. Pipe (general secretary) represented the Suffolk Guild, and Mr. A. G. Bason the Norwich Diocesan Association. Other ringers present included Mr. B. Chilvers (secretary, Stowmarket district), L. Foster (Mendlesham), W. E. Maulden (Framlingham), R. W. Steward (Ipswich), Supt. H. C. Rush (Eye), E. A. Cracknell (Buxhall), A. Fever and J. Whybrew (Woolpit), D. Brand (Haughley), W. J. Button (Stonham), Messrs. H. D. Lister, R. F. Lester, C. W. Miller, A. R. Woodard, J. Dale and O. G. Barnard represented the Stowmarket company.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Stowupland, the Rev. T. W. Arch, assisted by the Vicar of Debenham, the Rev. C. T. M. Musgrave-Brown. The lesson was read by Mr. O. G. Barnard. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. W. E. Maulden, C. J. Sedgley, O. G. Barnard and H. D. Lister.

During the evening the bells of Stowmarket Parish Church were rung to half-muffled touches, and a peal was rung at Sudbury. Peals have also been rung at Barking and at Stowmarket. The last-named was Horace Howlett's 5,040 of Bob Major, which Mr. Blaxcell had arranged to call at Framlingham on the day on which it was rung.

MR. W. REES

The band of ringers at Sketty Church, Swansea, have suffered a great loss by the death on September 17th in hospital of Mr. William (George) Rees, at the age of 81 years. A few days before he had undergone a major operation.

A very loyal ringer and always in the tower for Sunday service ringing, Mr. Rees was for some years the tower captain. He was not a peal ringer, but never failed to attend meetings. He was also a sidesman and a great church worker. It was fitting that the last tower he should ring at was Newnham-on-Severn, the church where he was christened.

The bells he loved so much at Sketty Church were rung half-muffled on September 21st before the funeral service by members of the local band. J. A. H.

MR. G. R. LAWRENCE

Chatham ringers held with affection Mr. George Reed Lawrence, who died on September 7th at the age of 86. In spite of his age, he was quite an active man, although, owing to a succession of minor accidents at his work, he had not taken part in ringing since the lifting of the ban.

Recently he stepped off the roadside kerb and, in doing so, slipped and fractured his thigh. This mended sufficiently for him to get about a little with the aid of crutches, but it appears that the after-treatment was not successful.

George was the tenor man at St. Mary's, Chatham, for many years and during that time he rang quite a number of peals, but it was as steeplekeeper that he will be best remembred. He was a regular and punctual member of the band and gave good service in a very quiet and humble manner. He and his family were regular worshippers at St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Lawrence had been a widower for a number of years and leaves a son, daughter and two sisters to mourn their loss. V. A. J.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AT HOLYWELL

The Rector of Holywell, Hunts (Rev. A. L. McL. P. Higgins, M.A.), welcomed the Hunts District to Holywell in his address during the Guild service held on September 19th. Miss Joan Harding was at the organ, and the District Ringing Master (Mr. F. Warrington) read the lesson. Members were present from Blunham, Brampton, Chesterton (Cambs), Haddenham, Huntingdon, Newmarket, Over, St. Neots, St. Ives, Somersham, Stretham and the local company. Tea was at the Ferry Boat Hotel.

At the business meeting Canon B. F. Shepperd presided, and Whittlesey was agreed for the next meeting. Mr. R. F. Baker, assistant secretary, gave an invitation for Brampton for the November meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of his bells and taking the service, and Miss Joan Harding and Messrs. Norman and Parish for their respective services. Standard methods were practised from London Surprise Minor to Stedman.

F. W.

DEDICATION

KENTISBURY, NORTH DEVON

The Bishop of Crediton dedicated on September 4th the two additional treble bells which have been added to the old four bells of 1723, which have been provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at St. Thomas' Church, Kentisbury. A new ringing gallery was also dedicated. Kentisbury is situated about half way between Barnstaple and Lynton, and is described on the signpost as 'the town of Kentisbury.'

Bands were present from Arlington, Combe Martin, Molland, High Bickington, Tawstock, Shirwell, Mariansleigh, and Thorverton. The ringing was mainly call changes, which, in particular, the High Bickington band rang to perfection. The first change ringing, 120 Grandsire Doubles, was rung by Thorverton to the great interest of the call change ringers, many of whom were seeing 'scientific' for the first time.

Arlington bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were also available, and many bands rang on this fairly good six. An excellent tea was provided by the local people.

W. L. P.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty Attend District Meeting

On September 12th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Padarn at Llanbadarn Fawr. The bells were available at 2 p.m., and from that time ringers arrived from Tenby, Carmarthen, Burry Port, Llanelly and Llandilo, and about 50 members were present. This was a fairly good attendance, considering that Llanbadarn Fawr is in the northern part of the Diocese.

The Vicar (the Rev. O. G. Rees) officiated at the service, and in his address he gave the members the history of the church and bells. A very nice and welcomed tea was provided by the Llanbadarn ringers, which was greatly appreciated.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, with Mr. W. J. Harris (captain of the Llanbadarn ringers) acting as secretary, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. H. Hawkins. In opening the meeting the Vicar extended a very hearty welcome to all the members of the Guild to Llanbadarn Fawr, and the usual touch on the handbells was given by members of the Llanbadarn ringers. Instead of ringing the changes they rang tunes and received great applause.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 17s. 6d., and two new members were elected.

The next quarterly meeting was suggested to be held at Haverfordwest on December 12th, with Burry Port as an alternative.

This brought the meeting to a close, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Williams (Carmarthen) to the Vicar; also to Mr. W. J. Harris and to the ringers of Llanbadarn, who generously gave the tea. The members then returned to the tower to finish off a very successful meeting, before trekking home, distances, in some cases, being well over a hundred miles.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEDS. MAULDEN.—Weekly practice night will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, at 7.30 p.m., and continue throughout the winter months. All ringers welcome.—M. J. Lockey. 3272

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice of term Wednesday, October 7th, 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's College). Freshers especially welcome. 3260

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—There will be a meeting of the Northwich Branch at Middlewich on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. approximately.—D. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 3271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, North Weald, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald. 3208

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Wickwar (6), October 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 3277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 3207

LADIES' GUILD. — North-West District. — Meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde. 2303

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Cockerham (6) on October 3rd. Ringing 2.30 to 8. Drinks only provided. Fetch own tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3267

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The meeting arranged for Saturday, October 3rd, is cancelled.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3247

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Oct. 3rd, Sibsey. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 3224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. 3223

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Interim meeting, Watton, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 79, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford. 3227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing: Charlbury, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Chadlington after tea.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford. 3167

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: Shoreditch 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Margaret, Westminster, 4.30 to 5.30. 3261

SUFFOLK GUILD (Sudbury-Clare District), ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern District). — Joint meeting at Bures on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—L. D. Mills and J. H. Gould, District Secs. 3195

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Bell Hotel 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3236

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. 3221

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 3rd, at Hursley. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. 3162

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Oct. 5th, 7.15 p.m. Meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow (Bow Road Underground Station), Saturday, Oct. 10th; ringing 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5.15 (names, please); business 6 p.m.; further ringing 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3240

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at King George Hotel, October 10th, at 6 p.m. Bells at St. Mary's Church available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3279

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), on Saturday, October 10th. Usual arrangements. 3245

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Yatton, October 10th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3275

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting at Barrington, Saturday, October 10th. Usual arrangements. — J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 3278

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Halse (6), October 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3250

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywater, Secretary. 3251

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Hessle, Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by tea by Wednesday, October 7th, to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle. 3282

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 3225

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Oct. 10th. Names to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. The dinner has been arranged for Nov. 14th in Tunbridge Wells (details later), and I would be glad to know at once how many members intend to support this event.—C. A. Bassett. 3231

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, October 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3265

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — Evening meeting, Wanborough (6), October 10th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston. 3254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Redlands, Poplar Road, Shalford, by previous Wednesday. 3244

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by October 7th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 3249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 7th.—P. A. Martin. 3230

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's bells 2.30. Cathedral after meeting only. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with the cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Nominations must reach me first post same date, none accepted after.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Annual district meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.45. Tea 4.30 (Parish Hall). Business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. On Saturday, Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at West Hartlepool, Oct. 10th. Bells at All Saints' 2.30–5; St. Oswald's 6. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 8th, to Mrs. M. Lawson, 8, Villiers Street, West Hartlepool. 3232

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Seale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3281

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3280

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19. —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 3283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, October 10th. Tea by kind invitation, names by Monday, 5th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk. No names, no tea. Bus 113 from Preston, 1.45 and half-hourly, from Wigan, 1.30 and half-hourly. Frequent buses from Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 3284

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey (6), October 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Practice method: Double Court. Cups of tea provided. —F. Pritchard. 3256

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Whitwick, October 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by October 7th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 157, Hall Place, Whitwick.—C. W. Hall. 3266

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & OXFORD GUILD. — Joint meeting of local districts, Hillingdon, October 10th. Bells (10) 3 to 4.45 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea appreciated by Mrs. W. H. Coles, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes (Hayes 4783) by Wednesday previous. Social 8 p.m.. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8) 2.45 to 4.—F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 3270

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hanley, Saturday, October 10th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3246

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Rectory. Names or numbers to Rev. H. G. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich, not later than Wednesday, October 7th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 3263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 3205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rushton, Oct. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. Great Oakley bells available in the evening.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 3241

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday, October 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by Tuesday, October 6th, to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 3255

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Autumn meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 10th. Service 3 p.m., when the recently restored ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. Accommodation for tea is limited, so early application is essential.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 3214

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, October 10th. No tea arrangements. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 3257

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) with KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Invitation meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3262

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Oct. 10th, Stedham (6) afternoon, and Midhurst (6) evening. Tea 5 at Midhurst. Please notify by 6th W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3285

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names by October 6th to W J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3253

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. —Meeting, Pylle (6 bells) Saturday, October 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3268

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Roydon (6), Saturday, October 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., free to those who notify A. Livings, 34, Hansells Mead, Roydon.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, October 17th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough, Hants. 3252

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Bedwellty, October 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by October 13th to Mrs. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3243

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Autumn meeting, Brockdish, October 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea by October 13th to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 3274

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney on Saturday, October 17th. Names by Saturday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 3264

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 17th, Durrington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, for those who send names by October 13th to Miss Eloic, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3258

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Nutfield, October 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Names for tea, by October 14th, to Miss N. Kempsall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 3248

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 24th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 20th, and obtainable from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3259

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GEORGE R. NEWTON

WHEN the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers meets at Newcastle next Whitsun and members of the Council who have passed over during the year are remembered there will be many who will desire to pay tribute to George Robinson Newton, who died on September 7th. He was known personally to almost every member of the Council, for he was elected in 1929 and was still a member at the time of his death. There was a twinkle of friendship in his eyes that remained with him despite the advance of years. His words were few, but there was a warmth in his greeting, and at the College Youths' pre-dinner reception he was invariably the central figure of a circle of friends. His knowledge of ringers and ringing was profound, and his judgment, backed by a life experience, was respected.

Born at Prescot, Lancs, on November 30th, 1875, it was in his 19th year that George Newton was attracted to the art of bell-ringing. A ring of bells was to be installed at Oxton, and an appeal was made to members of the St. Saviour's Men's Bible Class for volunteers. George was one of those who came forward and he went to Woodchurch to be taught to handle a bell. As we mentioned last week, he was not a member of the band that rang at the opening of the bells. His first peal was not rung until November 5th, 1898, at Woodchurch, and it was in the tower of the Church of the Holy Cross that the last of his 604 peals was rung.

To a friend in the later years of his life, Mr. E. L. Humphriss, we are indebted to for a number of details of his career. The turn of the century found George Newton in London, and peals for the Kent County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths were among his Metropolitan activities. In 1901 he conducted a peal of his own composition of Bob Major for the College Youths.

Since 1904 he had been closely associated with the Lancashire Association, and that was the year he rang the first of his 390 peals for that body. His accomplishments as a ringer and conductor brought him invitations to ring with leading bands. He travelled much with the late Mr. W. H. Fussell's bands and was rightly proud of being a member of Mr. Bennett's touring band. At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, in 1906 he recorded his first peal of Caters for the Salop Guild. His first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 25th, 1908. His reputation as a twelve-bell ringer was high and he took part in the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in Ireland and in the North of England.

The report of the Lancashire Association for 1906–7 finds his name frequently coupled with another stalwart of ringing, Mr. E. H. Lewis, perhaps one of interest in view of the recent reopening of the Walton-on-the-Hill tower. On February 11th, 1907, W. Davies, E. H. Lewis and G. R. Newton rang together in a peal of Minor. (Incidentally, it was a happy occasion for two young Liverpool friends of G. R.'s to visit Bill Davies' old tower of Rotherhithe on their recent reopening day.) The name of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards is also coupled in this report, though his peal record stands at but one, compared with 28 and 24 for G. R. Newton and E. H. Lewis respectively.

G. R.'s first peal at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Liverpool's parish church, was not until 1912. He had a long association with this tower, being Ringing Master for 15 years. His regular and unceasing devotion to Sunday service ringing and his raising the standard in this tower to Surprise Maximus may be equalled, but can never be bettered. It was a great day for him when these grand bells were reopened, though his grandstand was the Dock Road.

His connection with Liverpool Cathedral dated from 1943, when he was appointed a guide. His selection in 1951 to become the first Master of the new bells of the Cathedral was only natural in view of his outstanding contribution to Lancashire ringing and his familiarity with twelve-bell ringing. His invitations to all his local friends to ring on the few 'silent' practice occasions allowed before the opening day gave him great pleasure. Had his efforts been successful, his ringing friends on the great opening day would have numbered thousands instead of the selected bands from London, Birmingham, Leicester and others. The tower, however, then, as now, was still in the hands of builders.

At his funeral service in Liverpool Cathedral on Sept. 10th, Great George was tolled while the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled by his oldest and his youngest ringing friends. The whole pull and stand was rung three times followed by a whole pull course of Grandsire Triples and a further three whole pulls and stand. Four courses in all of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were then rung. The

whole was completed as that grand little bell-ringer would have wished.

The words of a bell-ringer of the 17th century, John Bunyan, were appropriately included on the Order of Service at the funeral: 'When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the riverside, into which as he went he said, "Death, where is thy sting?" And as he went deeper, he said, "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'

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Basil Jones	3	Rodney B. Meadows	9
James Fernley	4	Walter Allman	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
John E. Bibby	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

DUBLIN.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
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On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
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W. Eric Critchley	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.

BANGOR, DOWN.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Comgall,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

W. Eric Critchley	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Basil Jones	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
James Fernley	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Rodney B. Meadows	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.

HILLSBOROUGH, DOWN.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Malachi,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In twelve methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Basil Jones	2	John Worth	6
James Fernley	3	Edward Jenkins	7
John E. Bibby	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

HOLYWOOD, DOWN.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
James Fernley	2	John E. Bibby	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Rodney B. Meadows	7
John Worth	4	W. Eric Critchley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.

DROGHEDA, MEATH.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

C. Kenneth Lewis	*Treble*	John E. Bibby	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Fred E. Dukes	6
Rodney B. Meadows	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BRAY, WICKLOW.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
James Fernley	2	Rodney B. Meadows	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

DUBLIN.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church Diocesan Cathedral,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39½ cwt. in B.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	John E. Bibby	6
James Fernley	2	John Worth	7
Basil Jones	3	Rodney B. Meadows	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

Thomas W. Lewis	*Treble*	E. Trevor Newbury	7
R. George Morris	2	Maurice G. Turner	8
Sidney T. Holt	3	Reginald Woodyatt	9
George E. Oliver	4	Howard Howell	10
Frederick G. Nurden	5	Cyril Tansell	11
George E. Large	6	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hemming on their silver wedding anniversary.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Francis Brotherton	7
Maurice G. Turner	2	Ernest Stitch	8
Herbert Knight	3	William Davies	9
Samuel Birch	4	Edward V. Rodenhurst	10
Christopher Wallater	5	Harry Griffiths	11
Edgar T. Smith	6	W. George Page	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung to the memory of George R. Newton, a member of the Lancashire Association and the Central Council for many years.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	6
*DEREK P. JONES	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
RICHARD KENDALL	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
JOSEPH E. ARNOLD	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	9
ARTHUR J. SMITH	5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King, of Luton. Mr. King was secretary at this tower for nearly 50 years.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH	*Treble*	BIRLEY WALSHAW	6
MARY WALSHAW	2	HAROLD LONGDEN	7
MARGARET RIDYARD	3	FRANK REYNOLDS	8
RICHARD LONGDEN	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.
Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
Rung to the Glory of God and as a farewell compliment to the Right Rev. Bishop J. L. Wilson, Dean of Manchester, who is now Bishop of Birmingham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*JOAN E. MILLER	*Treble*	*JOHN H. MCTEAR	5
*JAMES R. MOSSOP	2	GRAHAM MCKAY	6
ALFRED EILBECK	3	HAROLD WILSON	7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4	STANLEY RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY J. SERCOMBE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
SHEILA BARKER	2	VINCENT R. OVENS	6
*EDWARD CURSON	3	*JOHN MOORE	7
CEDRIC CURSON	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. MOORE.
* First peal. John Moore is from Heston, Middlesex.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. LACEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. SMITH	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 25th peal for the Guild. † First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
EDWARD G. CURSON	3	JOHN MOORE	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Bracey.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
This is the first peal in the method by all the band.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Sir A. P. Heywood's Arrangement. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	†ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
JAMES L. WRIGHT	2	†GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal and 20th peal together.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Crook, jun., and Mrs. Crook.

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SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Charles H. Kippin	*Treble*	*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	5
*Nelia M. Leahy	2	*Patrick Page	6
*Jessie M. Kippin	3	*Maurice J. Butler	7
*Richard M. Currie	4	*John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Pudsey. First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Alan Fever	*Treble*	Harry D. Lister	5
Leslie Forster	2	William J. Button	6
John Whybrew	3	Ronald W. Steward	7
Robert E. Lester	4	Oliver G. Barnard	*Tenor*

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Oliver G. Barnard.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the memory of Garnham A. Blaxcell.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

Martyn Hawkes	*Treble*	Harold Willett	5
Fred Hawkes	2	Ernest F. Cubberley	6
Edward Maund	3	Charles J. Camm	7
Muriel Willett	4	Len Dovey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles J. Camm.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

George Land	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	Bert Gogle	6
David Heighton	3	Nolan Golden	7
John S. Barnes	4	Allan C. Haines	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Long.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

Sidney H. Jones	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Mrs. S. H. Jones	2	Ernest Morris	6
Ernest W. Beadsmore	3	Percival W. Grice	7
William F. Woodward	4	Henry C. Adams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Grice.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Winifred M. Burton	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Harold Kilby	2	Brian G. Warwick	6
Glenys R. Bodycote	3	Arthur E. Bodycote	7
*G. Harry Bray	4	*John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to David Oliver Forshaw, M.A., who was ordained a Deacon in Leicester Cathedral on September 20th, and afterwards licensed to this parish.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Stephen J. Boulden	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield	5
†Maisie Vantom	2	Mark S. Lancefield	6
†John R. Cooper	3	Robert Swift	7
†Olive M. Boulden	4	Highwood S. Humphrey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Swift.
* First peal of Triples away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples, and first peal of Grandsire. First peal in the method as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Eric D. Boulden, son of the treble ringer.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Arthur W. Dickerson	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
*Margot B. Thompson	2	Thomas R. Simmons	6
Cedric Curson	3	John W. C. Blythe	7
Nolan Golden	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed by William Harrison. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Major in the method.
In memoriam Garnham Arthur Blaxcell.

CHAGFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1953, *in.*3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part Peal.
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*Frank Wills	*Treble*	Frederick Wreford	5
Brian F. Pidgeon	2	*Ernest W. Rowe	6
*Cyril C. Deem	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
John L. S. Glanvill	4	Ernest J. Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman.
The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Anne P. Brown	*Treble*	Dennis Mottershead	5
Ruth M. Jackson	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Jean C. Brown	3	A. Neville Brown	7
David Vincent	4	Alan J. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
A 21st birthday compliment to Jean C. Brown, and also commemorates 50 years as a member of the Association by Mr. J. Hall, leader of the local band.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph W. Cotton	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Michael E. Brown	6
Harold J. Poole	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Roland Beniston	4	Terence A. Thornber	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

H. William Barrett	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	5
Ernest Whiting	2	George Sayer	6
Stanley W. Copling	3	Nolan Golden	7
Charles W. Loome	4	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
A birthday compliment to Mr. L. E. Etheridge, of Fressingfield.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	4	AUGUSTUS J. HEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

OKEHAMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	GEORGE BURTON	6
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	R. GEORGE CARE	7
REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Groves' Variation). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*DAVID M. C. HILL	*Treble*	H. PERCY SPARKS	5
*RICHARD J. CRAGS	2	DONALD E. LEE	6
†ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
WILLIAM J. HIGDON	4	ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD THE CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being eleven Morris's 240's and twenty 120's (ten callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*EVELYN D. ADAMS	*Treble*	CLEMENT F. BONNETT	4
H. JAMES WILDE	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3	*JAMES WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising seven exents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
CHARLES COLES	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in eight methods.
A peal of welcome to the new Rector, Canon C. C. H. James.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire (ten ordinary and ten of Pitman's 240's). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

RICHARD COUSINS	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
EDWARD MARTIN	2	FRANK ARNOLD	4
ARTHUR MILLWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.



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REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods: (i) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (ii) Chester and Munden; (iii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (iv) Beverley and Surfleet; (v) London and Wells; (vi) York and Durham; (vii) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 17 methods on the bells, 89 changes of method. The conductor's 650th peal.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the laying of a foundation stone for the Bobbing Village Hall.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PERCY WESTON	*Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4
MARION BRADLEY	2	*J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	5
*GEORGE E. HANCOCK	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

REV. G. L. TURNEY	*Treble*	CHARLES F. TOVELL	4
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
TOM GREENACRE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung as a welcome peal to the Vicar, Rev. W. P. Tippen, who has recently been collated to the benefice at Dersingham.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*PAULINE M. SAXTON	*Treble*	ALAN H. STURGESS	4
†RENEE MARWOOD	2	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
‡E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	S. JOHN HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ronald J. Turner, of Hambledon, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Doreen M. Skinner, of Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEALS

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 21, THE BUTTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents (ten callings) of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob.
Tenor 3½ in. diam. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. MALE 1—2—3—4 | THOMAS MALE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM HALL .. .. 1—2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3—4
*THOMAS SMELTZER .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' and of Grandsire Doubles. A welcome return to Tom Smeltzer after his long illness.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition.

*ROBIN TURNER .. .. 1—2 | *JACK BAILEY .. .. .. 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3—4 | *DENIS CARLISLE .. .. 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, B. Read (first of Doubles) 3, Miss M. Brown 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. For harvest festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. G. Smith 2, C. G. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, Jill Cochrane 5, S. Hood (first quarter) 6, J. H. Brittain 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. A wedding day compliment to S. Hood, and birthday compliment to Jill Cochrane.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Danbury 1, L. V. Roberts (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss V. Westray 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 5, E. R. Iveson 6, E. G. Webb 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for harvest festival. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, B. Wilsden 2, Mrs. E. Philpott 3, A. C. Philpott 4, J. Stockbridge 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 1, Miss M. J. Taylor 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, C. J. Brown 5, R. O. Fry 6, H. L. Parfrey (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, G. Beeney 2, F. J. Lambert 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, F. H. Dallaway 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, W. A. Kitchenside 7, W. Birmingham 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of W. Ladd, ringer at this tower for 28 years.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan E. Miller 1, G. McKay 2, J. R. Mossop (first of Triples) 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. Tembey 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Eilbeck 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Joan and Jean Miller.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. Harris 1, Maureen Fellows 2, J. McDonald (cond.) 3, A. Harris etaoin sh drlufcmypw etaoin shrdlu eatoi 3, P. Morton 4, M. G. Morton 5, G. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled following Requiem Mass and the burial of Mr. R. H. Barlow.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. P. T. Peters 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Miss A. Cox 3, Miss M. Brown 4, J. Martin 5, B. Hawkins 6, J. Glanville 7, R. W. Morant 8. First quarter of Major by 3, 4 and 5.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Bailey 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Sansom 5, T. Setter 6, M. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. Page 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Mundy (first in method) 1, Miss P. Manning 2, W. Howe 3, C. Deem 4, C. Savage 5, J. Lilley 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, E. Glass 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mollie Chapple 1, F. S. Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, C. H. White 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. To welcome the Rev. G. J. Tarris to the parish.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Bob Triples: R. Castledine (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, S. Bonnett 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, L. Hughes 5, T. Holehouse 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. First of Bob Triples 'inside' by 4 and 5. A farewell to the Rev. J. B. Rigby, curate.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, A. R. Greenough 3, J. P. Blond 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, J. Grace 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Aldridge 4, F. James (cond.) 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRECON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parry 1, S. V. Edwards 2, A. Matthews 3, W. G. Smith 4, G. Davies 5, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 6, D. Stokes 7. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rt. Rev. W. E. Williamson, D.D., Bishop of the diocese and president of the Guild, who was interred at Brecon Cathedral previous to the quarter peal.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, B. H. Grinter (first quarter of Triples) 2, J. M. Stallard 3, A. W. T. Cleaver 4, H. Bennett 5, A. M. Tyler 6, R. J. Bowden 7, F. C. Mogford 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss P. Smee 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, H. Long 5, C. E. Wright (cond.) 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Miss A. M. Trott 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, I. Windwood 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, E. R. Rapley 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. To welcome the Rev. R. C. O. Goodchild as Vicar of Horsham, and for harvest thanksgiving.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion L. Lidgey 1, F. Bradley 2, S. Wade 3, G. W. Taysom 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. Burnett 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, C. W. Jose 8. First quarter peal of Stedman Triples for 5 and 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, Rosemary Hutchings 4, S. White 5, M. Hutchings 6. For harvest festival.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, K. C. S. Wood 5, W. C. Mansfield 6. For harvest festival, and for the 21st birthday of Miss M. C. Hollow.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, N. Mallet 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. For harvest festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents of spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 3¼ of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): O. J. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, Wm. Simpson 3, R. A. Hickton 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for service with the R.A.F. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, Wm. Simpson 2, T. W. Robinson 3, W. R. Harrison 4, R. A. Hickton 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For the visit of the C.E.M.S. of the Deanery to this church.

SEND, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Warner 1, W. Shepherd (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Collins 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, H. Hancock 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Murrell 1, J. Martin 2, Miss A. Cox 3, F. Oldroyd 4, R. W. Morant (cond.) 5, G. A. Whittle 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Farr 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, G. Jeanes 4, A. Bown 5, E. Jones 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Sept. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,275 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, J. Sansom 2, W. Rawlings 3, S. Dearden 4, F. Haynes (cond.) 5, J. Mason 6, C. Watts 7, M. Chilcott 8, J. Chilcott 9, J. Phillips 10.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Lees 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Smith 4, A. D. Fellows (first quarter) 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. L. Dunn (first as cond.) 7, R. Cooper (first quarter) 8.

COPY LOST

Will those whose quarter peals were acknowledged in the issue of Sept. 18th (page 610) kindly send duplicate copy as the whole of the original copy has been lost.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. L. Bennett 3, H. G. Lewis 4, C. Deem 5, G. A. Uglow 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, A. H. Uglow (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Uglow on the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. A welcome to the tenor ringer on his return from overseas. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss G. L. Friswell 1, J. Hales (first of Treble Bob) 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and in preparation for the rededication service by the Bishop of London held the following day.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Sept. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples (taken from Carter's Odd Bob): H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss J. Bailey 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Phillips 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. M. Page 8. Rung for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and H. Langdon (conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers).

WARWICK.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Bodenham 1, Mrs. L. Stain (first quarter of Triples) 2, W. Collett 3, D. W. Hopkins 4, H. Huxley 5, W. Oakley 6, W. H. Male (cond.) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Camm 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, W. Finch (first quarter) 3, H. Willett 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, L. Dovey 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Slocombe 1, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 2, P. J. Moore (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. J. Stevens 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. For harvest festival.

WORSLEY, LANCS—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Fearson 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, A. Pendlebury 3, R. Allred 4, C. Gudgeon (cond.) 5, F. Grundy 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Pearson 8. For harvest festival.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Button 1, H. Collins (first of Triples) 2, R. Coleman 3, K. Medway 4, E. B. Crowder 5, Marjorie Legg (first of Triples as cond.) 6, G. Prescott 7, A. J. Aitken (first of Triples) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Primrose and 600 Ipswich): Anne Holmes 1, R. Bird 2, M. Fuller 3, Mary Fuller 4, J. Canneil 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First extent of Primrose for all. For harvest festival.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, R. G. Payne 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, Major E. F. M. Samson 2, Mrs. E. F. M. Samson (first quarter) 3, F. Precey (cond.) 4, H. Runyard 5, A. Dorey 6. For harvest festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Six Surprise peals were scored by the party who had a week's ringing tour in North Wales, starting on August 29th. Conductors included Mr. Wilfred Williams and Mr. C. H. Kippin. About 1,000 miles were covered, writes M. D. G. Clift, whose story will appear in a later issue.

The peal at Denby, Derbyshire, was only made possible by Mr. Percy Weston, captain of the local band, who stood in at short notice. It is understood that this was his first peal for nearly 20 years.

A tower where good progress from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise has been accomplished in a year is Sapcote, Leicestershire. The average age of the band that rang a quarter of Cambridge was 17½ years and included the four Stratford sisters.

Birmingham ringers will note with pleasure the close association of their new Bishop, the Dean of Manchester (the Right Rev. J. L. Wilson) with Manchester ringers. It seemed fitting that on September 26th, when he concluded his last service in Manchester Cathedral, he went up in the tower to unveil and dedicate the peal board for the Coronation peal.

After a most impressive service the ringers presented the Dean with a pipe as a parting gift. In making the presentation Mr. Arthur Ridyard expressed the regret of the ringers at losing such a good friend, and thanked him for his many kindnesses and interest. In thanking the ringers the Dean said he hoped to make as good friends in Birmingham and he would look out for the bellringers. Bishop Wilson was assured that he was going to very good company and that Manchester's loss would be Birmingham's gain.

Under the leadership of Desmond Roberts, now with the R.A.F., the bells of St. Mary's Church, Kington, were rung by boys attending Lady Hawkens' Grammar School in 1952 for Founder's Day. For this year's ceremony on September 29th only five lads were available, and Olive Jones, a promising young ringer, stepped into the breach. The ringing would have done credit to a more experienced band. Those taking part were Olive Jones 1, Brian Chandler 2, Keith Price 3, Angus McGuinness 4, Basil Smith 5, Colin Goodwin 6. Well done, Kington Grammar School. Keep it up!

Aldershot ringers have booked a 32-seater coach to attend the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner on October 17th.

Mr. Victor Neil, of Shepherds Bush, who started to ring two years ago at the age of 61, writes commending Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's booklet on Grandsire for beginners.

Owing to the tenor gudgeon being broken, the bells of Hemingford Grey, Hunts, are out of order. As the frame is badly cut about, it is hoped a new steel frame may be installed. With the exception of the third (probably recast by Arnold, St. Neots, 1782), these bells are by T. Eayre, of Kettering (1782). Ten silver coins of the size of half-a-crown are showing in the rims of three of the bells. The writer assures us that they are secure!

A party of East Devon ringers and friends had a half-day trip into North Somerset on September 17th. Ringing took place at Timberscombe, Dunster, Minehead, Carhampton and Old Cleeve. At Minehead Owen Griffiths and Bill Webb, both of Honiton, rang their first plain course of Grandsire Caters. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

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THE YOUNGEST RINGER TO REACH 1,000 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Fearn's Brilliant List

THE St. Martin's Guild throughout its long history has ever been fortunate in possessing ringers of outstanding capabilities, and 1953 has seen no decline. On February 19th Albert Walker, who has been aptly described the 'Matador of the Bull Ring,' completed his 500th peal on 12 bells: on September 2nd George E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal and, in so doing, became the youngest ringer ever to earn this distinction.

We feel sure that the Exercise will extend to George its heartiest congratulations on a fine achievement.

George E. Fearn, only yet in his middle 40s, began ringing with his brother Henry H. in 1928 at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, and in the early years had that same keenness for ringing as anyone who has had the privilege of his company in recent years will know.

He was a regular weekly visitor to the practice night at St. John's, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, a distance of some 15 miles from his home at Smethwick, and it was the Martin brothers from that tower who arranged his first peal, at Stone (Worcestershire) on December 26th, 1928.

In the early 1930s, along with his brother, he was a member of the King's Norton band, which, at that time, could boast a London Surprise Major band for Sunday service.

When Birmingham Cathedral bells were recast in 1937 he took charge in that tower and, along with Albert Walker, has maintained the ringing in the city at its high level.

Several interesting features are associated with his 1,000 peals: he has rung the last 825 in nine years and nine months! His brother Henry has taken part in over 500 of them (shades of the Pye family!), also one of his chief supporters, John Pinfold (who rang his first peal in 1903) came out of 'retirement' after the 1939-45 World War, an interval of 40 years, to take part in the last 400 odd.

George E. Fearn's list is a brilliant one, and covers a wide variety of methods on all numbers; as a conductor it has been said that on only two occasions has he been in any 'difficulty.'

The following list contains 547 peals of 'Surprise,' and includes 43 different Surprise Major methods; in all he has conducted 226 of his peals, and three have been rung 'silent.'

HIS 1,000 PEALS

Below is the complete list of his 1,000 peals.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 35 (conducted 3), Yorkshire 13 (1), Pudsey 2 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Superlative 1, Belgrave 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Prittlewell 1 (1), Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Spliced Yorks and Cambridge 1.

Other Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 49 (11), Yorkshire 25 (4), Pudsey 3 (3), Belgrave 1, Rutland 1 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Prittlewell 1 (1), Aldenham 1, Solihull 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Painswick 1 (1), Birmingham 1 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Harborne 1 (1), Langley 1 (1), Staffordshire 1 (1), Spliced Yorks and Cambridge 2 (1).

Other Royal. — Saltley Delight 1, Kent 1, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 4.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 91 (39), Yorkshire 85 (39), London 45 (7), Bristol 29, Rutland 22 (10), Lincolnshire 22 (14), Superlative 20 (8), Pudsey 6 (3), Belgrave 6 (3), Ashtead 3 (1), Aldenham 3, Painswick 2 (1), Somerset 2, Watford 2, Stratford 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Hinton 1 (1), Radnor 1, Hitchin 1, Hallam 1 (1), Dorney 1 (1), Jersey 1 (1), Berkshire 1, Lincoln 1, Vauxhall 1 (1), Hanbury 1 (1), Pyrford 1, Eastcote 1, Warnham 1 (1), Tring 1, Warwickshire 1 (1), Cornwall 1, Chiltern 1 (1), Whitminster 1 (1), Belvedere 1 (1), Cranbourne 1 (1), Langley 1 (1), Southgate 1 (1), Apsley 1 (1), Sandringham 1 (1), Wembley 1 (1), Crewe 1 (1), Trowbridge 1, Spliced, 2 methods, 1; Spliced, 3 methods, 1; Spliced, 4 methods, 10; Spliced, 6 methods, 2; Spliced 8 methods, 2.

Other Major.—Double Norwich 44 (4), Plain Bob 28 (7), Kent Treble Bob 6.

Cinques. — Stedman 202 (9), Grandsire 2, Erin 1.

Caters.—Stedman 59 (4), Grandsire 15.

Triples.—Stedman 32, Grandsire 24 (6).

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 11 (5), London Surprise 1, Plain Bob 20 (5), Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, seven methods 1, four methods 1, three methods 1, two methods 2.

Doubles.—Grandsire 3 (1), two methods 1.

The total includes the following:—'In hand' 58: Stedman Cinques 17, Stedman Caters 16, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Triples 2, Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Major 8, Plain Bob Minor 8, Doubles, 2 methods 1. Silent: Stedman Cinques 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of October 10th, 1913

THE LADIES' PEAL COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED

On Saturday, Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, was the scene of a ceremony which will become historic in the history of ringing, viz., the unveiling of the tablet recording the ladies' peal. It was the lightness and good going of the bells which caused them to be selected by a band of lady ringers to attempt their first peal together; an attempt which they carried to success to the admiration of all ringers throughout England. A very handsome tablet, subscribed for by many hundreds of ringers, records the event.

(The tablet was provided by the contributions of some twelve hundred ringers throughout the country, chiefly in subscriptions of one penny each.)

TEWKESBURY BRANCH'S OUTING

The eighth annual outing of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on September 12th was voted a tremendous success and eight towers were represented. Ringing took place at Chipping Sodbury, Radstock, Chew Magna and Axbridge. Tea was partaken of at Cheddar, and a call on the homeward journey was made on the lovely eight at Clifton Parish Church. Touches rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Major. The outing was excellently organised by Mr. Trevor Newbury, of Beckford, chairman of the Branch.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

First Meeting at Ketteringham

The first meeting of the North Norfolk Branch to be held at Ketteringham was on September 12th, when eight towers were represented. The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Mills) welcomed the visitors and conducted the service, and at the business meeting he was thanked, as were the ladies who so kindly provided the tea. Three new members were elected.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Thompson 1, R. J. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Presentations to Mr. H. Lofthouse

The meeting of the Society at Rothwell on September 26th will be perpetuated as one of the most outstanding in the history of the Society. Following the business meeting, presentations were made to Mr. H. Lofthouse, who last April completed 30 years as secretary of the Society. His retirement from office was marked by presentations made by the President (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) of gifts of a 'Heatmaster,' tea and coffee set, cut glass vase, a pen and pencil, and a four-colour propelling pencil.

Mr. Lofthouse, in thanking the members for their kind thoughts and expression of gratitude, said that, looking back, it did not seem anything like 30 years, and though he had resigned from the position of secretary, he was still a member and would continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the Society. Since the Society's formation in 1889 there had been 24 presidents, and the present holder of the office had been vice-president since 1927. Mr. Lofthouse said he was pleased to see him in the chair on this occasion.

Mr. G. Benfield, on behalf of the younger members, said that when he joined the Society it was affectionately called by them 'Lofty's L. and D.,' and would still be thought of by many by that title. He thanked him for all he had done to help the younger ringers, and said how much they had appreciated it.

Mr. F. Bennett said he was a probationer attending one of his first meetings when Mr. Lofthouse was elected secretary, and he remarked on the improvements that had been made in the Society during the period Mr. Lofthouse had been in office.

All the speakers included Mrs. Lofthouse in their remarks and, in her reply, she thanked them for the gifts, and said how much she had enjoyed being with them that day.

ASSOCIATION WITH JASPER SNOWDEN

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and the ladies who had helped with the tea was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson, seconded by Mr. C. Sutcliffe.

The Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the Society to Rothwell, and hoped they had and would continue to enjoy their visit.

The Vicar was supported by the people's warden (Mr. Haigh), who said he did rather more than the Vicar, in that he did occasionally go into the belfry. The Vicar pleaded his girth and the steps as a reasonable excuse.

Here the president imparted the news that the forbears of Mr. Haigh had brought the art of change ringing to Rothwell round about 1850, and had been responsible for the early training of Jasper Snowden at Hunslet round about 1865.

Mr. H. Homer, on behalf of the local company, welcomed the members to Rothwell. He said they needed no thanks, as the enjoyment of the meeting was a sufficient reward for their efforts.

Other business included the election of Mr. E. Atkinson, of Horbury, as a member, and the selection of East Ardsley for the next meeting. Handbell and tower bell ringing continued till 9 p.m., the meeting being voted as most successful and enjoyable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—All being well, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Royal on handbells on Saturday, October 17th, 1953, starting at 2 p.m., at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth.

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Bournemouth.

MINOR CHANDLER RINGS IN HERTS

Dear Sir,—I fail to see how Mr. Hazell can be so imperative that a minor five will be retuned on augmentation to make a normal six. Surely it depends on local wishes and the type of casting concerned, for it may not be possible to tune a bell to make it a semitone sharper without impairing its tone.

In point of fact this was attempted at both Essendon and St. Paul's Walden, presumably on augmentation, with the unsatisfactory result that the old 3rd (present 4th) in each case is still flat and much poorer in tone. The bell at Essendon is considerably chipped at the rim, and that at St. Paul's Walden has been skimmed on a modern tuning machine from the strike point nearly to the rim. I am given to understand on good authority that this is intended in each case to sharpen the bell. It is a pity that the true nature of these rings was not appreciated by those who were instrumental in arranging the retuning: the old minor five should have been left as they were and the new treble made only a semitone above the old one to produce the same scale as the last six of the Stafford Ten at Exeter Cathedral (i.e., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of a 12, which makes better Minor music than 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of a ring of 8.)

Mr. Frost does not flatter these two rings in dismissing them as 'out of tune.' For those who insist on their sixes striking lah, soh, fah, me, re, doh if they are to be in tune, these bells are no doubt out of tune, for they strike to all intents and purposes te, lah, soh, fah, me, re, but if accepted as being tuned to a different scale, their music is pleasantly odd, if somewhat sad.

I do not think Mr. Frost's note about the recasting by John Bryant of the old 4th (present 5th) at St. Paul's Walden a full semitone sharp is relevant, for this bell is perfectly well in tune now, but the scale is still as described above, the present 4th being flat, not the 5th sharp.

It is the Chandler bells which have determined the scale of these rings (2, 4, 6 at Essendon; 2, 3, 4, 6 at St. Paul's Walden). I do not say that the Chandlers necessarily intended this minor scale when they cast, but surely it is what bells are, and not what they were meant to be, that determines whether they strike a minor scale, and so become a minor ring. As a point of interest which goes against my own theory, the Chandler rings at Datchworth and Flamstead, Herts, are normal sixes.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—We are still not quite right about the peals of Superlative! Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, has kindly written to inform me that one of the peals listed in Davies' Surprise Book is false—that rung at Southgate on Dec. 3rd, 1892. Mr. J. W. Washbrook withdrew it in a letter to 'The Bell News' on June 10th, 1893. He also had spotted the omission, in the book, of one of the two peals I mentioned last week. So the present score, before the Crawley peal, is now 04. I wonder if that is the final score?—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

'LITTLE' METHODS — FAMILY GROUPING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Speed (unwittingly no doubt) misrepresents me and some of the facts in this matter, into which my name has been brought. It is of importance to get the facts right.

Referring to what is, in effect, the way now officially recognised of grouping Little methods in Families, that is by how far the treble hunts up before returning to lead, he says: '. . . the present rule (which is entirely arbitrary and cannot be made less so by Mr. York-Bramble's opinion) . . . .' etc. He is clearly referring to Mr. Slaney's letter on the subject on page 599, where the latter says: 'The Methods Committee has decided that in all extensions of a Little method the treble shall make the same place as in the parent method; and Mr. York-Bramble, with whom I have discussed the matter, is in complete agreement.'

Now, as serious students of Method Structure may well know, I have little cause to attempt to defend some of the decisions of the Methods Committee, particularly some recent ones on extension which may be shown to be but travesties, somewhat arbitrarily expressed at that, of conclusions logically reached in the study of Grid Analysis over the past 30 years or more. In this case, however, their 'decision' is no arbitrary one. It is, in fact, the only possible logical conclusion deriving from first principles of method structure, as I had previously pointed out elsewhere, and would now briefly reiterate.

But first may I say that perhaps Mr. Speed (with others) may be excused for his view of the committee's report; because in several ways their manner of its presentation makes, in my opinion, merely a rod for their own backs. For example, in the reported version on page 472 they say: '. . . . the principle adopted is that methods extend in sections. . . .' Consideration shows this statement to be true only in part, and obviously not the BASIS of extension. (Or, as Grid Analysis prefers to call it, 'Stage variation.') What DOES give rise, basically, to variation in size of ANY AND ALL methods, either up or down, is, of course, the number of bells on which the method is performed. Variation of this number means more or less columns, NOT SECTIONS, in the figures setting out the method-stage. And, unless the method employs a hunt-control bell, and one traversing the full width of the grid at that, there the matter ends. Because it is only by the traversing of more or less columns by such a bell that the length of a division in the method's plain course, i.e., the number of rows in it, can be varied; in other words, then, and then only may the method exhibit more or less sections in the varying stages. It follows that any scientific exposition of the principles of extension must include (if not begin by) a study of the nature of the columns as well as the rows.

Now, a fundamental characteristic of the design of Little methods is a feature that results in an unvaried division-length throughout all stages of the method's family. This feature is a limited hunt-control, i.e. the treble is limited to hunting across only part of the grid, or, as we may say, to n'ths place only; the value of 'n' being constant for the family. In Plain Little Bob 'n' of course, is '4.' As to what 'n' is in Gainsborough Little Bob or any other such method depends entirely upon what it was in the first-rung stage of that method-family (or first published).

On this latter point I gave no 'opinion' in relation to Gainsborough; but if Mr. Speed's peal-dates are correct, the Little method of Royal with 'n' as '6' first rung in 1921 should receive the name it was then given for all its family of stages. To accord with the Methods Committee's ruling as to names after the publication of their report, it would thus appear that no more 'Gainsborough' can be rung UNDER THAT NAME! On this issue of method nomenclature the Methods Committee, again, might have prevented what promises to be wide controversy, by getting down to fundamentals first, and by defining 'parent' (which at present has two connotations) and 'family relationship of stages.' (They do employ this word from Grid analysis!) The fact of Mr. Speed's instances of some methods having different names for what were later recognised as stages of the same family does not vitiate the true principle that all stages of a given method carry the same family name.

As Mr. Slaney's letter conveys, our discussion which took place recently in Oxford merely confirmed agreement between the Methods Committee's findings on the constancy of a Little method's division-length, and my own conclusions of considerably earlier date.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

R.A.F. Reserves Club, W.1.

MEETING SHORT OR LATE

Dear Sir,—Scarcely a month passes without our reading in 'The Ringing World' that some quarter or peal has fallen through because the ringers 'met one short,' or this or that ringer failed to put in an appearance.

Of the number of times on which the time and temper of some are sorely wasted and tried by the unpunctuality of others, nothing is said, but to many of us this is scarcely less annoying than actual non-appearance. Is it too much to ask of our brother ringers that, even if time is of no value to them, they should consider the time of others, and neither break appointments without notice nor act in the matter of punctuality as if half an hour more or less was of no consequence whatever?

To fail deliberately in an appointment with others seems to me to be an act of gross discourtesy; to keep others waiting shows, to say the least of it, a great want of consideration. And I am sorry to have to add that I have, in my own experience, met with so much of this discourtesy and want of consideration that I have been several times tempted to give up ringing in sheer disgust.

I think that if a man undertakes to meet others at a particular time and at a particular place he is morally bound to be in that place at the time and not at such time after the appointed hour as happens to suit the whim of the moment. If, meanwhile, something has occurred to prevent his coming, he is bound to let others know even at the cost of a telegram or the trouble of a journey. If he says that he could not help being late, we must give him the benefit of the doubt, but my belief is that in nineteen times out of twenty a man can help being late.

I trust that I have not written too strongly, but my enjoyment of so many pleasant meetings in the tower has been spoilt by the lax ideas and practice of others.—Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

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A MEMORABLE IRISH TOUR

Noteworthy Peals and Lavish Hospitality

ON August 29th there gathered at Dublin twelve English ringers, some of whom had travelled by plane the previous night, some by boat from Liverpool and some by boat from Holyhead.

After a good breakfast, an incredible one by English standards—details are withheld in the interests of national unity—the band felt rather more inclined to tackle the first job, Cambridge Maximus at the National Cathedral of St. Patrick. At this Cathedral, built by the munificence of the Guinness family, Mr. F. E. Dukes and the local ringers gave us a very cordial welcome, and as our inveterate 'tenor viewer' was unable to be with us this year, we were able to get on with the business of adjusting ropes without delay.

The bells, an excellent twelve by Taylors, with plenty of weight in the trebles as the front end soon found out, were sent off to the tune of Cambridge Maximus. Towards the end of the first course of Lindoff's two-part (we could not dream of using any other composition) the belfry door opened, and in came the local leader and two members of the Press, who proceeded, silently and as unobtrusively as possible, to take flashlight photograph of the band in action. This put the band on their mettle, and during the twenty minutes of the photographers being there, we had some of the best ringing in the peal. All went well until just after the halfway, when a slight trip occurred which was quickly corrected, but the ringing took a little time to settle down again; nevertheless a good peal was concluded, although the tenor man confessed that a long journey, little or no sleep and a tenor of that weight went ill together.

A LOST ROPE

After a hurried but substantial lunch by English standards, we were ready for the second task, Bristol at St. George's. One of the day trippers, the family man with the longest experience, went shopping, while the other rang the tenor to Hattersley's well known peal, ably called by John E. Bibby. The front end proved a little temperamental, and the second ringer lost the rope end at one period, but was fortunately able to recapture it as it came down, with no more effect than three or four bad blows. The peal, first in the method on the bells and the 300th for the Irish Association, was accomplished without further incident, and the band descended to find many members of the Irish Association waiting to greet them.

They had kindly transferred their meeting fixed for the day from St. George's to St. John's, where the remainder of the tourists had experienced the sensation of being suspended between heaven and earth as they ascended the famous (should it be 'infamous'?) spiral staircase. It appears that the tower was built but no provision made for the ringers to reach the ringing room, and the result was the aforesaid staircase, which has been the Waterloo of many a ringer. An excellent meal, as guests of the Irish Association, was enjoyed, and which so attracted that connoisseur of food, our tenor man, that he managed to catch the boat train by the narrowest of margins, and then only through the kind offices of our guide and mentor, Mr. Dukes. On returning to the Four Courts Hotel all endeavoured to recapture some lost sleep.

A BUSY SUNDAY

Sunday dawned bright and clear, and soon after nine the Bedford, laden with its ten ringers, set off for Arklow. Bray was reached just in time to ring for morning service. The local band very kindly handed over the ropes to us and a feeler of a course of Bristol was decided on. We would have liked to have joined the local ringers at morning service (they all attended) in the well filled church, but our time table dictated otherwise, and we bade farewell to them and continued through some of the loveliest scenery which, I believe, the country has to offer.

A slight detour was made to visit Glendalough—a most pretty spot, yet a little forbidding. It is said that no birds sing here. An old church was visited, but wanting archæologists with experience of Ireland, we we could but hazard a guess at its age, possibly Celtic. Our run continued through the beautiful Vale of Avoca.

Lunch was obtained on arrival in Arklow, and immediately afterwards we made our way to the church which became so famous as the centre from which J. W. Washbrook operated in the early years of the century. We ascended the tower and looked round the ringing room with its records of Washbrook's achievements, and hoped we would not disgrace them. Messrs. J. E. Bibby and E. Jenkins, having already rung a peal here, volunteered to stand down, and the remainder started for a peal of London with W. F. Moreton as conductor. It was afterwards suspected that the volunteers stood down in order to enjoy their usual Sunday afternoon forty winks. Some excellent ringing was heard for 2 hours and 20 minutes, when the tenor rope broke beneath the sally. Though we failed to score a peal, one member of the band at any rate revised his opinion of the musical qualities of London.

When we had repaired the rope, the return journey via the coast road began. We were 'Belfrymanised' to visit Wicklow on the pretence that there might be bells there (Dove's Guides were reposing in suit cases in the hotel at Dublin), but on arrival there we realised that the intention was to seek refreshment, and it was soon found in the shape of ice cream wafers, provided for all the company.

'DEPRESSION FROM THE ATLANTIC'

Monday morning provided one of the days when the countryside was enveloped in the characteristic 'depression from the Atlantic,' which was most appropriate, as our journey was through typical bog country. Spirits were not dampened, however, and with a driver who is a railway enthusiast, we had a speedy trip via Navan, Virginia, Cavan, Belturbet, where we solemnly inspected the railway station with its two gauges of line. Here, of course, our driver came into his own. We crossed the border at Swanlinbar in the pouring rain, and the driver, specially selected because his black eye would appeal to the Irish, managed to get us through the Republic post and the Northern Ireland post without our even stirring from our seats.

As we entered Enniskillen we heard a bell being pulled up at the Cathedral, and we later learned that a stay had been broken and that one of the local band had sacrificed the major part of his lunch hour to repair it. Lunch was enjoyed at the Imperial Hotel, and afterwards we proceeded to the Cathedral, where a well kept edifice was inspected and admired. It became the Cathedral of the Diocese of Clogher in 1923, and when the bells were rehung in 1935, the Cathedral was crowded (it holds 1,200) and many could not gain admission. The bells are a fine ten and the ringing was worthy of them. W. Pye's peal of Cambridge Royal being rung in 3 hours 27 minutes without a hitch. The activities of a Red Admiral butterfly which by some means had gained admission to the ringing room, out of the rain, were watched by one or two of the band with interest. This peal was rung in memoriam William Feathers, for many years a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Idle, Bradford, Yorkshire, who was interred this day. The Rector, Rev. T. Clements, congratulated us on the ringing, and accompanied us to tea at the Imperial Hotel. In conversation over tea we learnt much of the difficulties and complexity of life in Ireland.

RINGING AT 11 P.M.

The Rector's company was so congenial that we were almost an hour late leaving Enniskillen for Bangor, 105 miles away. We proceeded via Maguire's Bridge and Clogher, the old cathedral town, being entertained by a description of the Clogher Valley Railway, which we were repeatedly enjoined by our driver to look out for. We eventually found traces of it and ten pairs of eyes scoured the landscape whenever its track left the roadside to see where it went to. Armagh was reached about nine and, after a longer stop than was expected, due to the tea drinkers, we set off for Lurgan, where we were expected to have a pull. We were astonished to hear the bells being rung at we arrived at 10.15 p.m., so we proceeded forthwith to the church. The local band gave us a warm welcome, and a trial run of three leads of Bristol gave us some idea of the qualities of these bells, which, owing to their long draught, are rather tricky to handle. A short touch of Stedman completed our ringing, and we left Lurgan as the clock was creeping upwards to eleven to the tune of the local ringers practising. We understand they are proud of their bells in Lurgan and like to hear them. Certainly few towns, if any, in England would allow bells at 10.30 p.m. without vigorous protest.

A good night's sleep at Bangor restored the tourists to full vigour and after breakfast they departed for the local tower, where Rodney very ably demonstrated his capabilities as a conductor by calling Craven's peal of Yorkshire, the first on the bells, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. What the two Cheshire heavyweights (East and West) had been doing whilst we were ringing we do not know, but the fact is no arrangements had been made for lunch, neither did they know their way to the sea! We took 'pot luck' for lunch and were very well served and, leaving a Yorkshireman behind to look round, we departed for Carrickfergus feeling very satisfied. On arrival we were met by that energetic and cheerful Irishman, J. T. Dunwoody, who, however, was the bearer of unfortunate news. There was to be no ringing owing to serious illness near the church. The visitors' book was examined with great interest and four of the company rang a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells which hang in the tower. Tea had been brought forward and we enjoyed another example of Irish hospitality, and we were asked to ring a few courses on handbells, in which Mr. Dunwoody joined, for the enjoyment of the ladies and local ringers.

AT BELFAST

Mr. Dunwoody had arranged by telephone with Miss Jean Stewart for us to have a ring on the light six at St. Donard's, Belfast. On arrival, Miss Stewart was waiting, and we soon had the merry little six going to various methods. It is not true that when the East Cheshire 'fat boy' and the local tower secretary were in the tower the rest of the band had to be prised in, but they certainly found it difficult to breathe! (The tower is 8ft. square.) Outside the tower a member of the Central Council's Methods Committee rashly undertook to ring any regular Minor method asked for. Modesty forbids comment other than that his reputation is still intact. We were glad to ring with many of the local company, as in most of the other towers the local band seemed a little overawed. After an enjoyable thirty or

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IRISH TOUR—Continued

forty minutes we continued to Holywood, taking with us Miss Stewart and Mr. Dunwoody, where we joined the local band at their practice. Cambridge, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung with the local band, and we rang a short touch of Spliced Surprise Major just to remove the rust before the morrow. On arrival back at the hotel at Bangor we found our sole representative had distinguished himself by winning a prize at a whist drive.

FIRST SPLICED IN IRELAND

Next morning we set off for Hillsborough, the seat of the Governor of Northern Ireland; but, owing to miscalculation of the distance on the part of the driver, we had not allowed sufficient time to arrive punctually. On arrival some went to drink tea with the Vicar and the local men, whilst others inspected the church, which contains a genuine Shetzler organ. The bells were raised and proved as fine a ring as we had been led to believe, but the rope on the seventh was rather frayed below the sally, so Wilfrid did a record quick long splice and we set off to the tune of Wembley. Before the lead end was reached however, it became apparent that the rope was too far gone for the splice to hold, so we stopped. In next to no time the local man was back and produced a new rope and fixed it, and we were once more ready to start. This time all went well, and after 3 hours and 22 minutes of excellent ringing, the conductor had the satisfaction of saying 'This is all' to the first peal of Spliced Surprise in Ireland. The bells were lowered, and we again enjoyed the hospitality of the locals with tea and sandwiches.

After a photograph had been taken of the band we set off for Holywood, a short distance away. Here Mr. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, and Mr. Dunwoody were waiting for us, but all efforts failed to persuade the latter to take a rope in the peal of Cambridge which followed. The calling was entrusted to the veteran of the party, who demonstrated that his sense of fun is still as lively as ever it was. Finding that the band were all closely following the calling, he decided to make some of the calls by telepathy, or rather a nod and a wink, but to the writer and Wilfrid Moreton and the locals the striking was excellent and the listeners could find little fault with the ringing. The peal enabled Basil Jones to achieve his ambition to ring two peals in a day. During the last hour the local ringers and the ladies had been busy preparing sandwiches, cakes and tea for all. In spite of our rapidly increasing appetites—no doubt if we lived there increasing girths would soon follow—we could not dispose of all the good things so lavishly provided. On behalf of the Irish Association and the local band Mr. Pratt gave us a hearty welcome, and said he felt that nothing but good could come to the art from our visit.

At six the next morning 'Sergt.-Major' Meadows went the rounds and, as a result, when the roll was called at 6.30 there were no defaulters. Breakfast, kindly arranged early by the manager, was disposed of and, be it noted by all past members, we were on the road three minutes ahead of schedule, i.e. at 6.57. On arrival at Drogheda, slightly ahead of time, we were conducted to 26, William Street, where tea, sandwiches and cakes sufficient for a ringers' meeting awaited us. The Rector, Rev. E. L. Keane, welcomed us in the name of his parish, which is an ancient foundation, probably Anglo-Norman, but the earliest mention of a clergyman is in 1206. In 1791 a ring of eight bells by John Rudhall with a tenor of 22 cwt. in E was installed. In 1889 J. Taylor and Co. recast the tenor and rehung the bells, and the first peal on them was Stedman Triples on November 30th, 1901, in which Lord Chief Justice R. R. Cherry and Gabriel Lindoff took part. There is a keen band of change ringers, and the bells are regularly rung for Sunday services. A peal of Pudsey Surprise Major, composed and conducted by W. E. Critchley, was satisfactorily accomplished, the first in the method in Ireland, and we were glad to include in the band the energetic secretary of the Irish Association.

BRAY'S MAGNIFICENT BELLS

The Rector and General Sir William Franks were waiting for us at Bray. Ropes were quickly adjusted, too quickly for some, as the treble ringer found out. A composition with all the 5678's and 6578's had been chosen by the conductor, Wilfrid F. Moreton, and from the start the band fell into an excellent beat. We had heard much of the magnificence of Bray bells, and we cannot but say that every word is fully deserved. In all our combined experience we could not find their par, and every moment of 3 hours and 47 minutes of the peal of Bristol was enjoyed by the ringers both inside and outside the tower. A celebration dinner was held at the Royal Hotel before we returned to Dublin, feeling very satisfied and ready for the proposed peal at Christ Church Cathedral the next day.

After breakfast the following morning (Friday) we proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral. The Dean, the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, and his wife were there to meet us and, after introductions had been effected, we climbed the stairs to the belfry and raised the bells, adjusted the ropes and, as a trial, rang a course of Original Royal. The bells are hung well out and swing rather slowly and, as the circle is very large, the speed of ringing tends to be slow, so it was decided to ask the Dean whether objection would be taken to our overrunning the stipulated time.

A NEW QUARTER

A new quarter of 'The Ringing World' started last week. New postal subscribers should enrol to-day. Send 6s. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. For other rates see centre page.

Whilst Morning Prayer was being sung in the Cathedral we were very kindly entertained to tea, sandwiches and cakes, and the opportunity was taken, through the good offices of the ever present Mr. Dukes, to broach the question of exceeding the time. The Dean readily agreed that we might ring into Evensong and, as it turned out, it was just as well we had approached him, for, during the preliminary rounds, the treble rope broke and the bell set. Within a very short space of time the out of breath figure of our guide, philosopher and friend (F. E. D.) appeared in the doorway and, divesting himself of his jacket, went aloft to remedy the damage by substituting the rope from one of the semitone bells. Soon all was ready for a start and, after a few rounds, 'Go Yorkshire' was called.

For 3 hours and 55 minutes the tenor maintained a steady beat as Ted strove to achieve an ambition of 26 years' standing, to turn her into a peal of Royal. This was the first of Royal on the bells, previous peals on the bells being Stedman Caters and London Major on the lighter eight. It is interesting to note that E. Jenkins and J. E. Bibby have rung Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Royal at Christ Church and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at St. Patrick's, the only ringers to do this. Waiting outside were several friends, including Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, but, as it was already after four o'clock, and the plane party had to be at the airport by 6 and the boat parties at the railway station by 7, the party broke up into smaller groups.

THANKS

This account cannot be closed without an expression of gratitude to Mr. F. Dunkerley, who organised the tour from the English end and provided the vehicle which gained such notoriety in the Irish Press. It was a great blow to him and to the band when an injury through a flying accident prevented his being with us. Thanks are also due to Fred Dukes, who looked after the Irish arrangements so efficiently; to J. T. Dunwoody, who put into operation the plans for the north, to our drivers who got us everywhere without accident, and to John Worth, on whose shoulders descended the burden of the day to day management of the tour. Finally, and this should be an illuminated address, our heartfelt thanks to the Church Authorities and the rank and file of the Irish ringers who put themselves to great trouble to make our stay enjoyable. Ringers' hospitality is proverbial, but Irish ringers' hospitality is ringers' hospitality 'par excellence.' Thank you, Ireland, for all you did, and we hope our visit will stimulate the art of change ringing in the Emerald Isle.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Norton Subcourse

The East Norfolk branch held its autumn meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 19th. The Association President and Secretary, the Revs. A. St. J. Heard and A. G. G. Thurlow, attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. O. Morris), himself a vice-president and ringing member of the Association.

Following a splendid tea in the village schoolroom, a short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. K. O. Morris. Apologies for absence because of unfortunate indisposition were received from the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

At the suggestion of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, it was agreed to have a collection after each meeting of the branch in aid of the Association Bell Fund, and as a result £1 was received from members and friends present. Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Acle on November 21st.

Mr. H. Tooke, secretary of the North Norfolk branch, congratulated the Norton Subcourse ringers on ringing a Coronation peal with a entirely local company. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the lady organist and the Master of the local company, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole, who, with his willing lady helpers, organised the ringing and the tea.

Ringing to suit all tastes continued until a late hour at Norton Subcourse and at Raveningham Church, which is situated on the estate of one of the Association's honorary members, Sir Edmund Bacon, who is also H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorset Ringers at Durweston

Congratulations and best wishes were accorded to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards on having reached his 80th birthday at the quarterly meeting of the Dorset Branch at Durweston.

At the business meeting, the Rev. E. L. Seager presiding, the following new ringing members were elected: Rev. R. N. Longridge, F. Whitehead, R. Harris (Bourton); J. Upward, M. Ricketts (Durweston); Mrs. D. M. Wright (Fontmell Magna); M. Pring (Compton Abbas); B. Houghton, P. Houghton, J. Knight (Shroton).

The address at the service was given by the Rector of Durweston (the Rev. R. R. Ovenden), and the tea was provided by the wives of local ringers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

BY the end of the Devon tour last year, the Bedfordshire Young Ringers had more or less decided that the 1953 tour (cycling, of course) should be in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. So, many months ago, Michael Stephens, the organiser, got to work mapping out the route, warning the youth hostels, writing for permission to ring at the various places, choosing the special methods and publishing the programme.

Came August 15th. King's Cross the rendezvous, and off we dashed through the London traffic to Waterloo Station. Eleven of us piled into two compartments and, having brought out the handbells to discourage would-be fellow travellers, journeyed in comfort to the City of Winchester.

Of the towers with bells, only St. Maurice's was available. The excitements of the Test Match commentary made Mr. Harrison, the local secretary, forget for a time the visitors awaiting him at the church. The first method we rang here was Bedford Delight. A few miles from Winchester, along the pleasant Itchen valley, is Twyford. The churchyard has growing in it an enormous old yew tree reputed to be 1,000 years old. Unfortunately we found the bells somewhat odd-struck.

Of Winchester we shall certainly remember the hostel, a converted water mill. Looking around the Cathedral precincts after breakfast the next morning we came across the amusing gravestone of one Thomas Thatcher, who (1764) 'died of a violent fever contracted by drinking small beer when hot.' (He was not a ringer.)

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at Hursley, a fine eight. Our afternoon ringing was at Romsey Abbey; the measured dignity of the eight was much in harmony with the noble proportions of the building itself. Then after tea, at St. Michael's, Southampton, we rang Caters and Royal quite creditably, including a course of St. Clement's Caters.

THE NEW FOREST

Bright morning sunshine graced our visit to St. Mary's, Southampton (10). We spent an hour and a half here and concluded with an almost unbelievably good ring down in peal—on all ten. By lunch time we had left the city of big ships and much bomb damage far behind. Instead there was substituted on all sides the picturesqueness of the New Forest countryside. Our ringing at Lyndhurst was not up to our usual standard of striking, probably due partly to the considerable movement of the tower and bell frame. The tiny bells at Brockenhurst (the treble without a stay) also caused us some anxiety at first until we had them going at the right speed.

The day's run ended at Lymington, where the tower of St. Thomas', built over the south porch, seems to dominate the High Street. For us the bells were a welcome return to a more familiar weight and were put to a number of methods.

ISLAND IMPRESSIONS

Next morning the ferry crossing to Yarmouth, I.O.W., was not nearly so tranquil. Several touches were rung on handbells and caused comment among the other passengers (and consternation in the engine room!). It was not until the afternoon that we had to remember again how to ring, and in the meantime we exposed ourselves to the sun in and out of the sea at Freshwater. At Brighstone we found waiting for us Miss Jane Plumbe, of King's Langley, Hertfordshire, who seemed very anxious to join us, and who did in fact stay with us most of the time until Friday morning. Here and at Shorwell we rang various Doubles methods. At Chale a faulty clock hammer wire resulted in damage to the hammer, the only incident that has occurred to mar our hitherto clean sheet. The ring of six is light, with new but long ropes, a difficulty that confronted us on a number of occasions.

Whitwell Y.H., we learned, was formerly the Vicarage, a typically large building compared with the size of the village, as large as the church itself in fact. After supper some of us found bliss at the Buddle Inn, Niton, a famous old smuggling inn.

Whitwell was to have been the first tower on Wednesday morning, but as the church clock was said to be in pieces we could not ring there, so we went straight on to Niton. A well-struck touch of Grandsire by the ladies did justice to the fine-toned and easy to handle five. After an early lunch at Ventnor we part walked, part cycled, up and down the awful hills between there and Shanklin, and had a thoroughly good time on the beach for the rest of the afternoon.

A MECCA FOR RINGERS

At Godshill the captain was there to lead us up to the gas-lit ringing chamber. Of the ring of six one can certainly say that they are as much a Mecca for ringers visiting the Island as the church itself is for the general public, as the respective visitors' books bear testimony. Instead of returning for supper at the hostel we all tucked in like gannets* to an excellent meal at The Hollies Restaurant nearby.

It was nine miles or so to Carisbrooke next day, an octave that is quite superior to that of its close neighbour Newport, where incidentally we were interviewed by a junior representative of the local Press. In the ringing chamber at Newport we were able to view the book records of William Rayner ('Ringing World,' August 14th). Then we pushed on to Arreton, with its rugged, massively buttressed tower standing four square against all weathers; the six go very well and, at the Vicar's suggestion, his lawn was an ideal place to have tea. But, whereas at Arreton a slight falseness in tone of some of the bells was merely noticeable, at Newchurch, our next call, the note of the tenor, slightly over a whole tone flat, caused looks of horror. The bells are in a timber superstructure over the porch and, in spite of its note, the tenor was turned in, including to a touch of Norwich Surprise.

The hostel at Sandown was not our idea of a good one. However, high jinks in the town after supper served to let off some of our youthful exuberance.

Friday morning's programme started with cricket on the beach—the Gulls beat the Gannets by 21 runs. Then we visited Brading for lunch and ringing, going on to Ryde later in the afternoon, where we were met by Mr. Richard Ward, who has been a ringer at Ryde since 1886. The bells probably share with Carisbrooke the honours for the best eight on the Island, although they are easier to handle; a touch of Tiverton Little Bob on them awakened memories of last year's Devon tour

BACK TO PORTSMOUTH

During the ferry crossing to Portsmouth a course of Bob Minor was rung 'in hand' with the ship's bell covering.

Gosport Y.H. is somewhat isolated, but first-class. At their suggestion we gave a performance on handbells of Keg Meg, Shepherds' Ay and Bob Minor before the cosmopolitan gathering in the common room that evening.

Saturday's towers included the bells almost sublime of St. Mary's, Portsea, where we were met by Mr. Harms and Mr. Rogers; the eight at Alverstoke (a Coronation peal-board here already); and the curiously odd-struck eight at Fareham.

On Sunday had to be our leave-taking of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Appropriately, the last item on the programme was ringing for morning service at Portsmouth Cathedral, then joining the congregation.

R. W. S.

* Gannet: a bird with an enormous appetite.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the above branch was held at Piddlehinton, where the lovely old Church of St. Mary was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival.

Ringing on the well-kept six began about 3 p.m., and the Guild service at 4.15 was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. J. C. Chute, who welcomed the ringers, and said how pleased he was that the meeting coincided with the harvest festival services, and he asked that they should sing a harvest hymn to mark the occasion. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the branch, read the lesson.

Tea was served in the school by Mrs. Chute and her lady helpers, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman.

Following the signing of the minutes, apologies were read from Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and Mr. E. T. Paul Field (Piddlehinton), Deputy Ringing Masters, who were unavoidably absent.

No new members were elected, but the chairman extended a warm welcome to the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, formerly of Beaminster, and now Vicar of Frampton with Sydling St. Nicholas.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 16th, and the next branch practice at Preston on October 10th next.

Mr. J. H. Hayne, hon. secretary, expressed the deep sympathy of all members to their chairman, Canon Markby, on the death of his sister. The Archdeacon mentioned that a young ringer from the village, now serving with Her Majesty's Forces in the Far East, was hoping to ring in Hong-Kong.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. Harry Ford, of Abbotsbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest were held at Kirkburton on Sept. 26th. Four teams entered to ring a plain course practice, and 600 changes, any method, test piece.

All the teams rang Oxford Treble Bob, and the judge (Mr. H. Roberts) gave his decision as follows:—

No. 1 Coy., Friezland, penalties 0, faults 56, total 56.

No. 2 Coy., Silkstone, penalties 5, faults 53, total 58.

No. 3 Coy., Cawthorne, penalties 0, faults 50, total 50.

No. 4 Coy., Meltham. penalties 0, faults 39, total 39.

In his comments Mr. Roberts stated that the ringing had been good and the result close, but he had heard better ringing at other contests.

At the commencement of the business meeting, held after the contest, the president (Mr. Earnshaw) asked the company present to stand and observe one minute's silence in respect of Mr. Arthur Lewis Carter, an old Meltham ringer and member of the Association, who had died during the previous week.

The secretary was instructed to contact Holmfirth for the April meeting.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a fine, sunny day when the Northern District held their monthly meeting at St. Paul's Walden, on September 26th. This left-handed ring of six is not in keeping with the church with its 'Royal Chapel' as this is the home of the brother of the Queen Mother.

Tea was provided at the Swan at Whitwell. 38 ringers and friends doing their best under cramped conditions.

Mr. A. S. Carter presided at the business meeting. The next meeting will be at Offley on October 24th, and the special method will be London Scholars' Pleasure. The collection for the general fund amounted to 17s. 6d.

OBITUARY

BISHOP E. W. WILLIAMSON

The death of the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, Dr. Edward W. Williamson, at Llandrindod Wells, on September 23rd, is deeply mourned by members of his Guild who have lost a sincere friend and their beloved president.

He was a great lover of bellringing and it was his wish that bells throughout the Diocese should be rung when he died. Only once since his consecration, in 1939, did he miss an annual meeting, at which he always presided. A very happy photograph was taken of the Bishop with a young ringer at the last annual festival at Sketty.

In tribute to his memory church bells were rung half-muffled throughout the Diocese.

J. A. H.

MR. HARRY SCOFFIN

With regret we announce the death of Mr. Harry Scoffin, captain of St. Wilfrid's, Alford, Lincs. for many years. He had been in Louth Hospital for a fortnight under observation previous to his death on September 12th. His age was 69 years.

A native of Alford, Mr. Scoffin had been ringing at St. Wilfrid's Church for 55 years and for many years had held the position of captain. He was known to ringers over a wide area, and in his own tower set an example by his regular attendance at practices and services. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council and also a sidesman.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,440 Grandsire Doubles was rung in the tower on September 19th as a tribute to his memory.

GARNHAM ARTHUR BLAXCELL

An Appreciation

The most outstanding feature about Arthur Blaxcell, as he was known to his intimates, was his complete sincerity and forthrightness. He loved ringing for its own sake and he never pretended otherwise. He had called many peals but never pretended to be a conductor. If things went wrong he would say in his forthright way, who and what was amiss, and he did not stop to wrap it up in soft phrases. Not for him the soft pedal but the straight speech and be done with it.

He was an excellent ringer at the back end and a first-class striker, and he just could not tolerate slovenly ringing or bad striking. At the first sign of either, his cry of 'Keep 'em reg'lar' would quickly be heard, with more to follow after the touch or peal. Good, honest advice delivered in his characteristic manner. He came in for a good deal of leg-pulling, to which he could always find a suitable reply, but many a time he was seen to turn away with a twinkle in his honest eyes.

In a recent issue of this paper he was referred to as a 'true Suffolk character.' Let that be his epitaph. One could not wish for a better.

O. G. B.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3318

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), near Potters Bar, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 14th, to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans, Herts. 3316

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting, Welton (6), Oct. 24th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3320

OUTINGS

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS

The Berkeley Vale District of Gloucestershire was chosen for the annual outing on September 19th, and ringers from neighbouring towers helped strengthen the party. The first stop was Cromhall, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Burlton) and Miss D. M. Drew met the visitors. Some good ringing was had before moving on to Tortworth, where the long draught temporarily upset some of the less-experienced ringers.

Tea had been arranged at Newport and the next tower was Stone, where some good Minor was rung, although we had read in the 'Ringing World' that the tenor was adverse to being turned in. We took to the lanes again and eventually located North Nibley, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. Goater) met us. An excellent rise was the prelude to some very good ringing. That concluded the ringing and after a short stay in Malmesbury home was reached in time for our shift worker to book on at 11 p.m.

Thanks were extended to the respective incumbents and Miss D. M. Drew for her assistance in arranging this outing in the byways of Gloucestershire.

W. B. K.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX

An enjoyable day was spent on September 26th by the ringers of St. John's, Loughton, in a tour of Suffolk. The learners excelled themselves by ringing in every tower without mishap.

Towers visited were Long Melford, Lavenham, Bury St. Edmunds, Stowmarket, Helmingham and Debenham. Methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, rounds and call changes.

ST. MARY'S, CHATHAM

On August 29th the ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by others from neighbouring towers together with friends, set off for a tour in Essex.

Leaving Chatham punctually at 8 a.m. and with no delay in crossing the Thames, Chelmsford Cathedral was reached only ten minutes behind the scheduled time. Several of the Cathedral ringers met the visitors and rounds, Grandsire Cinques and Kent Royal were all successful in spite of quite a number of 'firsts' on higher numbers.

The delightful little eight at Harlow Common seemed quite a contrast after a heavy twelve. Double Norwich was not successful but touches in other methods were brought round with Stedman to finish. By this time those of the party who had breakfasted six hours previously were getting very 'peckish' and full justice was done to the three courses at the Green Man Hotel.

The next tower was over the border at Bishop's Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, where a bridal party left the church to the strains of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal, interspersed with rounds for the not so advanced. The last call was on the grand twelve at Waltham Abbey. In spite of being strange bells to all the visitors, and not too good in 'go,' plus two missing stays, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were all brought home without mishap.

Gratitude is expressed to all those who met the visitors at the towers, and especially to Mrs. Roberts, of Waltham Abbey, and Mr. Aley, of Harlow, for their help in arranging the meals, and to the Vicar of Waltham Abbey in placing the Parish Hall at their disposal for tea.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Croall (first quarter) 1, F. Fagg 2, S. Rayfield 3, B. Fagg 4, W. A. Wood (cond.) 5, G. Wood 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to G. Wood.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow (Bow Road Underground Station), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names please). Business 6 p.m. Further ringing 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3240

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Halse (6), October 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — A. B. Cooper. 3225

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch and Mid-Devon Branch.—The joint meeting proposed for Oct. 10th is **cancelled**—suggested tower not available.—F. Wreford and A. L. Bennett, Hon. Secs. 3288

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—The restored ring of five and the new treble will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Wells on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, followed by further ringing until 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3317

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Oct. 10th. Names to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. The dinner has been arranged for Nov. 14th in Tunbridge Wells (details later), and I would be glad to know at once how many members intend to support this event.—C. A. Bassett. 3231

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, October 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3265

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 3249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's bells 2.30. Cathedral after meeting only. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road Canterbury. 3217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Annual district meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.45. Tea 4.30 (Parish Hall). Business meeting following. Evensong 6. On Saturday, Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & OXFORD GUILD. — Joint meeting of local districts, Hillingdon, October 10th. Bells (10) 3 to 4.45 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Social 8 p.m. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.45 to 4. —F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 3270

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Monthly practice at Shiplake (8) on Saturday, Oct. 10th at 6 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 3289

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, October 10th. No tea arrangements. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 3257

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) with KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Invitation meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3262

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. 3253

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. —Meeting, Pylle (6 bells) Saturday, October 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3268

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Radstock, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Oct 17th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Pudsey Surprise Major.—Dennis Knox. 3307

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 14th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3310

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton. Birkenhead, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please notify by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3313

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3–4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Evensong 5.30. Business to follow in Urquhart Hall. Bells again 7–8.45. Visitors welcome.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3319

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, South Normanton, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Visitors welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3301

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Roydon (6), Saturday, October 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., free to those who notify A. Livings, 34, Hansells Mead, Roydon.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3276

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, October 17th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough, Hants. 3252

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—First anniversary of dedication of bells, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Newton, 51, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Wycombe. 3297

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3291

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Bedwellty, October 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by October 13th to Mrs. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3243

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3314

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 3298

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Saddington, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Saddington Hall.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 3311

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Thurnby, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. L. Wykes, 4, Council Houses, Bushby. 3304

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Bridge and Maida Vale) on Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 3306

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Autumn meeting, Brockdish, October 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea by October 13th to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 3274

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Oct. 17th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please support this new venture.—J. Cooper and N. Swann, Branch Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Great Brington, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 13th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 3308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ringstead (6), Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 3294

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 17th, Durrington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, for those who send names by October 13th to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3258

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (recently augmented 6), Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 3303

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Nutfield, October 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Names for tea, by October 14th, to Miss N. Kempsall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 3248

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Wednesday, 14th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3295

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 3292

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and dinner at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Melton bells (10) 3.15 to 6; Asfordby (6) and Kirby Bellairs (5) from 10 a.m. Other bells by arrangement with J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby, or F. J. Williams. Dinner 6 at Harborough Hotel, Burton Street, Melton. Tickets 10s. each, number limited. Apply, with remittance, not later than Oct. 19th, to F. J. Williams, Eaton Grange Cottages, Grantham Lincs. 3300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 24th. Dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the augmented ring of eight bells will take place at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st, to A. E. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 3299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222 3302

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 24th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 20th, and obtainable from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3259

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — **Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner.** Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, **Sheffield,** Saturday, **Oct. 24th,** 6.15 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Oct. 21st. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3: St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6: Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30: Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors. —J. L. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 31st. Details posted later. First practice of the academic year on Oct. 12th, St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 6.30 p.m. 3290

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m Tickets 15s. each.—A. B. Peck. 3305

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A RINGING HOLIDAY

FROM time immemorial there have been ringing holidays. Two centuries ago, we read, famous bands like the College Youths undertook long journeys to ring peals on famous bells. From the beginning of this century there have been organised tours in which have been associated leading personalities of the Exercise. Devon and the West Country were favoured centres in those days, but in no sense were they confined to this area. It is probably true to say that where there are good bells then ringing parties would be arranged to visit them.

Since the war, ringing holidays have figured very prominently in the pages of this journal, particularly during the summer months. In a sense, these weeks fall into two categories—those with peal ringing as the main objective and others what might be not unkindly called 'tower grabbing,' in which a variety of towers and picturesque scenery, if possible, are intermingled.

It is to be regretted that many of these regular tours—year by year—do not bear a distinctive name for their party. In recent years Mr. T. J. Lock has organised peal ringing holidays with a programme also for the non-peal ringers. Ringing on these tours has been confined to Surprise methods. This year the company he assembled scored only 14 peals from 25 attempts. A gratifying feature is that an examination of the list of ringers participating records a number of new names — although known to ringers by repute. The tour was made famous this year by Mr. G. E. Fearn, the popular secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, ringing his 1,00th peal.

We leave it to other pens to assess the relative merits of the 'Lockites' with the band of Cheshire and other North Country ringers who toured Ireland. Here again it was largely Surprise ringing, and the nine peals scored included Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods—two achievements of merit. The welcome they received was indeed cordial and the visit should help to foster a closer liaison between English and Irish ringing. Since the days of Gabriel Lindoff, there has been a strong desire on the part of English ringers to test the qualities of Irish bells, and independent Eire has still an understanding — we might even say affection — with the ordinary folk of our land.

A party of Kent ringers, inspired by Mr. A. P. Cannon, spent a week in North Cornwall, visiting 40 towers, scoring seven peals and receiving, unfortunately, unpleasant notoriety in the local Press. The advice given by Comdr.-Instr. R. Gordon Cross in our columns to touring bands ringing on noisy or troublesome bells, we are sure, will not go unheeded by those who organise future tours in the West Country. The unseen audience outside the belfry must be studied, especially in areas unaccustomed to change ringing and ears whose bell music is rhythmic call changes.

For sheer enjoyment the Sussex ringers' annual tour stands on a high plane. Peal ringing does not enter into their programme. Their holiday was spent this year among the dales of Derbyshire, with long distance excursions to the Loughborough Foundry and Boston Stump.

Another week amid glorious scenery was the North Wales tour, where peal attempts were sandwiched in between admiring a beautiful and rugged countryside. A peal was rung in Anglesey, a rare occurrence, and the party took a set of ropes against unfortunate contingencies. Their visit gave delight to one Welsh rector, who heard his own bells for the first time!

Youth hostelling for ringers is now a regular feature, and the number of parties touring year by year seems to increase annually. There must be few youth hostels which have not been visited by itinerant ringers. Probably in the forefront of these bodies is the Society of Roving Ringers, which for some seven years has been cycling and youth hostelling. This year the members were in the Wye valley and surrounding countryside, visiting 31 towers in seven counties. They have within their ranks some of the best of our young twelve-bell ringers, and on their previous tours have created a good impression by the high standard of their striking. The reports received of this year's tour indicate that reputation is unsullied.

Closely akin to this Society are the Bedfordshire Young Ringers, whose week was spent in the New Forest and the Isle of Wight. Another body to introduce themselves this year are the South Staffordshire Young Ringers, whose tour, mainly in Gloucestershire, covered 425 miles and visits were paid to 52 towers. Few of our readers have heard of the St. Christopher's Guild of Change Ringers. This body toured Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire for a week during August, visited 56 towers and rang 42 different methods. The tour was organised by Mr. Norman Smith, of Chichester, and the Editor has

a 3,000 word unpublished story of the Society's activities from that well-known and much-travelled ringer, 'P. N. B.' (There is, however, an editorial blue pencil.)

University weeks have been regular features. Cambridge University Association were this year in Devon, Manchester University spent 10 days cycling in West and North Yorks, while the Universities Association's week at Oxford was as popular and enjoyable as ever and made a contribution to the Exercise by the first performance of a peal of Spliced Maximus in 12 methods 'in hand.' A holiday with bells is indeed a sheer delight for the keen ringer.

NORTH WALES TOUR

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Thomas J. Southam	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Charles H. Kippin	6
Wilfred Williams	3	Roger O. Fry	7
*George W. Massey	4	John Hill	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Betty Griffiths	*Treble*	*George W. Massey	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Donald G. Clift	6
John Hill	3	Roger O. Fry	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Thomas J. Southam	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	*George W. Massey	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Thomas J. Southam	6
*Charles H. Kippin	3	*Roger O. Fry	7
John Hill	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Charles H. Kippin	*Treble*	Thomas J. Southam	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Roger O. Fry	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	John Hill	7
*George W. Massey	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. The first peal in the method in the county of Anglesey.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb. in E.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Arthur H. Reed	5
John Hill	2	Wilfred Williams	6
Charles H. Kippin	3	Thomas J. Southam	7
*George W. Massey	4	*Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Wilfrid Williams.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Charles H. Kippin	*Treble*	Donald G. Clift	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Thomas J. Southam	6
*George W. Massey	3	Roger O. Fry	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	John Hill	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Edwin G. Moore	7
William C. Porter	2	Charles Coles	8
Arthur D. Barker	3	Francis A. White	9
William Birmingham	4	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg	10
William Butler	5	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	11
Philip Walker	6	J. Richard Chaundy	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

John Hill	*Treble*	*William J. Paice	7
Noel J. Diserens	2	W. Bertram Kynaston	8
John Phillips	3	John B. Sansom	9
Selwyn H. Dearden	4	Mrs. Pat Lewington	10
Cyril E. Lewington	5	William Hibbert	11
John Chilcott	6	*Charles Sangwin	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
* First peal on twelve bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Hill and with good wishes to David Parsons on the commencement of his National Service in the Royal Navy.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Albert E. Thompson	*Treble*	*Alan Taylor	6
Francis R. Lowe	2	Harold Taylor	7
Philip H. Whitaker	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
*Joseph A. Constant	4	*Mark J. Barker	9
*Gordon A. Halls	5	†Stanley Hutchinson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Harold Taylor.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.
Rung as a tribute and farewell to the Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby, the Rt. Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, D.D., President of the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers, who is leaving to become Rector of Cranham, Gloucester.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*Michael Lukin	*Treble*	Patrick Page	6
Nelia M. Leahy	2	John H. Gilbert	7
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Jessie M. Kippin	4	Frederick W. Rogers	9
Richard M. Currie	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.
* First peal on ten bells. 200th Surprise peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	2	WILFRED WEBB	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	LEONARD DERRICK	8
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
REGINALD G. HOOPER	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal on ten bells. Except for the starting and turning courses the peal was rung 'non-conducted.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,536 changes of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge, and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method.
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C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	BRYAN S. COPE	6
BRYAN F. SIMS	3	PATRICK CHAPMAN	7
BRYAN PATTISON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

TONY PRICE, Master	*Treble*
*JANET S. BAILEY, Asst. Sec., South and West District	2
ALICK CUTLER, Ringing Master, North and East District	3
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW, Sec., South and West District	4
THOMAS J. LOCK, Sec., North and East District	5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER, General Sec.	6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE, Asst. Master, South and East District	7
RICHARD E. PRICE, Ringing Master, South and East District	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal of London Major.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	5
GEORGE H. HESKETH	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
JOHN ROBERTS	4	EDGAR WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Daniel Harrison, a former churchwarden at St. Nicholas' Church.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
PETER F. BORER	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
TREVOR CROSS	4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer of the Association, and 44 years captain of the local band.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL PEARCE	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	5
†RONALD FORSTER	2	PETER BAKER	6
ROY TAYLOR	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
*DOUGLAS HEWITT	4	WILFRED FOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

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

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 11).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. J. R. SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
TERENCE A. THORNBER	4	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR COWAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	5
*ERIC OLIVER	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
†J. EDMUND HENDERSON	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	7
RICHARD OLIVER	4	‡DEREK WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' in method. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Berry Stewart, churchwarden, who passed away the previous day.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
*PETER F. BORER	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
†TREVOR A. CROSS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

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GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*John A. Acres	*Treble*	†Samuel A. Martin	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Ernest W. Rawson	6
Paul L. Taylor	3	John R. Smith	7
Winifred M. Burton	4	*Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

William J. Robinson	*Treble*	*Charles W. Denyer	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
*Edward J. Bragg	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
C. Ernest Smith	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

*David Sutcliffe	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
*K. Patricia Hutton	2	William A. Collins	6
*Colin A. S. Harwood	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
R. Thoms Newman	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edwin G. Buck.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Margaret, daughter of Canon and Mrs. L. P. Smith, Rector of Baldock, and the Rev. George Roe, Rector of Wheathampstead, who were married on this day; also as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Rigby, curate of Baldock, and Mrs. Rigby, the former having been instituted Vicar of Rye Park on September 30th.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Lewis J. Last	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	James Bennett	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	Percy May	7
George W. Pipe	4	Fredk. J. Crapnell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Fleming.
* 50th peal. Specially arranged on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Lyttelton to Captain Arthur Cox.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,600 changes of London, 1,600 of Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Milton C. Fowler	*Treble*	William H. Jackson	5
Gibson Jackson	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
*Gordon Benfield	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of 'Spliced' in eight methods.
A birthday compliment to Arthur C. Walsh, Percy J. Johnson and Ernest H. Simpson.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

Alan R. Andrews	*Treble*	Charles A. Andrews	5
*Anne V. Lewis	2	*George W. Barnes	6
Donald C. Andrews	3	Roy Duesbury	7
Felix H. Erith	4	George N. Orman	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal on eight bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	Walter G. Soar	5
Harold Taylor	2	Albert E. Thompson	6
John W. T. Taylor	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
*Percy Stone	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Alan A. Potts	7
Basil Jones	4	Joseph Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in four spliced methods.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part Composition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Margaret Gibson	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	5
Margaret A. Softley	2	Charles Lea	6
Kathleen Softley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Thomas W. Crowe	4	Jack Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
Specially arranged to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first peal by this Association, which was rung in this tower in the same method on October 1st, 1878, and conducted by Mr. William Read, the then president. Also recorded as a compliment to J. A. Ainsworth, whose 18th birthday fell on the previous day.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LADIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	*Treble*	Mrs. J. R. Smith	5
Annie E. Humberstone	2	Mrs. H. J. Poole	6
*Janette M. Simpson	3	Winifred M. Burton	7
†Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson	4	Mary Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in honour of the visit to Leicester of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent, for the presentation of colours to the No. 579 (Royal Leicestershire) L.A.A. Regt., R.A., this day.

LANCASTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

R. Crook	*Treble*	J. A. Hornby	5
H. Rainford	2	J. E. Burles	6
R. Rainford	3	F. Postlethwaite	7
S. Jeffery	4	J. Pye	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. Burles.
Rung to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Kevin S. Hohl	2	Charles A. Bassett	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
William A. Kitchenside	4	William Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. Brasier, a member of the local band for 43 years and captain at this tower for 30 years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	4
*FRANK C. PRICE	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	5
	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First attempt for a double-handed tower-bell peal.

A farewell peal for P.O. F. C. Price, R.A.F., who is to serve abroad for two years.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	*Treble*	FRANK BIRKETT	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	RAYMOND SUART	5
JAMES E. BURLES	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in four methods by all.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Right Rev. H. V. Turner, Bishop of Penrith.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In four methods, being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,260 All Saints, and 630 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, with 504 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

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

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal of Spliced Doubles for all, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*DONALD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	A. JOHN HOBLEY	4
*RICHARD S. HOLLAND	2	†MICHAEL F. AMOS	5
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	3	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 27, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. EDMUND HENDERSON	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SKELTON	4
*ERIC OLIVER	2	RICHARD OLIVER	5
WILLIAM TYSON	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Durham to dedicate a new altar in the north aisle of the Parish Church.



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APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

TERENCE G. MORTON	*Treble*	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD	4
*ROY L. SHUTTER	2	KEITH GOOD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor (age 17).
Rung in honour of St. Michael's Day and for the Harvest Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JAMES BENNETT, SEN.	5
GEORGE W. WATERMAN	3	†RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD W. STEWARD.

* Has completed 'circle' of this tower. † 200th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, and St. Clement"s. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK PEARSON	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
RONALD E. BURT	2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
WILFRED A. SAUNDERS	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* 25th peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of the above church.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	ROY COLEMAN	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	*KENNETH MEDWAY	5
HOWARD COLLINS	3	HAROLD BANWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.'

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(St. Nicholas Guild, Itchingfield.)
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Southrepps, and fifteen each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PEARL SPRACKLING	*Treble*	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	3
*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
†W. LESLIE WELLER		*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. A birthday compliment to Malgwyn H. Williams.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD MORLEY	*Treble*	†OLIVER MILLS	4
ALFRED LYNALL	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
†VICTOR JELLINGS	3	*MICHAEL MORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Farrall, former Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby, who was inducted Rector of Cranham the previous evening.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

FRANK C. MAY	*Treble*	DONALD COOMBES	4
HERMON OLIVER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILIP SADLER	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Netherseale, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

EDGAR W. WINTERS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. TODD	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	JACK CHURCH	5
GEORGE CHERRY	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary and augmentation of the bells.

HORNSEY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN E. CRUMP	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	4
REGINALD P. CRUMP	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
DAVID H. KINGSTON	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

100th peal as conductor.
Rung on the day of completion of 50 years' service in the Sacred Ministry of Christ's Church by Rev. Preb. E. S. Duval, Rural Dean of Hornsey.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	LAURIE A. NORFOLK	4
HENRY SHARP	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	3	GEORGE A. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Sharp; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nobles, married September 19th, 1953.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob (maximum callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM HALL	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		*THOMAS SMELTZER	5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' in two methods.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953. *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 30 of Grandsire (10 callings) and eight of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		*THOMAS SMELTZER	5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in three methods.

OBITUARY

MR. C. BRASIER

The ringers at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex, have suffered a great loss by the death on Oct. 2nd of Mr: C. Brasier at the age of 78 years. A year ago he had a major operation, but had recovered so well as to be able to ring again. It was during practice one evening about three months ago that Mr. Brasier had a slight stroke in the belfry from which he never fully recovered.

Mr. Brasier came to live in Rotherfield from Barton in Bedfordshire in 1910, two years after the old ring of five had been augmented to eight, and was a welcome acquisition to the local band because he could already handle a bell. With the help of the late Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, and Mr. H. R. Butcher, the local captain at that time, he quickly learnt the art of change ringing, and when Mr. Butcher moved from the district he was elected captain, an office he kept for over 30 years.

He was not a prolific peal ringer; his total, as near as can be ascertained, was 30 in methods up to Double Norwich. Mr. Brasier's heart and soul was in maintaining a good Sunday service band, and he was never happier than when he had some new recruits to teach. Quite a useful conductor, he called his one and only peal, one of Grandsire Triples, on his own 73rd birthday.

The funeral on October 6th was attended by many of his friends and ringers, and as the cortege left the church the local band rang the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to one who had devoted his whole life to ringing at St. Denys'. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of a good character who will be sadly missed. W. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Whitehead Resigns Secretaryship of Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 3rd. This was not as well attended as had been hoped, only 26 members being present at tea and the business meeting which followed.

During the afternoon the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Russell B. White, who gave an excellent address. He joined the ringers for tea and then took the chair at the business meeting. Before starting on the agenda, the Vicar said how sorry he was that Mr. R. Whitehead, the district secretary, was unable to be present. Mr. Whitehead had recently had an operation and had only returned home the previous day. He was sure the ringers would wish to send him their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Whitehead had intimated that he did not wish his name to go forward for re-election as secretary, and a hearty vote of thanks to him was recorded in the minutes for all he had done for the district during the past seven years.

Three new members, all under the age of 16, were elected, and in welcoming them the chairman expressed the hope that they would 'stick to it.'

Mr. R. Collins was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. P. Carter representatives K.C.A. General Committee; Miss D. Colgate, hon. secretary.

During the evening there was ringing to suit all tastes, ranging from rounds to a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT CULLOMPTON

There was a warm atmosphere of friendliness in the belfry of Cullompton on October 3rd, when the members of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held a joint meeting with their 'foreign' friends of Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The ten bells were set in motion soon after 2 p.m., and kept going until service time, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Guy Hammond, at 4.15 p.m. During a delightful sermon, he welcomed all present to an enjoyable afternoon and evening on their Parish Church bells. The service was followed by tea at a local cafe.

At a short business meeting, held at the Church Hall, the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Huntsham, stressed the usefulness of joint meetings in bringing together the ringers of the two counties. Mr. A. H. Reed, secretary of the Taunton Deanery, replied on behalf of the visitors. An apology was received from Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild.

After the usual votes of thanks, the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going in a variety of eight and ten bell methods, culminating in a good lower in peal.

Ringers were present from Tiverton, Exeter, Plymouth, Silverton, Culmstock, Newton Abbot and Honiton Clyst, Devon; and from Ashbrittle, Wellington, Taunton, Milverton and Corston (Bath), Somerset. Also two visitors, from Wellington, Shropshire, and Gillingham, Kent. Everyone present is now looking forward to the 1954 joint meeting to be held in Somerset.

F. W. S.

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A FINAL REMINDER

To those who have not sent their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall: the period of grace has elapsed and copies will be stopped.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oxford University Guild will note that a splendid send off was given to Mr. W. H. Jackson, before leaving for his first term by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods at Guiseley on October 3rd.

Will Mr. E. W. Tipler please forward his address to the Editor?

Congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed, who conducted his 100th peal on October 3rd at Hornsey.

Mr. W. Simmonds has left Hersham, Surrey, where he has been captain of the tower for 18 years, for Devon.

The peal at Bunwell recorded this week was Mr. T. C. Browne's 25th. Messrs. F. C. Arnold and C. F. Phillippo have taken part in every one of them.

Mr. Eric Nobles expresses his thanks to the ringers at Chepstow, Cardiff, St. David's, and Newton, Porthcawl, for their warm welcome during his visit to Wales.

The next meeting of the East Norfolk branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association will be held on November 14th at Acle and not on the 21st, as recommended by the meeting at Norton Subcourse.

The Ancient Society of College Youths were at St. Michael's, Cornhill, last Saturday. A peal of Stedman Cinques was successfully brought round in 3 hours and 45 minutes with Mr. John Chilcott as conductor.

The visit of Miss Hilda G. Snowden to the Leicester area has resulted in two peal successes for the Ladies' Guild. As we go to press we learn that a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successfully accomplished at Earl Shilton last Saturday. This is the first in the method for the Ladies' Guild. Congratulations!

Since July, 1952, the bells of Great St. Mary, Cambridge, have been at the Loughborough Foundry. The retiring Vice-Chancellor of the University (Sir Lionel Whitby), in his valedictory speech, made an appeal to business firms within the parish to raise the remaining £1,000 of the £2,600 for the rehanging of the bells and other work. The 'Cambridge Daily News' has opened a fund for this purpose with a donation of £25.

Mr. R. W. Steward has now rung 200 peals. These have been rung for three different Associations in 50 towers in East Anglia.

In connection with the Kent Education Committee's Jubilee Commemoration Service, to be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, October 31st, there will be ringing, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Any teachers or retired teachers who can help will be most welcome.

Baldock and Norton ringers held a half-day trip in their own county on Sept. 19th. Redbourn was the first stop, followed by Hemel Hempstead (where tea was provided by the local ringers), Berkhamsted and Tring. Thanks were accorded incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells and meeting the visitors.

Peals at St. Mary's, Hornsey, are not frequent, as the tower sway makes the back end difficult to handle. To celebrate the completion of 50 years in the ministry by Preb. E. S. Duval, father of the Rev. Philip Duval and a relative of Canon Carew Cox and Preb. E. V. Cox, a peal of Minor was rung on October 3rd. The local band was supplemented by three distinguished visitors for the occasion. After the peal tea was served at the Rectory and courses rung on handbells.

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A NORTH WALES TOUR

Peals in Six Counties—1,000 Miles in Lighter Vein

FOLLOWING the pattern of last year's visit to South and West Wales, the Welsh enthusiasts this year toured North Wales.

On August 29th, in a near tropical downpour, two parties set out, one from London, the other from the West Country, to rendezvous at Willenhall, where we received a warm welcome from Mr. C. Wallater and the Vicar. At short notice H.M. Collector for Winchester very ably conducted Superlative, and the first was in the bag. We were entertained by Mr. Chris Wallater to a fine meat tea, and then into the rain for Chester, which was to be our headquarters until the Tuesday.

Sunday brought a welcome change in the weather and we were at Wrexham to ring for morning service and admire the magnificent tower, reputedly one of the seven wonders of Wales. After elevenses, during which an unsuccessful attempt was made to bait the Methods Committee member, a move was made through some fine scenery to Ruthin, where we lunched, and then through more wonderful scenery down the famous Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen, where most spent the afternoon admiring the rushing waters of the Dee, and later rang for service.

Monday found us on the road to Gresford and our first peal attempt in North Wales. Here we were welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Griffiths, the local steeplekeeper. A prompt start and we were away to Pudsey, but after 2 hours 40 minutes of good ringing a miscall sent the attempt the way of all others. Yorkshire was successfully brought home at Buckley in the afternoon, where we had the able assistance of Betty Griffiths, of Chester. Following tea in a local cafe, where we had an example of Welsh hospitality, we joined, at the invitation of Mr. H. O. Baker, in the practice at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester.

FAILURE AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday, the last day of our stay in Chester, the Dean and Chapter had kindly given permission for a peal attempt at the Cathedral, and with the assistance of Betty Griffiths and Walter Allman, a start was made for Cambridge Royal. An hour's good ringing brought an unexpected shift and we had lost our only attempt in Cheshire. Taking leave of our Cheshire friends, we were soon on the road to Llandudno, which was to be our headquarters for a further three days. En route we stopped for a brief moment to inspect the lovely marble church at Bodelwyddan, then on to meet our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffiths. A quick tea, and Mr. Griffiths, himself a ringer, was piloting us to Rhyl, where we joined in the local practice, being welcomed by Mr. Jack Evans, the captain, formerly of Hereford, and Mr. C. Powell, formerly of Brecon.

Wednesday, an early breakfast and away to Holy Trinity, Llandudno, a nice eight, where Mr. Griffiths had preceded us and had everything in readiness. Here we redeemed our failure of Monday and rang Pudsey, though not without incident. Back to lunch to find that our host had obtained permission for us to ring at Boddelwyddan and Abergele so that we should ring in three counties in the day. We had a fine time at Boddelwyddan, much to the delight of Jack Evans, who scored his first course of Cambridge. Then a pleasant hour on the nice six at Abergele, where we were again met and welcomed by the local leader.

IN ANGLESEY

Came Thursday, and we left for our most important assignment, a peal attempt at Beaumaris, crossing en route the lovely Conway suspension bridge, then on down the lovely coastal road through Penmaenmawr and Llanfairfechan to Bangor, where permission had been given for a peal attempt, but, being so near Snowdon, we rang a few touches, then rushed off in the hope that we might have time to reach the summit of Snowdon before our attempt at 3 p.m., but it was not to be. However, the run down to Llanberis and back again to Caernarvon was well worth while and we were able to appreciate all the wonderful scenery which here abounds.

Lunch at Caernarvon, a quick look at the wonderful old castle, then on to Telfords Suspension Bridge, huge but graceful, for road traffic which permits the wayfarer 'to go to the land of Mona, notwithstanding the water of Menai.' Beyond the water the first village encountered bears the name of Llanfair-pwllgwyngyll, and so to Beaumaris. Here we needed and missed the expert advice and practical assistance of our bellhanging friend, but all hands on deck soon fitted new ropes, oiled the bells, and we were off to Cambridge, a first-class peal resulting. One member will always remember the way in which 1–2 was struck both in front and behind. By the time we had removed our own ropes many of us needed a bath, and while the hungry junior members searched for fodder the elders paid a visit to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, who though now confined to his home, had played such a big part in ensuring the success of this visit. It was almost 27 years to the day since he had last met C. H. K., the occasion being a peal at Brighton, but the recognition was instantaneous. We were glad, too, to meet both Mrs. Hughes and daughter.

Friday saw us take leave of our hosts, to whom we tender our most grateful thanks, and set course for Portmadoc, travelling by way of Llanwrst, Bettws-y-coed and Blaenau Festioniog. Our arrival at Portmadoc was well behind schedule, and it was decided to forgo the peal attempt and press on to Barmouth. A course of London sufficed on this lovely little eight. Barmouth was reached in time for lunch and then came the problem, should we find the bells pealable?

RECTOR HEARS HIS BELLS

We had been informed that the bells had not been rung for years, that there were no ropes, and the Rector, who made us very welcome, had never heard his bells rung. Our minds were soon at rest, for we found a magnificent eight by Mears, dated 1891, hung in ball bearings, seven ropes in excellent condition and several broken sliders. An hour's work and all was ready. As these bells pulled off in rounds, on a flight of fancy one might well have been at Chewton Mendip or Ebbw Vale, so well did they compare. We certainly did justice to the bells, and rang a first-class peal, the tenormen deserving every praise for the work they put in. It is reported that the eyes of one member fairly shone when 'That's all' came up, and well they might, for the long cherished ambition of a peal in each Welsh county was almost in sight.

We spent the night at the Wynnstay Arms, Machynlleth, and were well looked after by Horace, the golfing night porter. The final day commenced with a tropical downpour. We were met at the church and welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers, who requested a touch of Stedman before starting the peal. We duly obliged and got off to a good start, plus a huge sneeze from the trebleman which almost put an end to the proceedings. However, we soon settled down and, amid much amusement, were shown how to get the best out of two tuneless trebles, a good peal being rung and another county in the bag.

Lunch, and the West Country contingent said their goodbyes, the others remaining for another night with Horace.

It only remains to record our thanks to all who met us and helped in the arrangement of a most successful week. Thank you, North Wales!

D. G. C.

LADIES' GUILD MAKE HISTORY

On Saturday, October 3rd, eight ladies of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild travelled by train, buses, motor-cycle and bicycles to the Church of All Saints, Thurcaston, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. It was a glorious autumn day with the sun shining brilliantly, when one by one the band arrived to admire the beautifully decorated church—all set for the harvest festival thanksgivings.

A clear start was made at 2.55 p.m. with everyone settling down immediately. Good ringing was enjoyed, and the bells were brought into rounds at 5.35 p.m. The local captain, Mr. Fred Bindley, soon appeared through the trap door to offer his congratulations. Everyone was pleased to hear him say he had heard most of the peal from all sides of the church and the ringing was good.

This is the first time a peal has been rung by all-district members since the district was formed in 1948.

Before leaving the belfry there was a general distribution of apples—very gratefully accepted—previously supplied from The Wayside by the ever-thoughtful 'H. J.'

Outside the church we were met by Mr. Ernest Dawson with his never-failing 'jalopy.' Into this 'well known to ringers' green van went seven of the band, plus two cycles, to Hugglescote for the quarterly district meeting.

There, although a little late for tea, Mr. Horace Over, the local captain, had very kindly arranged a much appreciated meal.

Once again, husbands, boy friends and other interested ringers were pleased to hear of our success. It was later reported to the band that 'Young Terry' (who considers the majority of the ladies live up to their name — 'The Clatterbangers'), on arriving at the church and hearing the peal still going and the ringing good, said, 'Confound it! Good ringing—can't even complain.' This was sufficient praise and satisfaction to the ladies in question.

The thanks of the band are due in the first place to the Vicar of Thurcaston, and also to Mr. Bindley, Mr. Rawson and Mr. Over.

J. S.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Life Membership Decision

Over 100 members and friends attended the half-yearly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held at Spalding on September 12th.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening; several members later rang on the eight at Fulney.

The Vicar of Spalding (the Rev. M. F. R. Synge), president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, presided at the business meeting. Following the routine business a lengthy discussion took place on the question of life membership for those who had been members for 40 years. On being put to the vote it was decided by a large majority that the matter be dropped for the time being.

Mr. R. F. Smith, of Lincoln, was appointed the first Guild librarian.

The Central Council circular giving the ruling on irregular Minor and short course Royal methods was read. The meeting approved the increased Central Council fee and also voted a donation towards the cost of the case to contain the Ringers' Roll of Honour.

The usual votes of thanks concluded a most enjoyable meeting, everyone feeling very grateful for the sincere welcome and for the efficient arrangements made by the Spalding ringers.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Darlington Visited for Annual Meeting After 30 Years

LAST year the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association revised the rule which for many years had restricted the venue of the annual meeting to the cities of Durham and Newcastle alternately, and very soon after that revision the wider choice was exercised, Darlington being chosen for the annual meeting in 1953. Thus it was that on September 26th, the Association held an annual meeting again in Darlington after an interval of 30 years.

Darlington possesses three churches with bells. The Parish Church of St. Cuthbert and the Church of St. John have rings of eight and there is a light six at Holy Trinity. Good use of these bells was made throughout the day, as ringing was available from 10.30 a.m. until 9 p.m. except for the lunch and tea intervals.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar of Darlington, the Rev. G. E. Holderness, assisted by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, the Rev. E. J. Simpson, and the president of the Association, Canon H. S. Stephenson. The Vicar, in his address, expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by ringers and went on to discuss the objects of the Association. He hoped that all would remember that the belfry was part of the House of God and suggested that that thought, together with the use of a prayer before ringing, would help to achieve belfry reform. As for recognition of ringers as church workers, he felt that that was already achieved among right-thinking churchmen. A collection realised £2 15s. 2d. for the Bell Restoration Fund.

In St. Cuthbert's Parish Hall a company of about eighty sat down to a splendid tea prepared by the ladies of St. Cuthbert's. Twenty towers of the Association were represented and there were, in addition, ringers from York Minster, Richmond, Bedale, Saltburn, Ripon and Churcham, Glos.

The business meeting followed the tea, and Canon Stephenson, in opening the meeting, said that that was his 'swan song' as president. He had felt honoured and privileged to hold office during the period which had included the Coronation.

NEWCASTLE 1954

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1952–3. He referred to the undoubted improvements that had taken place in the standard of ringing at meetings over the past five years, but added that all was not well while many towers were silent and membership was not as high as it should be. During the year the war memorial had been dedicated and a few months later the fund was closed. No restoration had been completed, but work had been in progress at Stockton, which would culminate in the dedication of the recast bells on October 7th, 1953. The Ladies' Guild had formed a North-Eastern Branch in January, but there was no cutting across the work of the Diocesan Association. In 1954 the Association would be host to the Central Council for a second time in Newcastle, and he hoped that 'Newcastle, 1954,' would be a memorable date in the Council's calendar.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement. This showed that the balance in the General Fund had increased by about £7, compared with a decline of almost £9 in the previous year. He warned against undue optimism, pointing out that this improvement resulted from the saving on the annual report. The austerity report for 1951–52 was something forced upon the committee rather than a free choice, and that for 1952–3 would follow the same pattern, but eventually a heavy bill would have to be met when a comprehensive report was published. He was very grateful to the two district secretaries who had waived their claims to expenses to help the Association.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented his first report, showing that 29 peals had been rung—a decline of six from the previous year. Nevertheless, the total included three first performances for the Association, viz., Ashtead, Painswick and Whitminster Surprise Major. The great event of the year, the Coronation, had produced seven peals. The peals were rung in 18 towers and 59 members took part in them, nine of them for the first time. The leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth and E. N. Harrison with 17 each. There were 10 conductors, two of them for the first time, and the highest totals were D. A. Bayles 10 and R. Park 6.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Canon Stephenson, having held office for three years, was ineligible for re-election as president. As his successor Mr. W. N. Park, on behalf of the committee, nominated Mr. Richard A. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, a distinguished member of a family whose fame as ringers had spread far beyond the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle. Mr. G. A. Pickering seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The other officers were re-elected en bloc so the list of officers for 1953–4 reads as follows: President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird;; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

District officers: Northern, vice-president K. Arthur, secretary, S. Hewitt; Southern, T. Cooke and D. R. Airey; Eastern, A. Brunton and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Mr. C. McGuiness proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. He said that the reports presented earlier testified to the hard work put in by them and showed that the members had been wise in their re-elections. Without any disrespect to the new president, he was sorry that Canon Stephenson's retirement could not have been delayed for one year so that he might have covered the Central Council's visit. The proposal was carried with acclamation.

Mr. G. A. Pickering voiced thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to the Vicar and the Rev. E. J. Simpson for the service, and to the organist. To this the Vicar responded.

Mr. D. A. Bayles proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea for the large company. He had taken upon himself that very pleasant duty because he would like to make it clear that he himself had done nothing but submit proposals for the programme to Mr. T. Cooke and the other Darlington ringers. All the organisation and the work had been done in Darlington, and he personally was very grateful.

In acknowledging the very hearty vote of thanks, Mrs. R. M. Cooke said that for her speech making was the worst part of the job.

Meetings arranged for 1954 were announced as follows: The J. W. Parker commemoration, Sunderland, March 20th; half-yearly meeting, Staindrop, May 8th; annual meeting, Newcastle, September 25th.

Nine new members were elected from Chester-le-Street, Consett, Newcastle and Stockton.

The attendance at the meeting amply justified the revision of the rule and suggested that it would be a great mistake to allow another 30 years to elapse before the Association returned to Darlington.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: O. Street 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss W. Wilkinson 4, C. Cook 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8. First quarter on the recently recast bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Reports from Llandaff and Coity

Thirty-six members attended a successful meeting at Caerphilly on September 26th. Both Llandaff and Monmouth branches were well represented, and also present was Mr. F. C. Mogford. Ringing arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. A. J. Pitman, Branch Ringing Master, who saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector's wife and ladies of the parish, and they were thanked on the proposition of Mr. A. Hoare. A short service followed, conducted by the Rector, Canon J. O. Williams.

An interesting lecture was given by Mr. Arthur Wright, the author of 'The Bells of Monmouthshire,' on bells, which evoked many questions. He was thanked by Mr. A. Hoare.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. E. Coles, branch secretary, Mr. F. J. Hannington acted as his deputy.

Before reading the minutes, members stood for a few moments in respect to Mr. Fred Lasbury, a popular and highly respected member, who was fatally injured in a mine on August 25th.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary said Llandaff bells had been rung open in rounds by the local learners for the first time on the previous Tuesday.

Mr. T. Roderick told the meeting that although Coity bells had not yet been dedicated, Mr. Tom Petty had been going there regularly helping the local band.

When the place of the next meeting was discussed, Mr. A. Hoare proposed and Mr. T. Roderick seconded that a joint meeting be held with the Swansea and Brecon (Southern District) Guild. This was carried and Baglan was the venue selected, the date to be left to the two secretaries.

New members elected were: Tudor Edwards, Pentre; Howard Luff and John Lintern, of Caerphilly.

Mr. A. Hoare moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for use of the bells, for taking the service and presiding at the meeting.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 17th, 1913

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

The Midland Counties Association

and the St. Martin's Society, Leicester

On Saturday, Oct. 11th, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

At the Church of St. Thomas

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

George Cleal	Treble
Arthur S. Pettit	2
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Charles H. Fowler	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook and Conducted by Charles H. Fowler.

This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a complete band of Leicester ringers.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Evers (first of Major) 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, W. S. Butler 3, Miss J. Sims 4, W. H. P. Mellin 5, D. Portway 6, C. Burton 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8. For harvest festival

LETTERS

YOUNGEST RINGER TO REACH 1,000 PEALS

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Mr. George Fearn most heartily on his 1,000 peals, I was surprised to see the suggestion in 'Belfry Gossip' some weeks ago that he is the youngest to reach this total repeated so prominently—indeed, I wonder it was not corrected at the time. Both Ernest and William Pye reached this total much younger—both were under 40, I think. Had it not been for his death at the close of the first world war, even their record would have been well beaten by Bertram Prewett, who, at 36, had rung 953 peals; the last few years of his life, of course, contributing a mere handful.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. G. E. Fearn on his 1,000 peals. The following items may be of interest in which ringers have completed 1,000 peals at an early age. That truly great ringer, the late Ernest Pye, was 38 years of age at the time of his tragic death; his peal total at the time was over 1,000. His equally-famous brother, William, completed his 1,000th peal at the age of 41 years and four months, when he conducted a peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on December 16th, 1911. This peal was interesting as it was the 100th rung by Alfred W. Grimes, who a few years later was to create a record by ringing 250 peals in two years. The time taken by William Pye to complete his 1,000 peals was 22 years two months and included in the list were over 100 peals of London as a conductor.

Dear 'Old Bill' told me on one occasion his ambition was to ring 2,000 peals. It was not to be for he was taken from our midst when within sight of a goal that had never before been reached, and he only needed 31 for game.

—Yours faithfully, JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.22.

Dear Sir,—First of all I should like to congratulate Mr. G. Fearn on his 1,000 peals.

As no exact age is given of Mr. Fearn, I may be wrong in my statement, but I should like to point out that the late Ernest Pye was only 38 years of age when he completed his 1,000 peals in 1915. Also the late William Pye was only 41 years of age when he completed his 1,000 peals in 1911.

I think, therefore, that my Uncle Ernest is still the youngest person to accomplish this feat.

—Yours sincerely, E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden.

ENGLISH RINGER IN CANADA

Dear Sir, — I have just returned from a three months' trip across Western Canada. Here, in Toronto, there are about as many churches to the square mile as there are in Oxford, but none of them have bells which are hung for ringing.

You can imagine my delight, then, when I found at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, B.C., not only some bells, but also a band of ringers. I was only there for three nights, but, fortunately, one of those was their practice night, and so I had an opportunity to ring with them.

I guess it is pretty difficult to get ringers in a place like Victoria, which is so cut off from the rest of the ringing world, but the ringers that there are seem very keen, and we had a most enjoyable evening ringing Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

The welcome which I received was typical of Western Canada. The captain, Mr. E. W. Izard, has even asked me to go out there and spend Christmas with them. Maybe I will. It is only about 2,500 miles each way!—Yours sincerely, CATHARINE M. TRIST.

Bishop Strachan School,
Toronto 12.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

A Great Reception at Grantham

A cordial reception was received by the National Guild of Police Ringers at Grantham for their 22nd annual meeting on September 19th. On this, their first visit to Grantham, the bells of the Parish Church were available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with those of Bottesford, Harlaxton and Barkston.

The bells of Bottesford were set going shortly after 10.30 a.m. by members of the Leicester contingent, to be joined shortly afterwards by members from London, Driffield and Grantham. Some very good ringing was enjoyed until mid-day when those present made their various ways to Grantham to join the Manchester and Liverpool party at the Parish Church. After the usual greetings, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and London and Bristol Major were rung before lunch. The bells of Harlaxton were rung after lunch.

The business meeting was held at Spittlegate Police Headquarters, with the president (Inspector H. J. Poole) in the chair.

In his report the secretary said that 1952 was one of the eventful years of the Guild. The 21st Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held at Leicester in January and was attended by over 160 members and friends of the Guild. The annual meeting held at Liverpool in December showed that membership had increased by four serving members and two policewomen. By loss through death of ex-Superintendent A. Wiggins, the membership was 108. The year ended with a balance of £9 13s. 5d. One peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the Guild during the year at Leicester.

The president gave the meeting a brief account of the Central Council meeting and paid high tribute to the work of the retiring secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and Mrs. Fletcher. He considered it one of the most successful Council meetings he had attended.

Inspector H. J. Poole, of Leicester City, was again unanimously elected president of the Guild, and P.C. Knight, of Leicester City, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Sergeant Prior proposed that P.C. H. R. Woods be elected to the committee in his place and all other members were elected en bloc. Inspector Butler was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council again. Sergeant R. Sumner, of the Metropolitan Police, was elected a member of the Guild.

NEXT MEETING IN LONDON

After some discussion on catering facilities and transport problems, it was proposed by P.C. R. Benson seconded by Inspector Butler, that the next annual meeting be held in London. It was decided that similar arrangements be made for a dinner and social evening as on this occasion. P.C. R. Benson proposed a vote of thanks to the Grantham members, P.C. Woods and P.C. Armstrong, for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting and the dinner which was to follow.

The president said that he was pleased to see a good company present at the meeting, although letters of apology had been received from 15 members unable to attend. This concluded the business meeting and, after a nice cup of tea, members made their way to the Parish Church where some excellent ringing was enjoyed by all the company.

Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester City, and Superintendent V. Ford, of Grantham, visited the church and showed great interest in the chain library and then went to the belfry to see the ringing in progress.

Departing from the usual practice of a mid-day luncheon and tea, on this occasion a dinner had been arranged at the George Hotel, where over 100 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. The president was supported by Mrs. Poole, and guests included the Mayor of Grantham (Councillor J. Hardaker) and the Mayoress, Mr. R. H. Fooks (Chief Constable of Lincolnshire), Mr. O. J. B. Cole (Chief Constable of Leicester City) and Mrs. Cole, Canon W. Leake (Vicar of Grantham) and Mrs. Leake, Mr. W. E. Pitts (Chief Constable of Derbyshire), Superintendent W. Ford (Grantham) and Mrs. Ford, Mr. C. H. Bream (Commandant of the Special Constabulary of the Loughborough Division of the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary).

After the Loyal Toast, the president, in expressing pleasure at the presence of the Mayor of Grantham, said that on this, the first occasion of the Guild's visit to Grantham, the Guild was honoured by his attendance. The Mayor, in welcoming the Guild to Grantham, said that he did try to ring once but that was a long time ago. He understood they had a fine ring of bells in Grantham and they were proud of their church and the bells.

ONCE A HOME GUARD PRIVILEGE

The Chief Constable of Lincolnshire (Mr. R. H. Fooks) said he was glad to support the Mayor in welcoming the National Police Guild of Ringers to Grantham. It was a nice sound to hear church bells ringing, but he remembered it was once the privilege of the Home Guard to ring them. Ringing was classed as an art, but he didn't know whether it was an art or a sport, and understood a good ringer had to be a good mathematician—one able to count from 1 to 10.

Inspector Butler, of Liverpool, proposed the toast 'The Guests,' and said that it was the practice of the Guild to invite guests and to interest them in their hobby of bellringing. The Chief Constable of Derbyshire (Mr. W. E. Pitts), responding with his usual spontaneous wit and good humour, kept the gathering in laughter with his description of his journey to Grantham. He recalled his previous meetings with the Guild. The first occasion was at a club in Manchester, then a middle-class hotel in Liverpool, and now a first-class hotel in Grantham. He humorously remarked that though they thanked the Almighty for what they were about to receive, he wanted to thank those who had to pay for it. Speaking on behalf of the guests, he said he was sure everybody had enjoyed a very fine dinner.

The president then expressed his thanks to the Chief Constable of Leicester for his assistance in granting facilities for members of the Leicester City Police Concert Party to travel to Grantham for the after-dinner entertainment; to Canon Leake for the use of the bells during the day; also to Superintendent Ford, of Grantham, for facilities for the business meeting; and to P.C. Woods and P.C. Armstrong for their efforts which added to the success of the day.

The social evening followed with a 'rise and fall' on handbells. Musical items were rendered by members of the Leicester City Police Concert Party under the direction of Sergeant L. Vines. Tunes on handbells were provided by members of the Manchester City party and ringers from Leicester.

Just before the conclusion of the evening, Mr. W. E. Pitts (Chief Constable of Derbyshire) was initiated into the art of campanology by lapping a pair of handbells.

H. J. P.

CHALDON BELL

Dear Sir, — William Shepherd does bell archæology a disservice, by making the extravagant claim that the Chaldon bell probably was cast in Italy. There is not a scrap of evidence to support this.

In fact, it is a typical English, lathe turned, loam modelled bell, with its head moulded by the waste wax process.—Yours sincerely,

Lewes, Sussex. GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

A TOUR IN KENT AND SUSSEX

By Coventry and Peterborough Guild Ringers

THE last week in July was the time determined for the now seemingly annual visit to 'fresh fields and pastures new.' This year Tunbridge Wells was to be the centre of activities, and on July 25th this became the objective of our small party from the Midlands, consisting of an equal number of Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guild members, not forgetting the lone representative from Norwich. Transport was provided by four cars.

A good start was made soon after lunch, at Westerham (8, 23¾ cwt.). This church possesses a fine old octave, and the time allotted passed all too quickly, so bidding farewell to Jack Weller, we drove along the valley to Brasted (6, 12 cwt.), where the bells seem to know all the answers, and only needed guiding through Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge. But what a different tale is told of Sundridge (6, 15½ cwt.); it's debatable which makes the most noise, the bells or the squeaking of the ceiling of the ringing chamber. The last tower of the afternoon was Sevenoaks (8, 21½ cwt.), where the full value of the bells was probably not appreciated by a travel-weary party.

Sunday was a day of rest, with service ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, in the morning, a pleasant afternoon by the sea at Hastings, and in the evening, by permission of the Vicar, so readily given at short notice, we had the experience of ringing on the eight steel bells at St. Clement's for evensong.

WET DAY IMPROVES 'GO'

On Monday morning the tour—and the rain—started in earnest. Speldhurst (8, 13½ cwt.) was the first tower, where Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were enjoyed on a musical octave, and the appointed hour for departure arrived all too soon. Cowden (6, 8½ cwt.) took nearly ten minutes to raise in peal! The wooden bell frame is built from the ground on large beams, and we were told by the tower captain to be grateful for a really wet day, as the 'go' was much improved. Our advice is, 'If your ringing outing is spoilt by rain, go to Cowden.' The last tower of the morning was Hever (6, 8½ cwt.). With a little heaving we rang Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

An excellent lunch at Edenbridge was followed by an hour on the fine octave at the Parish Church. Methods rung here were Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a few rounds for the youthful member of the local band who met us. Then to the lovely village of Chiddingstone, and to ring on a good octave touches of Oxford Bob and Duffield. The long draught at Penshurst (8, 17½ cwt.) caused some deterioration in the striking, and we confined our remarks to Stedman and Bob Major, and again a few rounds, this time for the benefit of a master from Groton School, U.S.A. (this is one of the two schools in the States with a ring of bells). The last tower of the afternoon was Leigh (6, 9½ cwt.). Here we rang Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Little Bob. Not content with seven towers in one day we all had a long ride to Tenterden (8, 30 cwt.) in the evening, and were well rewarded by some good ringing.

On Tuesday a start was made at Lamberhurst (6, 13 cwt.), where we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. Relfe, and from the many peal boards in the ringing chamber of admiring the achievements of the local band. These, no doubt, inspired us to produce some good Double Court Double and Plain Bob. Oswald, however, did not delight. Thanks, Mr. Relfe, for your touch of Spliced Minor; the writer did manage to conduct it at the third attempt.

If ever a party of ringers met their 'Waterloo,' it was this little party at Horsmonden (6, 19½ cwt.). Our apologies to the Lambert brothers for the worst striking of the week. Surprisingly enough the only good ringing was a course of Horsmonden Bob. Our ringing after lunch at Goudhurst (8, 25 cwt.) was curtailed owing to a funeral. This, however, lengthened our stay at Smarden (6, 18½ cwt.), where we had some good Treble Bob, also the 'Lamberhurst' touch of Spliced Minor and a course of Double Stedman. Headcorn (8, 24 cwt.) was the last scheduled tower of this day of 'weight,' where Stedman, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Triples and Duffield Major were rung. The evening was spent with the ringers at SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, on their practice night.

On Wednesday only three towers were visited, first the fine eight at Rotherfield (23 cwt.), and also in the morning East Hoathly (6, 9½ cwt.). It was intended that the afternoon should be spent at Brighton enjoying the sea air, but the weather was again unkind and time passed all too slowly, until it was time to ring at St. Nicholas' (10, 18½ cwt.).

A LOOSE HEADSTOCK

Thursday morning was reserved for Minor ringing, and at the first two towers, Wadhurst (13½ cwt.) and Ticehurst (15 cwt.), everything went according to plan, with Cambridge and Kent at Wadhurst, and Plain Bob, Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob at Ticehurst. Of Sandhurst (6, 12¼ cwt.) a very different tale is told. The tower was encased in scaffolding, and altogether presented a not very helpful picture. The 'rise' brought results, the tenor man retired half-way up and spent 10 minutes recovering in the back pew, and the men working on the scaffolding decided on an early lunch. It only needed one lead of what should have been Bob Minor to show us that the tenor was unringable and, on inspection, was found to be so loose on the headstock that it was catching on the frame. The 'minor five' were rung to Grandsire Doubles.

After lunch, we visited Hawkhurst, where Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major were enjoyed. Then on to Burwash (8, 10½ cwt.) to be met by Fred Lambert and to enjoy a pleasant hour on a ring recently augmented by Messrs. Taylors. The way back to Tunbridge Wells was over the beautiful Sussex Downs, and on one of the few fine afternoons of the week we had an opportunity of appreciating the scenery. A call was made at Frant (6, 8 cwt.) for touches of Cambridge, Kent and Double Court. In the evening the party split up, the majority going to Maidstone practice, and the remainder again visiting St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

The last day of the tour was greeted by a further downpour of rain. The first call was at Withyham, where a good Taylor eight (15 cwt.) went well to Stedman and Erin Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich. A short visit was made to Hartfield (6, 12½ cwt.) for Kent, College Single Reverse and Little Bob. The last tower before lunch was East Grinstead (8, 23¾ cwt.). After a morning on a fast moving octave and a handy six, the slow rhythm required at East Grinstead needed more concentration than could be found at the end of a tour. The rain did not detract from the pleasure of a visit to Balcombe (8, 9 cwt.). The other towers of the afternoon were Turners Hill (8, 14 cwt.), where the special method was Little Grandsire Triples, and West Hoathly (6, 11 cwt.), where the party were asked to have a long rest between each touch to convince the local inhabitants that a peal was not being attempted. We trust that the Cambridge and Oxford Bob was acceptable. A journey to

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OUTINGS

ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL

Some 28 ringers and friends attended the first annual outing of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on September 19th, the venue being the towers of the Misbourne Valley. Mr. C. W. Knight kindly consented to act as ringing master.

Towers visited were Chalfont-St.-Peter (six, with bells not renowned for their 'go'), Chalfont-St.-Giles (a pleasant toned six; ringing suffered through the passage of a wedding party through the circle of ropes on this ground floor ring); Amersham (justice not done to this heavy six); Missenden (standard of ringing much improved); Great Missenden (took some ringing, but Cambridge brought round); Weston Turville (recently rehung by Croydon Foundry, bells a pleasure to listen to and to ring); Stoke Mandeville (bells difficult to strike); Wendover (best tower of the day. Bells exceedingly noisy in ringing chamber, but it is almost impossible to strike them badly).

MARHAMCHURCH

South-West Cornwall was visited this year by Marhamchurch ringers for their annual outing. Ringing took place at St. Columb Major, St. Mary's, Penzance (a church with a beautiful interior), Paul, St. Gluvias, Penrhyn, and St. Erme. Grandsire Doubles, call changes and rounds for learners were rung at all towers during the day.

IN N.W. SOMERSET

On October 3rd, in beautiful weather and amidst glorious scenery, a small party of ringers representing the counties of Devon, Dorset and Somerset much enjoyed an outing organised by Miss Boyle, of Combe Martin. About ¾ hour of ringing took place in each of the following towers, Porlock (6), Selworthy (6), Luccombe (6), Wootton Courtenay (6) and Timberscombe (8). Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Union Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Best thanks are due to Miss Boyle for her excellent organisation, to the incumbents and local ringers.

E. T. P. F.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

The SS. Peter and Paul ringers, Lavenham, held a half-day ringing excursion on Saturday, October 3rd, when they visited Harwich (8), Mistley (6) and Ardleigh, Essex (8).

Methods rung were Plain Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale. The band wish to thank the three incumbents for the use of the bells, and those brother-ringers who met them at the towers. Tea was taken at the Pier Pavilion, Harwich.

S. H. S.

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Cranbrook in the evening produced no ringing, as choir practice had commenced.

The only tower arranged for Saturday morning on the way home was Wrotham (8, 23¾ cwt.), and no better tower could have been found to end a successful week's tour.

No account of this tour would be complete without expressing our sincere thanks to the tireless secretary of the East Grinstead Guild, Mr. C. Bassett, who made all the arrangements, and whose planning of the programme was such that we were never more than five minutes late at any tower, and then only once or twice. To the incumbents of the parishes visited, and to those who met us on our arrival, we are indebted.

E. G. O.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary W. Brown 1, Valerie Mepham 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mason 1, C. Angus Dixon (cond.) 2, H. C. Caunt 3, J. R. Ketteringham 4, R. Barratt 5, L. Slack 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Scoffin, captain of the tower, who died on September 12th, aged 69 years.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell 1, A. W. Beard 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Fenn 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, F. V. Gant 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, B. S. Payne 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, P. Soars 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Smith 1, B. Pattison 2, Sheila Duffin 3, S. H. Wallis 4, A. Smith 5, W. J. Athow 6 B. Sims (cond.) 7, G. Bridge 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman and 600 Grandsire): J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely to harvest festival service.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 240 Bourne): R. Wordsall 1, W. R. Parker 2, G. R. Parker 3, L. Willders 4, A. Brummitt 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. C. Raine, late Vicar of Blankney.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. C. Hart 1, R. Overy 2, F. Bennett 3, A. W. Bond 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, H. W. Woolven 6, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, R. W. Knight (first quarter) 10. Rung for the harvest festival.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, B. D. Hall 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, J. Collett 4, M. C. F. Collett 5, F. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, T. J. V. Search 4, J. Collett 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8. For harvest festival.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Woolley 1, T. J. Clark 2, Mrs. J. D. A. Cleaver 3, J. D. A. Cleaver 4, P. Parslow 5, W. Wenban 6, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 7, R. Rowley 8. For harvest festival.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Phillips 3, R. Chicken 4, S. C. Walker 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, W. Nicholson 8. For harvest festival.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hales 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, L. L. Willis 4, J. W. T. Davis 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. E. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. First of Triples for 1, 5 and 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Hooper 1, W. C. Rhodes 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, J. W. T. Davis 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. E. Hill 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): H. Wand 1, R. H. Scott 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, F. Owen 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Commemorating the Battle of Britain.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: N. Brown 1, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 2, C. Parks 3, Miss P. M. Steere 4, E. G. Talbot 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, R. Abbott 8, W. F. Oatway 9, R. Davies (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal by 1, 3, 4 and 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. May 1, N. J. Fleetwood 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, S. Atyeo 5, L. Woods 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, I. Campbell 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung to welcome the birth of Kathryn Ruby Barker.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. R. Roast 1, D. J. Temple (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Dowsett 3, E. G. Roast 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, J. West 6.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. A. Preston 2, C. Glenn 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 6, E. Clemence 7, W. Perkins 8. First in three Spliced Triples by all. For harvest festival.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Gines 1, C. C. Clarke 2, G. E. Deeley 3, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 4, C. H. Pearson 5, H. L. Roper 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For harvest festival.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Wills 1, J. Hosgood 2, Miss M. Mundy 3, W. A. Wills 4, G. Skinner 5, F. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, E. Bristow 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Aldridge 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, G. Ashdown 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. Rawlings 7, G. Daynes 8. Rung for thanksgiving service for final restoration of the church from war damage and dedication of the east and west windows and restoration of the spire.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss R. Cook 1, C. Marshall 2, T. Harris 3, C. Brown 4, J. Owen 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 600 Stedman): P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, M. Orme 3, J. Church 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 27th, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. Bryant 1, R. E. Moulds 2, C. Sweeney 3 K. Palmer 4, R. Beaumont 5, J. H. Fielden 6, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. Farewell quarter to ringers of 3, 5 and 7.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Holder (first quarter) 1, A. R. Barrett 2, G. Smith (first as cond.) 3, A. J. Barrett 4, H. M. Windsor 5. For harvest festival.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, H. Bird (first in method) 2, R. Haden 3, V. Tipton 4, L. Whitby 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Miss A. Yarde (first in four methods) 1, D. T. North 2, G. Walford 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Rung in the conductor's 1,000th tower, and to mark the completion of his 22nd year as a ringer.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6–8 covering): Anne Powell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. A. Hannington 2, C. Baker 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, J. G. Powell 5, G. Billenness 6, A. H. Kemp 8. For harvest thanksgiving

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Tanner (first quarter) 1, G. Akehurst 2, G. Beeney (cond.) 3, F. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Ellis 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, M. Orme 2, Miss D. Hare 3, G. Dear 4, D. Jones 5, L. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Perrett 1, E. Marlow 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. E. Mallard 5, B. Waite 6. Rung after the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Rowland P. Griffiths).

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Blacklidge 1, J. Taberner 2, H. Calderbank (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. Mansley 4, J. R. Jenkinson 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (120 each April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, and 240 Grandsire): R. Dixon 1, P. Croft 2, M. Orme 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, Angela Willes 6. First quarter in ten Doubles methods by all.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Collings 3, W. Todd (first of Stedman) 4, E. Winters 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, K. C. Timbury 8. For harvest festival

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. D. Ashdown 8. For harvest festival.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. W. Slaughter (first quarter) 1, W. Slaughter 2, D. Wilson (first 'inside') 3, L. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, C. Pyett (first quarter) 6, W. Hunt 7, W. Taylor 8. For harvest festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cornwall (first of Stedman) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, K. Biggs (first of Stedman) 3, I. Biggs 4, A. Newton 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. J. Dyer 1, J. J. Pawley 2, G. D. Whitehead (first in method) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. Ransome 5, H. S. Peacock 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Nix 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Wimlett (first quarter) 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. Hollingdale 2, S. Hill 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For patronal festival, and as a welcome to the assistant curate (the Rev. A. Blee). Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Robinson 1, W. Small 2, S. Hill 3, Edna Everest 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For harvest festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds 6, W. Jarvis 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. A. Hughes (first in method) 3, D. W. Beard 4, J. F. Grove 5, C.E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

LINTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Ridgman 1, J. G. Gipson 2, C. Norden (first quarter) 3, H. L. Martin (cond.) 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5. Rung after a peal attempt had to be abandoned because of a rope breaking.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Fry (first away from tenor) 1, H. E. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, Sergt. D. Holbrey 6, D. Wheeler 7, K. Wright 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. N. Barnett). also a compliment to his wife on the birth of a son, and for the christening of the conductor's niece.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, G. Whitemore 4, A. T. Truman 5, H. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 London, 360 Norwich, 360 Ipswich and 360 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, E. Long 3, S. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Rung by the local company.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. M. Broadbridge (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Smith 2, Mrs. A. E. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, J. Brent 6, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 7, A. Weise 8.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, covered by 1 and 8: A. Williams 1, G. Appleyard 2, Miss A. Brough 3, Miss C. Mountain 4, R. Manning 5, Miss J. Mountain 6, L. Cooper (cond.) 7, E. Watson 8. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. Watson, a local ringer, and Miss D. Cook, and also the wedding of Mr. W. Bellerby and Miss A. Stewart, both local ringers.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Lavers 1, G. H. Myers 2, D. J. Gay 3, T. G. Myers 4, J. P. Sims 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, R. A. Southwood (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Doubles (being 240 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5. For harvest festival.

READING, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss N. E. Swann 1, C. E. Lewington (first of Surprise) 2, A. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Baker 1; J. Harrold 2, K. Perkins 3, I. Dickin 4, A. Cozens 5. Non-conducted for harvest festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, H. Corney 4, J. M. Aspinall (first of Minor 'inside') 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung as a 41st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Osborne.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, R. Hall 5 Michael E. Brown (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except conductor. First of Cambridge by the Sunday service band.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Parton 1, Miss M. Moody 2, A. Cox 3, C. Parker 4, J. Pinfold 5, H. J. Turner 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, F. Walters 8. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 3. A welcome home from Hong Kong to the ringer of the tenor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Ellwood (cond.) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. A. Birt (first of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Judd 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. C. Birt 8. Rung for the dedication festival.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. P. Elphick 1, P. Brooks 2, O. Wood 3, G. P. Elphick 4, H. S. James 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 7, F. J. Crese 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gibson 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, Miss K. Softley 3, Miss J. B. Softley 4, Miss E. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea (cond.) 6. For the ordination of the Rev. M. S. Symmonds as priest. First quarter peal by the newly-formed North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (840 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Phillips (first quarter) 1, J. M. N. Lakin 2, R. F. Brewer (first as cond.) 3, R. M. Currie 4, J. A.C. King 5.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Jones (first quarter) 1, F. Dyson 2, F. S. Dodd 3, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 4, A. S. Gordon 5, D. Sharpe (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, B. F. Cookson (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Smith 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Lees 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. B. Cookson (first quarter) 1, G. C. Cookson 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. N. Layton 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (first as cond.) 6, R. Lees 7, D. H. Watson 8. For dedication festival.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Liggins 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, Jean A. Kirkman 3, Mary C. Payne 4, Jean A. Brooks 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8. For harvest festival.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chedgey 1, F. Matravers 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Sage 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. For harvest festival.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Penn 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, G. H. Harding (cond.) 3, R. Amor 4, M. Hawkins (first quarter of Caters) 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, W. Baxter 8, C. Doel 9, S. Francis 10.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Dennis Neal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Mitchell 1, W. H. Coles 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Twinn 4, F. Corke 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, T. G. Bannister 8. A farewell to the Rev. R. Bruce Edie, late Vicar, and friend of all ringers.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Page (first quarter) 1, F. Smith 2, A. Jarvis 3, J. Blond 4, E. Garrard 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, J. Berry 7, E. Bucknell (first of Triples) 8. For harvest festival.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): Miss J. Bailey 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, H. Belcher 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Phillips 6, S. Dearden 7, W. Rawlings 8. For harvest festival.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, F. C. Mogford 3, R. J. Bowden 4, W. H. Parker 5, P. L. Pearce 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. Hansford 8, I. H. Trueman 9, E. F. Hancock 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: E. H. Durrant 1, R. Rowley 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, D. K. Adkins 4, W. Wenban 5, S. H. Hoare 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First in the method for all except 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Seaman (first of Triples as cond.) 1, R. G. Smith 2, E. H. Durrant 3, J. Schofield 4, R. King 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, H. Schofield 8. For harvest festival.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, at All Saints' Church, Stranton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Webster 1, K. Lawson 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Mrs. K. Lawson 4, W. Maughan 5, A. Watson 6, H. Short (Whitby, cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung on anniversary of this church's dedication.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Mackintosh (first of Minor) 1, Mary Fuller 2, R. Bird 3, Anne Holmes 4, J. Brown 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Jackson (first in method) 1, H. Cox 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, J. E. Dews 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8. Rung for the harbourside service, the blessing of the fishing fleet.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Nash 1, J. M. N. Lakin 2, R. F. Brewer 3, W. Harrison 4, R. M. Currie 5, J. A. C. King (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is captain of the tower and is shortly leaving the district, and also for Mr. P. Corfield and Miss E. Edmonds, both local ringers, who are to be married.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gayner Higgins (first quarter) 1, P. S. Whalley 2, G. D. Whalley 3, G. E. Kettle 4, W. Massey 5, R. S. Barlow 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. Biddulph 8. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. A. Fitchford. Mr. Barlow was leaving for Korea during the week.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District's New Secretary

Ringers of the Ashford District met at Ashford on September 29th for their annual meeting. Ringing started at 3 p.m. at the Parish Church. Then followed a service, which was conducted by Canon H. D. S. Bowen.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was succeeded by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. The chairman expressed his regret at the loss to the district of Mr. T. Cullingworth, who has moved to Maidstone; he has been the popular and efficient secretary for some years. Mr. W. J. Garner was elected to the office, with Messrs. J. Cooper and S. G. Waters as district representatives. Mr. C. W. Everett was again elected as Ringing Master.

The Rev. Cyril Munt, curate at Ashford, was nominated a practising member.

After a short discussion on two notices of motion placed before the meeting, business closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. J. Crittall for presiding at the organ, and to the verger and his wife for making arrangements for the tea.

Further ringing of methods up to three Spliced Surprise Major continued until 8.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A beautiful autumn day was the setting for the Halesworth District quarterly meeting at Wissett. A company of about 25 ringers from Blythburgh, Bramfield, Halesworth, Southwold, Wingfield and Wissett spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening, during which time the bells were rung to most of the standard methods from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. L. Cornell), who is leaving early next month to take up a living in Hampshire. Tea was served in the Parish Room by local ladies, who maintained their usual high standard.

At the business meeting which followed votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and to all the other 'Wissetites' for making the event a success. The next meeting, it is hoped, will be held at Halesworth the latter part of November.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK, OUTING

Ringers of St. Mary's, Preston, with their wives and friends, visited Essex for their harvest-tide outing on Saturday, September 26th. The first stop was at the Four Wants to pick up D. Symonds and family. Then on to Fyfield, where various methods were rung, followed by an excellent tea at the 'Gipsy Meade.' The second call was Moreton for more ringing. The last call was High Ongar. Methods rung at these three six-bell towers were Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale Surprise.

On the return journey the usual 'refreshment hour' was interspersed with tunes and change ringing on the handbells, including Stedman's pocket set, tenor 2in. diameter! The party would like to express their sincere thanks to the incumbents concerned, to Mr. D. Symonds for his kind help, and especially to Mr. F. Day, M.C. S. H. S.

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on October 3rd, of Miss Jean Holloway and Mr. Eric Sutton, of Bristol. A peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Stratton St. Margaret's on October 5th.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Radstock, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—The quarterly meeting arranged for Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Woburn, is **cancelled.** —Dennis Knox. 3331

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3–4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Evensong 5.30. Business to follow in Urquhart Hall. Bells again 7–8.45. Visitors welcome.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3319

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3318

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Roydon (6), Saturday, October 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., free to those who notify A. Livings, 34, Hansells Mead, Roydon.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 17th at 6.30 p.m., Canon R. G. Clitherow presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8) and St. Mary's (6) 3-4.30. Tour of new Cathedral 3.45. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.15. 3327

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — To-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Bridge and Maida Vale) on Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 3306

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Oct. 17th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. 3238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please support this new venture.—J. Cooper and N. Swann, Branch Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Nutfield, October 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. 3248

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 3292

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mark, Saturday, 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Railway Farm, Cheddar. 3333

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting, South Cadbury, Oct. 24th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 3325

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Heanor, Oct. 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Also, following business meeting, a talk on the elements of conducting by Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) for those notifying, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st, P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 3343

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Stoke Gabriel, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead on Oct. 24th. Bells from 3. Numbers for tea, by the 21st, to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3335

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3345

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and dinner at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Melton bells (10) 3.15 to 6; Asfordby (6) and Kirby Bellairs (5) from 10 a.m. Other bells by arrangement with J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby, or F. J. Williams. Dinner 6 at Harborough Hotel, Burton Street, Melton. Tickets 10s. each, number limited. Apply, with remittance, not later than Oct. 19th, to F. J. Williams, Eaton Grange Cottages, Grantham Lincs. 3300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.* — Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 24th. Dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the augmented ring of eight bells will take place at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st, to A. E. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 3299

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting, Welton (6), Oct. 24th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3320

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 19th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3332

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please carry own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3340

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, **not** St. Leonards, as shown on meeting cards, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3337

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury District). — Joint meeting, Highclere, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Armoury. Newbury (10) available 6.30 onwards. Names for tea, by Oct 20th, Mr. G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 3323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Upton-Grey (6), Oct. 24th, 2.30, Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the Village Hall. Names, by Oct. 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3328

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 24th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 20th, and obtainable from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3259

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — **Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner,** Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, **Sheffield,** Saturday, **Oct. 24th,** 6.15 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Oct. 21st. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3; St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6; Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30; Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors. —J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Nailsea, Sunday, Oct. 25th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Oct. 22nd.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton, near Bristol. 3330

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at the two town towers of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, from 2.30 until 4 o'clock, and St. John's, Newcastle, from about 6 o'clock. This is instead of the meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, which is not available. 3329

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich (note change) on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Joseph Thornley, Ass. Sec. 3339

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Bexley, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Fletton, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements. Stanground bells available after tea. 3321

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough 3324

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m Tickets 15s. each.—A. B. Peck. 3305

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Second Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12) and St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 3341

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 240 Old, 240 Norfolk, 360 Plain Bob, 120 April Day and 300 Grandsire): Elsie F. Feltwell 1, Mrs. E. M. Hicks 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, M. K. H. McLeod 6, J. Walker 7, E. J. Constable 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind. First quarter in five methods by all except conductor.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE UNPUBLISHED

WE can assure readers who have protested that the Everton bells controversy — whether they are a minor five or not—has had an editorial closure. One correspondent naively remarked that the best treatment for all minor fives is to 'boil them up.' Another esteemed reader gives a judicial summing up of the correspondence and his conclusions. We refrain from publishing the same as the only court of appeal would be through the columns of this journal, and an adverse decision would certainly cause the stirring up of the mud at the bottom of one notorious inkpot. No, the reader must form his own conclusions. The musical can practise humming minor fives in case they are called in as expert witnesses! But the ears of many readers are not quite accurate, as Mr. J. Michael Stephens gives the tenor note as B flat and this is denied by Mr. Frank Warrington. As we said before, the fun is at an end, and we hope that the written word of our correspondents is merely a form of expression rather than a verity of conviction in their personal utterances.

Unpleasant as it may sound, so enthusiastic are many of our practising members that they lose a sense of proportion in life. Another correspondent writes that while many people allow business activities to permeate every waking moment, there are keen ringers who tend to allow ringing to be the uppermost thought of their conscious moments. We have all probably passed through such an experience in the enthusiasm of early progress. The story is told this summer of three ringers who deserted the precincts of the church tower for a putting green while on holiday. As they addressed the ball at the start of each hole there would be a solemn 'Go' as the ball sped on its course. If it was deviating from the direct line there would be frantic calls of 'Bob' in an endeavour to achieve a 'single' or a hole in one. It might be said that in spite of numerous 'bobs' not one 'single' was recorded, comments our informer.

Not all our readers have come in contact with these enthusiasts. Mr. A. F. Wellington thinks that the apathy which politicians, local councillors and many organisations complain of is infiltrating into ringing generally. Sunday ringing is not what it was and many towers are silent. The 'old faithfuls' often carry on with difficulty and rely upon the casual visitor to make up the band. Mr. Wellington also comments that attendances at meetings seem to be falling off. It is either at the meeting or joint practice that opportunities for progress are available. To-day the young ringer invariably receives a warm welcome from the ringing master in charge. It is from these meetings and the social contacts established that the best of all training comes, the learning of a method, by means of which the prospect of a peal presents itself.

While it is true that in some parts of the country attendances at meetings are discouraging, there are reports to the contrary that are healthy. Recently there was criticism of the general standard of ringing in some areas of Kent. While we as ringers have our own standards, we rely very largely for the use of the bells on the attitude of the general public. An example of the outsider's appreciation was given at the meeting of the Canterbury District, when the following letter addressed to Mr. Rye was received from Sir Gerald W. Wollaston:—

> 'I want, if I may, to congratulate you and all the other bell-ringers on your proficiency. I have listened to the bells on several occasions of late—I was listening to them this evening—and was very interested and feel that the thanks of all are due to you for the great trouble you must all have taken to acquire so much skill in what always seems to me to be so difficult a job. It may be comparatively easy to ring bells badly; to ring them well requires, like all other art, a great deal of hard work and skill which is often little appreciated by those who benefit by it. So may I say my few words of thanks to you all?'

This tribute is in no sense an isolated testimonial. We had another from a churchwarden within the last few days, a message mentioning the gratitude the parishioners felt to the ringers, and concluded with the following verse:—

> Ring out the thousand wars of old,
> Ring in the thousand years of peace.
> Ring in the valiant man, and free,
> The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
> Ring out the darkness of the land,
> Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Yes, it is 'the larger heart, the kindlier hand' that we all want, and we would close by mentioning that most unruly of all members, the tongue. It is little use having larger hearts with uncontrollable tongues.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Oct. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	†PETER BORDER	11
JOHN WORTH	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells.

LONDON, E.C.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	CYRIL J. WATTS	8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
ALFRED B. PECK	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
JOHN HILL	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	11
JOHN CHILCOTT	6	THOMAS J. SETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	†COLIN E. WRIGHT	7
MRS. R. I. PARSONS	2	A. LEONARD SIMMONDS	8
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	10
*FRANK V. GANT	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
DAVID W. BEARD	6	*JOHN F. GROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
HENRY H. FEARN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 100th peal.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 13, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD G. BELL	*Treble*	*ERNEST H. DURRANT	6
WALTER AYRE	2	JOHN SCHOFIELD	7
REGINALD ROWLEY	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	8
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
D. KAY ADKINS	5	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 2nd. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6*
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle upon the completion of 45 years as beadle of this church.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HARRY STEBBINGS	5
PETER J. CAME	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
EDWARD W. ROAST	4	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method for all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First touch in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6.
A birthday compliment to Thomas R. Roast.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
*RONALD J. SHARP	2	*†MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in two spliced methods. † 100th peal. First peal in two spliced methods for the Association.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 14).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of 8 spliced methods by all the band, and first peal in 8 methods for the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
PETER BORDER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*PAULINE MANNING	*Treble*	†VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	6
FRANCIS G. WILTON	3	WILLIAM SIDWELL	7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	4	JOSEPH DURHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples.
A wedding compliment to Eric Sutton, of Bristol, and Jean Holloway, of Swindon, who were married at Christ Church, Swindon, on October 3rd.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	TERENCE A. THORNBER	6
MRS. J. R. SMITH	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt.

*GORDON PECK	*Treble*	THOMAS STAGG	5
SAMUEL ATKINS	2	HARRY FULLER	6
DORA REEVE	3	JAMES PAUL	7
WILFRED BOWERS	4	*HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JAMES PAUL.
* First peal. First peal in method by all.
Rung for the golden wedding of Lord and Lady Iveagh.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

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

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	*D. KAY ADKINS	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
*GERALD BOWEN	2	*NORMAN GOODMAN	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	MRS. J. R. SMITH	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	MRS. H. J. POOLE	6
DOROTHY M. UDALE	3	WINIFRED M. BURTON	7
*MRS. J. F. WILKINSON	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal of Yorkshire for the Ladies' Guild.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. Tewksbury, Vicar of Earl Shilton.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.

FREDERICK R. EVANS	*Treble*	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	5
GEORGE A. PACKER	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
THOMAS R. BUTLER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
In memoriam Thomas Butler, sen., and Alick Haynes, ringers at this tower for many years. First peal on the rehung bells.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 30 cwt.

PERCY H. HULL	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
JAMES TOPP	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
PERCY H. HARDING	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	PERCY GREEN	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
PETER J. CAME	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BERT MORGAN	*Treble*	BERNARD LAWTON	5
R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	2	C. FREDERICK JUKES	6
DAVID M. LEES	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
†CHARLES PEAKMAN	4	DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside'.
Specially arranged as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Griffiths (parents of the ringer of the tenor).

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GIBSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*HOWARD SCOTT	3	*GORDON BENFIELD	7
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM HUDSON	*Treble*	HAROLD SPENCER	5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	FRED TERRY	6
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	7
ROBERT L. SCARTH	4	BERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'
A wedding compliment to the Vicar of Scarborough, the Rev. Frank E. Ford, and Mrs. Ford, who were married on October 8th.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN E. CANNELL	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
RALPH BIRD	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
Rung on the Eve of the Harvest Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Court, three extents of Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DEREK OTTEY	*Treble*	A. RAYMOND TONKS	4
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. M. R. Newbery, B.A., on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years in the ministry. He was for 20 years Rector of this parish.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

*GEORGE E. CATTON	*Treble*	HARRY KING	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
ALAN G. FEVER	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal.

RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*David Brand	*Treble*	Alan G. Fever	4
*Leonard Sharpe	2	John Wybrow	5
Robert E. Lester	3	*Kenneth G. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal in four methods. Rung for the Harvest Festival.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Brian Weare	*Treble*	Gwilym G. Salmon	4
†Alan Weare	2	†Ronald H. Gardiner	5
†Victor G. Roberts	3	Joseph T. Dyke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*James F. Dodson	*Treble*	Roland W. Morant	4
Herbert Colcombe	2	Roy Collins	5
John Martin	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung as a farewell tribute to W. Simmonds, who has taken up residence in Devon after 18 years as captain in this tower.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

David Brand	*Treble*	John S. Wybrew	4
Kenneth G. Brown	2	John W. Blythe	5
Robert E. Lester	3	Ronald W. Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

William Cutmore	*Treble*	Sam J. Twitchett	4
Thomas Bird	2	Reg Rippingale	5
George Waterman	3	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

Desmond G. Mayell	*Treble*	Francis C. Mogford	4
Mrs. D. G. Mayell	2	†Alan A. Hilliar	5
*David V. Smith	3	Lee Bates	*Tenor*

Conducted by Desmond G. Mayell.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four callings Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*David R. Redfern	*Treble*	Eileen M. Turner	3
Roland W. Morant	2	Ann M. Cox	4
†E. John Wells	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.



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HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*CLIVE HAYNES	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
K. MARY COWLEY	2	CECIL HINTON	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Stedman and eight 120's each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

RICHARD S. HOLLAND	*Treble*	*DONALD S. PAYNE	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung in honour of St. Denys, Bishop and Martyr.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH BROWN	*Treble*	LESLIE NICE	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	ARTHUR T. BALLAM	5
WILLIAM T. RICKWOOD	3	JOHN BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR T. BALLAM.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CHARLES MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
PERCY REEVES	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
*PETER JARVIS	3	WILFRED W. RING	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'
A 70th birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

MRS. BETTY PERCY	*Treble*	*LESLIE J. BALDOCK	4
GEORGE BEENEY	2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	5
ROBERT W. R. PERCY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in two methods by ringers of the 4th and 5th.

ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE E. CATTON	*Treble*	*DAVID BRAND	3
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	*LEONARD SHARPE	4
ALAN G. FEVER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: 1, Northumberland and Carlisle; 2, Newcastle and Alnwick; 3, Beverley and Surfleet; 4, Primrose and Norfolk; 5, York and Durham; 6, Ipswich and Cambridge; 7, London and Wells. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

C. T. H. BRADLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	HARRY GIBBARD	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Sneath, towerkeeper at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. A. Cooper, wife of the ringer of the 4th.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

WILLIAM NORTH	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
THOMAS KELLEY	2	*CLEWIN GADSBY	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

LYNSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10¾ cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3
ALBERT J. DUNK	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung for the evening service of Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART	1—2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Brown, Northern District Ringing Master.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	HARRY POYNER	9—10
ALFRED BALLARD	5—6	BRIAN G. WARWICK	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven extents.

*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.)	1—2	R. D. EDGE (Queens')	3—4
*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5—6		

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

AN 18th CENTURY LEGACY

During the first half of the 18th century Mr. Wm. Davies, of Twyford House, had occasion to be thankful that Twyford Church had a ring of bells. Thick fog covered the countryside as he was making his way home on horseback, and he lost all sense of direction. Reining his horse in, he listened and heard the sound of the bells, from which he was able to get a sense of direction and make his way home. Afterwards, he discovered that, had he and his horse gone on they would have plunged into a chalk pit and probably lost their lives.

When making his will, William Davies recalled this incident and, in gratitude, he wrote a codicil, in which he directed that £1 was to be paid annually to the bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Twyford, provided they rang the bells on the morning and evening of Oct. 7th, but not otherwise.

Since 1754, Twyford ringers have duly rung twice on that day, except during the war years, and Oct. 7th, 1953, found the bells once again in action at 6.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m.

The money, which, of course, has to be supplemented by the ringers themselves, is always spent on a supper, to which it has become a tradition to invite the local doctors, the Vicar and churchwardens and friends interested in and helpful to the group.

This year 25 sat down to a splendid supper, provided by Mr. Thompson, of the Dolphin Hotel, and, following a number of toasts, a record number of stories (true and untrue) were related by ringers and guests. Mr. L. Lampard. sen., captain of the band, read the codicil to Mr. Davies' will in which the bequest was made, and a very pleasant evening was spent in social contact and games.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 10th. Ninety members attended, representing 26 towers and two Districts of the Association. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's, prior to the service which was held at St. Dunstan's and conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. A. Brown, with an address by the Rev. N. Baldock.

Tea followed in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, where a meal had been prepared, which even surprised the proverbial ringers' appetites. The remaining food was sold cheaply, thus enabling the organisers to make quite a good profit, which is being put to the cost of the social on November 14th.

At the business meeting the secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck) reported a small drop in membership, but an increase in revenue, due to increased subscriptions. The meetings had been well attended, an average of 46 at each being recorded. Two motions, from the Tonbridge and Maidstone Districts, were debated, as was one from a member of the Canterbury District.

Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, was re-elected chairman; Mr. W. S. Palin ringing master, and Mr. B. J. Luck secretary. On a ballot Messrs. H. R. French (Sturry) and S. Walter (Wickhambreaux) were elected as representatives to the Central Committee.

Birchington was selected as the tower for the quarterly meeting in January, with a by-meeting at Chartham in December. After the longest meeting for several years the members dispersed for further ringing.

A WINCHESTER WEDDING

Mr. P. Corfield—Miss E. Edmonds

On Saturday, October 10th, the wedding took place between Miss E. Edmonds and Mr. P. Corfield at St. Cross Church, Winchester. Both bride and bridegroom are members of St. Maurice's bell-ringers and the bride is also an honorary member of the Cathedral band and was at one time assistant secretary of the Winchester District.

The church was already beautifully decorated for the harvest festival on the following day and the nave of the church was filled to capacity by relatives and friends.

The bride wore a dress of rich, ivory brocade with a veil 100 years old belonging to Mrs. B. C. Corfield. She carried a bouquet of red and white carnations and lily of the valley and was given away by her father, Mr. A. T. Edmonds. Three bridesmaids attended.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield, Rector of St. Maurice's and father of the bridegroom, officiated, and the Rev. W. A. MacFarlane, Vicar of Southwold, Suffolk, and brother-in-law of the bridegroom, gave the address.

While the register was being signed a band of handbell ringers rang a few musical changes (there is not a ring of bells at St. Cross).

The reception was held in the bride's home, to which 100 relatives and friends were invited. Among the telegrams of congratulation read out was one from the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, chairman of the Winchester District of Bell-ringers, who in campanological terms wished the happy couple every happiness.

The cake was in two tiers, the top tier being in the shape of a bell, and round the soundbow was printed, 'Ring out for Betty and Peter.' After the honeymoon the couple will settle down in Redhill, where they already have a house.

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Nearly 80 ringers and friends attended the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 10th. During the evening social the Oxford Guild scored a decisive win over their Middlesex friends in the annual handball match. Casualties were negligible.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We doubt if any other lady ringer has had the distinction and the ordeal of Mrs. Welton, of Bagshot, Surrey, who, during the invasion scare of 1940, at the orders of the Vicar and the police, ascended the dark belfry of Bagshot Church late one night to give the signal of emergency by ringing the church bell. Fortunately it was a false alarm. Mrs. Welton told the story of her experience at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner last Saturday.

Last week-end Mr. Peter N. Bond was in the Bristol area. He rang in 15 towers in two days.

Happy birthday greetings were sung at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner on Saturday to Mrs. Harman, wife of Mr. A. Harman, the Master of the Guild.

Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of 1312, Warwick Road, Copt Heath, Knowle, Warwicks, is anxious to arrange a peal attempt with Scouters holding warrants. Will anyone interested please communicate with him?

On October 10th the Bishop of Sherborne dedicated a new treble at Heddington, Wilts, giving the church a ring of six bells. Under their captain, Mr. H. White, the ringers raised £250, of which £170 was required for the new bell.

Owing to pressure on our space we have had to delete in a number of cases votes of thanks to incumbents and steeple-keepers in connection with outings and tours. The proper procedure is a letter of thanks or a marked copy of 'The Ringing World' if the notice is inserted.

Invariably the unexpected incident provides the greatest mirth at an entertainment. In the full hilarity of an Irish jig song at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner the entertainer was abruptly called to a halt by his false teeth falling with a clatter on the stage. The incident will long be remembered.

A new handbell long length record was established last Saturday by a peal of 15,840 Plain Bob Royal rung at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth. The peal was successfully accomplished in 8 hours 2 minutes, with Mr. Daniel T. Matkin as conductor. The band included two ladies. Congratulations to all concerned.

Members of the Central Council will congratulate the Irish Association representative, Mr. John T. Dunwoody on ringing his 100th peal.

Bro. R. S. Philpott, of Runfold, near Farnham, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Wey Side Lodge (No. 1,395) of Freemasons at Woking, Surrey, on Oct. 20th.

In a note to the editor Mr. J. T. Dunwoody writes: The recent ringing tour has done a great deal of good in my Northern District, and we would welcome more such tours in Northern Ireland.

We feel that no good purpose can be served by continuing 'the minor five controversy.' We thank other ringers who have written on the subject. Those looking forward to another instalment must therefore bear their disappointment and draw their own conclusions. There is, however, a section of our readers which thinks the subject has gone too far.

Correspondence regarding minor fives reminds Mr. C. A. Bassett of a visit to Edington, Wilts, in July, 1949. He writes: 'Although the handling of one's bell, the creaking of the timbers and watching two men struggling with the tenor took most of my attention, it seemed to me that the bells were the middle six of an octave with the tenor about half a tone flat.' Perhaps some reader can confirm this.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND J. S. GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER

The Debt of the Exercise to the Clergy

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild's annual dinner, in which is commemorated the memory of John S. Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World,' last Saturday surpassed all previous gatherings. A capacity attendance of 159 ringers and friends was present at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. An excellent meal was followed by bright and witty speeches under the genial chairmanship of Canon R. G. Clitherow with Mr. C. W. Denyer acting as toastmaster. The entertainment was good and many of the contributions contained topical verse that delighted the assembly. The organisation, which was in the hands of Messrs. R. H. Mills, C. W. Denyer and W. Viggers, left nothing to be desired.

The toast 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild' was submitted by Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He said it gave him great pleasure to say a few words about their late editor, whom he knew for 30 years, and he believed if it was not for John Goldsmith ringing would not be where it was to-day. He did not ring many peals because of his duty to his paper and to his wife. Most of them knew she was a confirmed invalid and no wife could have had more devoted attention.

Apart from his journalistic duties he was also for a time collector of King's Taxes and Food Officer. Because of these circumstances he was not one of those men who rang 1,000 peals before they were 40 years of age, but he conducted peals in all types of methods. John Goldsmith was also one of the founders of the Guildford Guild and its first honorary secretary.

AMONG THE GREAT MEN OF THE EXERCISE

He would take his place among the great men of the Exercise—with William Pye, Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and others, and they had living with them Herbert Langdon, of the College Youths, and Alfred Pulling, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. For this Guild Alfred Pulling had done a tremendous amount of good and it was as well to remember in these days of advanced ringing that he was the man who called the first peal in four spliced Surprise methods.

At one of the annual District meetings of the Oxford Guild the chairman called upon the tower captains each to present a report on the past year. The chairman turned to one veteran and said, 'Well, Jack, how are you getting on at . . . . ?' 'Well, sir,' he replied, 'We pull very well together.' Then somebody at the back of the hall shouted out, 'And it didn't half sound like it when we were going by' (laughter).

To the Guildford Guild he would say that the future of the Exercise did not depend upon the men who rang 1,000 peals before they were 40 but on the regularity of Sunday ringing, practices and the training of youngsters. He hoped their Guild would pay special attention to its Sunday ringing. It gave him pleasure to announce that a peal was rung that day at Farnborough, conducted by John Wells, to the memory of John S. Goldsmith. He asked the company to stand in silence to the memory of that fine Christian gentleman.

The Rev. K. C. Davis, a vice-president of the Guild, responded, and said it was 23 years ago that he first met Mr. Goldsmith at the dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. Ringing took place in the church at Temple Cross, which had been blitzed. He remembered John Goldsmith saying to him that in the whole of the Guildford Diocese they had not such a large or beautiful church. Little in those days did he think he would be an incumbent in the Guildford Diocese. He remembered Mr. Goldsmith's patience and interest in a young fellow's bad ringing.

The Guildford Guild stood for the promotion of change ringing to the glory of God and also for regular ringing on Sundays, practices and the training of learners. The Guildford Diocese was a young one, not yet 24 years old, but it was showing a great spirit of co-operation. The Diocese stood to proclaim to man the unchanging truth of the Christian Gospel and His way of life for men which brought peace and joy as a direct contrast to hate and brute force which was so prevalent in the world to-day. It was their duty as Christian men and women and as bellringers to proclaim that Gospel day by day and week by week.

Most of them knew that the Bishop had called them to a Diocesan Mission in 1956. As bellringers they would have an important part to play in that mission. He hoped every tower in the Diocese would use every opportunity it had to call the people to God. It was a thing the Executive of the Guild could think about; it was something that would have been very dear to the heart of John S. Goldsmith.

Mr. F. A. Munday, captain of Holy Trinity (Guildford) tower, proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' In welcoming Canon Clitherow, who was deputising for the Bishop of Guildford, he recalled a similar circumstance two years ago when the Canon referred to himself as the Bishop's pawn. Chess players knew what happened to the successful pawn that reached the other side—it became a queen or another piece. They could hardly expect their chairman to become a queen but it was possible for the humble pawn to be a Bishop.

CLERGY RINGERS

Clergymen had played a big part in moulding the Exercise into what it was to-day. 'We have to thank them for writing and publishing some of our text books and I think in particular of the Rev. E. S. Powell for "The Ringers' Handbook," the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for "Surprise Methods" and the Rev. F. F. Rigby for the excellent handbook of the Lancashire Association.'

In other fields, too, the clergy had played a leading part in the Exercise. Their neighbours, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, had been particularly well blessed in this respect having had as their Masters such stalwarts as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was a stalwart in more senses than one. Three years ago it was again the desire of the Oxford Guild that this clerical association should be continued and the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, a capable ringer, was appointed as Master.

Of the Rev. F. E. Robinson there were many stories. Many of his peals were rung in his own tower at Drayton and it was his practice to entertain the ringers to supper in the Rectory after the peal. One evening an attempt failed after three hours' good ringing. As usual, the ringers followed him to the house expecting supper. They were amazed when they reached the door and were greeted, 'Goodnight, gentlemen. No peal, no supper.'

The Guildford Guild had never produced or had thrust upon it a really first-class clerical ringer (with apologies to the vice-president). In fact, it had been very much the reverse and there were cases where the parson took no interest in the bells or ringers. Only a few days ago he heard of a District secretary who, wishing to arrange a ringing meeting, wrote to the Vicar. He never received a reply to his letter.

He understood a large number of livings in the Diocese were under the patronage of the Bishop and it would be a great thing for the Guild if at least one of the incumbents was a first-class ringer and able to give leadership and advice to the other clergy and to the ringers as a whole. A knowledge of ringing, he felt, should be included in the curriculum of all Theological Colleges. The idea was not new. Another parson, Canon Papillon, who was Master of the Essex Association for about 40 years, made an appeal for such encouragement and facilities for theological students in writing the preface to the Rev. F. E. Robinson's book.

A BISHOP'S PAWN

Canon Clitherow, in his reply, said he did not mind being a Bishop's pawn but he hoped he would never be a Bishop. It might interest Mr. Munday that some Theological Colleges did try to teach ringing. He had spent many uncomfortable hours in the Church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, trying to ring and they gave him up as a bad job.

One of the most encouraging things about that gathering was to see so many young people there. He knew the Guildford towers in recent years had found it difficult to get young recruits—perhaps now that Mr. Pulling was out of the way they would get some (laughter). It was encouraging to see the young people with them, not only for the ringing, but the witness they bore of the Christian faith. The Church was in an enormous debt to its ringers, and on behalf of the Bishop and the clergy he asked them to accept the thanks of the Diocese. He knew it was put to them as a Christian duty but they were all grateful for that duty. One heard continually of the self-sacrifice of ringers. Mr. Hibbert told him he travelled 80 miles each Sunday to ring bells.

Their vice-president, the Rev. K. C. Davis, had told them there was to be a Diocesan Mission in 1956. Among his duties was that of missioner to the Diocese. The forthcoming mission should ring a bell for people who lived ordinary everyday lives and was not a lot of pious platitudes frothing over their heads. He wanted each man present to approach another man and find out why he did not go to church, and let him know the reason.

The Rev. G. L. Clowes, Farnham, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and admitted that his ringing was very limited to rounds or Grandsire Triples with Charlie Denyer standing behind him. There was no doubt that ringing was considerably helped by the presence of the fair sex. The atmosphere in any ringing chamber when ladies were present was much better. They had the effect of bringing out the best in men and suppressing the worst. When only men were present there were signs of ill-temper. There was nothing that discouraged a learner more than bad temper. He had never seen it in the Guildford Diocese but he had seen it in Lincolnshire. He thought the reason was the number of lady ringers in the Guildford Diocese.

RANG 'INVASION' BELL

Mrs. Mabel Welton, of Bagshot, who replied, recalled the days of 1940 when there was an invasion threat. Because the male ringers were in the Home Guard she was made responsible for any ringing that might in emergencies be necessary at Bagshot. At 10.30 one night the Vicar came to her and said, 'Could you possibly come and ring the bells? An order has been received that the bells should be rung declaring a state of emergency.' As they hurried along to the church they saw the ghastly red glare across the sky—it was the night the port of London was bombed. They climbed the

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GUILDFORD GUILD—Cont.

belfry stairs by the aid of a torch as they had no black-out in the belfry. She succeeded in getting the fourth half-way up and rang it for about ten minutes. They fully expected to meet Germans on the way home and were actually stopped and challenged, but fortunately it was a neighbour. The extraordinary thing was that they never got to know what happened that night and why the alarm was given. She hoped that it would never be necessary in the future to ring bells for that purpose. 'May the ladies long continue to play their part in ringing as conscientiously and efficiently as they were at present.'

Mr. C. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and extended to them a cordial welcome. Visitors were a strong feature in the Exercise and those who came out of the blue on a Sunday evening when they met one short were more than welcome. There was a moral behind it. If they were away from home they should always visit the nearest church—they never knew when their services were of the greatest value.

Mr. F. A. Noel Brady, of Cork, who is now living at Bagshot, wittily responded.

A feature of the evening was the excellent entertainment. Songs were sung by Miss Bertha Hann and Mr. Harold Cole, accompanied by Miss Beth Ealand. Handbell tunes were played by Messrs. G. S. Joyce and R. V. Whelpton. Major E. J. Bragg delighted with an original monologue and the Farnham District Glee Club, consisting of Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and E. J. Bragg sang topical verse concerning the dinner. The tables were decorated with beautiful chrysanthemums, the gift of Mr. A. Harman and Mr. Cheeseman.

THE COMPANY

The company included: Canon R. G. Clitherow, the Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Clowes, the Revs. P. Cole, F. W. Crooks, K. C. Davis, Hoskyns-Abrahall and Mrs. Hoskyns-Abrahall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. P. Bevan, Major E. J. and Miss Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Horsman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenward, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pugsley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pepler, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rance, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Schupke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wren, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Whelpton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williamson.

The Misses K. Avenall, A. and H. Butler, M. Cass, E. Clear, M. Collins, S. Corke, A. Cox, M. Davey, J. A. Dodson, B. England, A. Fisher, J. Flavell, A. Goodchild, B. Hann, G. Kinnear, M. Lewis, H. Mills, A. Moore, J. Russell, M. Rule, J. Smith, W. Short, E. C. Stewart, S. Sherwood, E. Turner, J. E. Thorpe.

Mesdames E. Enticknap, K. Green, E. Hall, J. McDevitt, Stacey and V. Welton.

Messrs. Barlow, Noel Brady, J. Brackley, R. Bragg, G. Brown, J. Butler, F. Cherryman, G. Clode, H. Cole, W. and T. Denyer, F. J. Dodson, G. D. Enticknap, C. Hopper, E. Hall, C. W. Hunter, H. Hutton, W. Hibbert, A. Holden, R. Jordan, D. Johnson, F. A. Keast, L. Laing, R. W. Morant, J. Martin, F. A. Munday, S. Meadows, D. McPherson, Tony Oliver and friend, J. Pell, T. Page, A. H. Pulling, W. G. Robinson, A. Smith jun., G. Sowray, W. Stone, B. and P. Sherwood, K. Treweek, T. W. Tomlinson, J. Wells, M. Whelan, J. Worrell, K. and D. Williamson.

RINGING WEDDING AT SWINDON

Mr. E. Sutton—Miss H. J. Holloway

Miss Hilary Jean Holloway, youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. F. A. Holloway, 28, The Knoll, Swindon, was married on October 3rd to Mr. Eric Sutton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, 250, Charlton Road, Kinswood, Bristol. The wedding took place at Christ Church, Swindon. The Rev. M. E. R. Mannox, Vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Fishponds, Bristol, officiated.

Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The bride was a member of Christ Church, Swindon, ringers. The bridegroom belongs to the St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white satin brocade dress, a full-length tulle veil with an orange blossom headdress and wore a pearl necklace. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

Her attendants were Miss Pauline Manning (secretary, Christ Church, Swindon, Ringers), Miss B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts (Ringing Master, Bristol University Society), Miss Jill Sutton (bridegroom's sister), Miss Elizabeth and Master John Kerr (niece and nephew of the bride). The bridesmaids were dressed in blue embossed taffeta and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums Mr. Alan Sutton, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

After a reception at The Knoll, Swindon, at which handbells were rung, the couple left for the honeymoon at Bournemouth, the bride travelling in a blue-grey suit with black accessories.

R. G. H.

STONHAM ASPAL COMPANY VISIT ESSEX

Stonham Aspel, Suffolk, company, with other ringers and friends, spent an enjoyable half-day in Essex on October 3rd. Feering was the first stop, and various methods were rung on the eight bells. An unusual experience awaited the party at Goldhanger, of Triples without a cover and Minor with, on the ring of 7. All agreed, however, when the treble pit is filled the bells will form a splendid light octave.

At All Saints', Maldon, Mr. Hubble and Mr. Mansfield met the party. These bells are hung in the only triangular tower in the country, and methods up to Yorkshire were attempted on a good going octave. The last call for ringing was at Witham, where an enjoyable hour was spent.

An enjoyable tea was taken at Maldon, and thanks were accorded the organiser, Mr. W. J. Button, also Mr. W. H. Mellin and Miss Mellin, who helped with arrangements. On the call of the organiser the company stood in silence to the memory of Garnham, whose presence was greatly missed, as he was always a popular figure on these occasions.

R. E. L.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AT EYE

It is not often that the little old-world town of Eye, Suffolk, appears in the news since the once famous bell-hanging firm of Day and Sons became defunct, and little or no ringing takes place on the eight bells that hang in the glorious tower. But on October 11th, at the invitation of Supt. H. C. Rush, four Suffolk ringers met four Norfolk stalwarts in the charming garden of the Superintendent and were entertained to tea.

This was followed by a quarter peal of Double Norwich which was rung in fine style, much to the delight of the locals. All the ringers attended Evensong and this doubled the number of the congregation. Further hospitality, in real ringers' style, followed at the hands of Supt. and Mrs. Rush, thus giving the ringers a grand little treat.

G. W. P.

THE STORY OF TWO OUTINGS

Sible Hedingham

For their outing this year the St. Peter's ringers chose to visit Bedfordshire mainly, and it was with no small amount of expectations that a large party, including ringing friends from Wickham St. Paul and one each from Stoke-by-Clare, Saffron Walden and Sudbury, set forth at the near-break-of-dawn!

The first stop was Luton, where the ringing was hardly up to standard, considering the 'go' of the bells. Better things were to come however, and at Dunstable the grand eight were rung to several methods in good style.

Leighton Buzzard's fine ten, with, unfortunately it seemed, too large a circle, were greatly appreciated. Stedman Caters just would not go however. It was at this town that lunch was taken. It was so good that we missed ringing at Linslade, where a wedding was in progress upon our arrival.

Stewkley, in Bucks, was therefore reached ahead of schedule, and a course or two of Double Norwich came round beautifully after some good striking.

To the surprise of Mr. Douglas Harris, we became the first party ever to reach Woburn before the arranged hour! So much has already been written in praise of this eight that, suffice to say, we were just as pleased as are other visitors to this tower, both with the ring and the magnificent surrounding countryside. We also enjoyed a splendid tea here and were thus in fine fettle on reaching Barton-le-Clay. A short spell at this tower and we were heading for home, but first we stayed for a ring, maybe the best of the day, at St. Mary's, Hitchin. Here a course of Cambridge concluded the ringing—the end of a day long to be remembered.

IN SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

Saturday, September 13th, with its warm, sunny weather, was ideal for a half-day outing. We were fortunate, therefore, in our choice of day, and journeyed to our own Association's South-Western District.

Our first call, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was reached according to schedule, only to find, as Mr. Maynard had forewarned, a wedding in progress. Nothing daunted, we waited awhile and rang for the entry of the next happy couple into the church! During the service some handbell ringing and then rounds on the ten, with perhaps, rather amateur attempts at firing interspersed. A course of Grandsire and we had to depart—wishing we could have spent more time ringing the tower bells—a good ring indeed.

Mr. E. Smith awaited our arrival at St. John's, Leytonstone, and joined in the ringing. This was confined to courses only, owing to our being somewhat late in arriving. We think the celebrated past ringers of this tower would have been as satisfied with our striking as were we with the light eight.

None of the party had previously rung at Barking, where St. Margaret's was our particular interest. Greeted by Mr. Caleb Fenn, we soon learned that here was no ring to be hurried, and that special attention must be given to the second if the bells were to be heard at their best! Maybe Mr. Fenn has heard his bells put to better use, but few can have more enjoyed the fine heavy ring than we did. Thank you, Barking.

The last call of the day was St. John's, Loughton, and another good ring was the result. The seats in the ringing chamber here are unusually comfortable and as much appreciated as the bells!

Altogether this was a very good outing with, for our mixed company, some good striking and ringing.

A. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RULES TO WORK WITH

Dear Sir,—I must apologise if I misrepresented Mr. York-Bramble in my previous letter. However, by so doing I have succeeded in making him try to justify what he did in fact say.

I did not say the Central Council decision on the extension of 'Little' methods was wrong; I said it was arbitrary. If it is necessary to make a decision between a number of conflicting alternatives it is natural to adopt the simplest. This is what the Methods Committee have done; doubtless they had better reasons than this; perhaps one of the members could enlighten us.

Mr. York-Bramble would have us believe that method extension is based on certain immutable laws whose god is Grid Analysis while he is its prophet. I must confess that to an amateur it looks suspiciously like an expert trying to blind me with science. I must have read his letter about half a dozen times. I finally conclude that what he is trying to say is this: The fundamental characteristic of the design of Little Methods is that the treble hunts up to a certain place; therefore, when extending the method it must also go up to the same place.

It looks to me as if Mr. York-Bramble has, conveniently for himself, assumed something which includes the right answer. Not unnaturally, arguing from this point, he gets the answer he wants.

The great mistake the majority of the methods experts make lies in assuming that method extension is necessarily subject to mathematical laws. Mr. York-Bramble has produced Grid Analysis; Mr. George Baker a theory even more incomprehensible. Where have these theories got us? They have been more conspicuous for their failures than anything else; perhaps if less time had been wasted on London something useful might have emerged.

Mathematical 'laws' can only exist if they are based on certain assumptions which we may call axioms. Who is to say what is axiomatic in method extension? Mr. York-Bramble, starting from one set of axioms, has produced a moderately elegant, moderately useful theory. Mr. George Baker appears to have produced a very elegant and useless theory. The Methods Committee, being, on the whole, practical, have endeavoured (I think with a fair amount of success) to produce a practical set of rules which are consistent in themselves and yet manage to incorporate a fair number of extensions which have been rung.

Neither the theories of Messrs. York-Bramble and Baker nor the rules of the committee are 'wrong'; they are all theoretically quite arbitrary. However, the committee have two advantages; firstly, their rules are practical and moderately intelligible; secondly, the Central Council accepted these rules (even though I suspect that the majority of those voting did not know what it was really all about). The great thing is that there are at least some rules to work with.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN

Dear Sir,—We feel sure that Mr. Jones would like to be corrected in presuming that an attempt to tune the old 3rd (present 4th) was made at the time the ring was augmented to six. The new treble was cast and installed by us in 1938, and neither at that time nor on any previous occasion was tuning carried out or attempted by us to any of the five bells. If, as Mr. Jones states, the 3rd bell has been skimmed on a tuning machine, this was not done at the time of the augmentation and not by us.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.

Loughborough.

BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—The controversy which has raged during the past few weeks over the naming of Little methods has set our minds to constructing a new method where, on eight bells, the treble would hunt up to tenths place. This we have named 'Big Bob,' and a lead follows.

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As will be seen, this has regular Plain Bob lead ends, and although a peal in the method has not so far been rung, nor, for that matter, composed, this should provide but little difficulty. For the more enterprising ringers we have devised a similar method on eight bells with a hunt up to twelfths place, to be called 'Great Big Bob.'

R. D. EDGE.
J. H. FIELDEN.

Cambridge.

STRANGERS NOT ALLOWED

Dear Sir,—When I began bell-ringing I understood that, once I could handle a bell and ring rounds, I would be made welcome at whatever tower I visited.

According to the welcome given to visitors at my own tower, Bedwellty, Mon., on practice nights and on Sundays, and also at towers I have visited, this seemed very true.

But on September 20th I was at Withington, Hereford, and went to the service at the church. While there I inquired of the Rector's wife whether or not it was possible for me to have a ring.

This kind lady entered the ringing chamber to inquire and when she came back I was informed that strangers were not allowed to ring there. This shocked me exceedingly!

If this is an example of Herefordshire hospitality I shall go elsewhere for my ringing to towers in counties where I am sure of a welcome.—Yours faithfully,

KIM JONES (Miss).

Blackwood, Mon.

ANOTHER THANK YOU TO DEVON

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if, through your columns, I could express the rather belated but none the less grateful thanks of my son and myself to the ringers in S.E. Devon for all the kindness and hospitality shown to us during our holiday in that area.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Fred Wreford for his long list of practice nights, and Messrs. Cyril Deem and Robert Perry, who gave up several evenings to travel to practices with us to make sure of a band.

It would be impossible to mention everyone else who were kind to us, but to all a sincere 'Thank you' for a very enjoyable holiday, which could almost have been classed as a ringing tour.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Ten Years of Progress

In October, 1943, a group of enthusiastic ringers at the University, under the student leadership of Miss Monica Richardson (now Mrs. Ditmas) and with the advice of Mr. Clement Glenn, founded the above Society. At first activities were mainly confined to Grandsire Doubles on tower bells with multi-method Minor ringing on handbells.

To celebrate the event and to show, to some extent, the progress made by the Society, a group of past and present members assembled on October 10th to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. It was originally intended to go for Caters but a band could not be mustered. Those participating had travelled from Southsea, Coventry, Birmingham and Surrey and the band included the present Master of the Society, Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts, and three of the Society's five past Masters.

The peal attempt, which was successful, was the 18th peal for the Society and the first in the method. Unlike previous attempts, no one shifted course, no bobs were missed and no one was taken ill. Those present regretted the absence of certain past members who have done so much for the Society but it is hoped that the next attempt of like manner will be more representative yet.

Those members staying in Bristol over the week-end joined in the morning and evening service ringing at St. Michael's, where it was pleasing to see a group of new recruits from freshers up this term.

The social side of the week-end will not be lightly forgotten either, whether it be the after-peal tea so generously provided by the doyen of the Society, Mr. A. York-Bramble, the theatre party in the evening or the morning coffee. Neither will one member forget the party who saw him off on the station, although he does not know whether it was through a regret to see him leave or a desire to be rid of him which prompted the action.

It all ended up to a very pleasant and enjoyable week-end and the visitors would like to say 'thank you' to the organiser, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman. May the coming-of-age party be as great a success.

LEARNING GRANDSIRE

Mr. Leslie Barry forwards to us an old card giving the following verse for learning Grandsire:—

If you desire to ring a 'grandsire' tone,
I'll illustrate the course you must pursue.
Suppose you take the treble off your lead,
You make third's place, for so 'tis called indeed.
If you meet one before the treble, then,
Dodge with the same bell in five four again,
If two before the treble you should find,
Then dodge with that bell which is last behind.
But if before the treble three should come,
Then dodge with the first bell going home,
If four before the treble, then take heed.
To dodge in four five coming down to lead,
If five before the treble you should meet,
You're in the hunt, which makes your work complete.

WHERE RINGERS ARE APPRECIATED

From Hawkhurst, Kent, Parish Magazine: 'I was sitting in my garden enjoying the peace and beauty of the countryside when there came to me on the soft southern breeze the sound of the bells pealing from the belfry of the Parish Church. I thought how well that sound completed the peaceful scene. Have you ever been up in the belfry and seen that gallant band of bellringers at work? It is hard work yet they all seem to enjoy it and enter into it wholeheartedly.'

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Seventh Annual Tour

SATURDAY, July 25th, dawned a fine sunny day for the commencement of the Roving Ringers' 7th annual tour. Our rendezvous was outside Leamington Parish Church at 3.15 p.m., and just as we arrived down came the rain. Tea was our first thought, and then, attired in capes, we cycled to St. Mary's, Lillington. Here the pleasant eight were set ringing to both Bristol and Four Spliced. The latter was rung at the request of our walking lady member, whose bicycle had not been delivered to Leamington Station. Soon we had all signed in at the Youth Hostel, and the rest of the evening was spent spud-bashing, washing-up and getting to know one another.

We were due to ring at Stratford-on-Avon at 10 o'clock for the Sunday service, but a cloudburst intervened and, with no shelter for miles, except a leafless tree, we were soon soaked to the skin. Amid this downpour our optimistic Master stopped and endeavoured to smoke a cigarette. Arriving at Stratford-on-Avon 30 minutes late, we had only time to ring two short touches of Caters before the service. After an excellent lunch, we walked up our first hill to Tanworth-in-Arden. Here our party was augmented by two of the musical section, and some very good ringing was enjoyed on this eight. After a lengthy tea we rode in sunshine to Alcester, where, at St. Nicholas', we were intrigued to find that the bells all had names; three being Faith, Hope and Charity. Our lightweight traveller hitch-hiked to the Youth Hostel, not having yet retrieved her bicycle. Whilst out for an evening stroll, the boys' pyjamas were stolen, and dangled out of the ladies' dormitory window, but all efforts to reclaim them were soon stopped by the warden.

Monday we visited our first twelve-bell tower at Evesham. Here a broken rope caused some delay, but, after it had been replaced, we enjoyed Caters, Cinques and London Major on these fine bells before proceeding to the eight-bell tower of Great Hampton. After finishing here with a course of Superlative, one member left the church unwittingly displaying an 'L' plate on his bicycle, but it was soon discovered and another victim found. Much to our hiker's delight we now had a mechanised escort, which saved her carrying that heavy toothbrush further.

THE MALVERN HILLS

Claines was our first ground floor ring, and here a touch of Bob Major, rung by our less experienced ringers, came to grief. Now, with the Malvern Hills to climb, we set off in good heart and surprisingly reached Malvern Link on time. The ringing was good, considering that this was the end of a tiring day. The Youth Hostel was eventually reached after a comprehensive tour of Malvern, led by the only two members who professed to know the way. It was soon apparent that their self-confidence was badly misplaced.

For most of the party, the next day started with a hike over the peaks of the Malvern Hills to Ledbury. Coffee first, then ringing on the heavy eight of St. Michael's. Some difficulty was found in handling these bells, due to the very long draught. Whilst the sun beat down, we cycled the 15 miles to Hereford, where the Cathedral ringing chamber was eventually reached, by following a devious route, including an unexpected tour of the roof. Here, although the conductors had trouble in making themselves heard, and the ringers had to peer from behind big wooden beams, a course of Yorkshire was requested and well rung.

With the Malvern Hills surmounted a yet longer hill loomed up before us. A suitably placed café at the top was reached first by our two energetic officers, who cycled up, while the rest stumbled along murmuring 'Water.' The ten bells of Leominster were heard to good advantage in a first class touch of Stedman Caters conducted by our treasurer — what if some of the most musical changes did occur more than once! That evening, at Ludlow Youth Hostel we were entertained by Uncle Mac's bed-time stories culled from the problem page of 'Woman's Own.'

Some started Wednesday heroically with a splash in the River Teme, before others had even blinked an eyelid. Ringing at Ludlow was brought to a swift conclusion at a request from the nearby hospital, and soon we were pedalling hard for Stokesay. This pretty little church has a castle adjoining the churchyard, and numerous methods were attempted on these six bells. Here we met Mr. Farmer, who was to be a most helpful friend for the rest of the tour. After a very light lunch at the Lazy Trout, ringing commenced at Church Stretton, where our first touch of Spliced Little and Plain Bob was rung (our Ringing Master's speciality). Much time was taken over a large tea before setting off for Condover. When the elasticity of the ropes had been overcome some very good ringing was enjoyed on these beautifully toned bells. Our musical friend performed on the organ between touches, while several gallant members pumped hard for him. An enjoyable evening was spent by most members at St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) practice night, by kind invitation of Mr. Farmer, and then we relaxed while our pianist entertained us.

INTO WALES

Leaving Shrewsbury in sunshine next morning we sped towards Ellesmere at 17 miles per hour, and with plenty of time to spare, put away large quantities of wonderful coffee and hot buttered scones. Feeling well satisfied, we soon had the bells up and ringing commenced. Although we were informed by Mac that the fifth was much out of tune several touches, including one of Erin, were well struck. Oswestry reached, we divided for lunch, and while waiting for the key to the tower, some of the more energetic gambolled on the grass. Ringing over, we assembled for a photograph in the tower and then set off to cross the border. First we sampled Welsh ice cream and, feeling refreshed, climbed up to Chirk belfry in the dark, most of us to ring for the first time in Wales. Wending our way through glorious countryside we at last came to Llangollen. Much persuasion was required to induce the members to leave the sun but once inside, ringing proceeded well on these recently rehung bells. A rickety old piano with ivoryless keys was put to good use that evening at the hostel and, because our party's log sawing had so impressed the warden, he gave permission to strum until 11 p.m. Our two pianists were kept hard at it and, with a bottle of **non**-alcoholic cider in every hand, we soon pepped up the singing and nearly raised the roof.

On Friday a slight drizzle impeded our journey to Wrexham: this was the first rain for three days. Finishing ringing at 11 a.m., more than half our company left for Farndon by way of a no-entry one-way street—the morning after the night before! Once again in England we had some enjoyable touches, including Cambridge and Yorkshire. A jukebox provided great amusement while we waited an hour for lunch to be cooked. Denuded of all 3d. pieces and every tune played, we were not sorry to see our piping-hot eggs and bacon, although it had to be eaten in ten minutes. The interested incumbent at Eccleston accompanied by his very small daughter, watched while we rang some London and Bristol. Cycling the three miles to Chester was an easy task and Cambridge Royal was soon ringing out from the Cathedral, despite the erratic course of the tenor rope. The view from the tower, on this now beautiful sunny day, was magnificent, even Liverpool being visible.

Next morning saw us heavy-eyed and last in the queue for breakfast, after birthday celebrations the previous evening. When finally reaching the dining hall there was only one eight-seater table for our entire party of 17. Crammed round it like sardines and sitting down in shifts to eat we had an uproarious breakfast time.

TO HOSPITAL, NOT HOSTEL

Wheel to wheel on the road to Malpas, travelling at 20 miles per hour, the inevitable happened and two cyclists had a spill. First-aid was quickly administered and soon Harry was on his way back to Chester (Hospital, not Hostel), whilst we had a lorry lift to the church, where spliced methods were rung. Arriving at Wem, we were joined by a car-load of week-enders, who brought bad luck with them as first the rope of the seventh and then of the sixth broke. At Clive, our next tower, the ladies excelled themselves and rang a well-struck touch of Grandsire Doubles on the heaviest and best six of the tour. How very dirty we felt as we crept in through the entrance door of the hotel in Shrewsbury, all clutching bulging saddle-bags. Half an hour later we emerged different people and walked boldly to St. Chad's, where the music of our Cinques and Maximus was greatly enhanced by the beauty of these bells.

For Sunday service ringing we divided, some to St. Chad's and others to St. Mary's. Later that morning, in the hotel lounge, it was decided to hold our next February reunion at Worcester. Whilst the more fortunate rode in cars to Berrington, other unhappy souls had to pedal the five miles, in hot sun. That languid Sunday-afternoon-feeling descended upon us and enthusiasm for ringing waned. We rang at both St. Mary's and St. Chad's for evening service and afterwards the lady members were rowed up and down the river in style, their course vaguely resembling the blue line of Regina Maximus. Later some enjoyed a tour of the local brewery, finishing with handbells in the sampling-room, and then, with sad thoughts that this was our last night together, retired to bed with varying degrees of decorum.

Grimacing faces peered from the car windows next morning, as the cyclists were overtaken struggling up the hills to Much Wenlock. It was carnival day here and the crowning of the Queen was greeted with considerable enthusiasm. Several good touches, including Six Surprise Major, were rung before bidding farewell to Rex, the bandaged Harry and our Rambling Ringer representative. Cycling along sticky and tarry roads, Coalbrookdale soon came into sight, standing high on a hill. In the belfry a commotion was caused by a small bird which fluttered between the ropes, but when ringing began he perched upon a picture and, with head on one side, appeared to enjoy the music. To conclude the ringing our treasurer delighted us again with his Stedman Caters, brazenly producing 3241 as the grand finale.

The goodbyes were soon over and as the lucky people with cars started for home, the cyclists began the 20-mile ride to Wolverhampton to catch their trains.

Altogether we cycled well over 300 miles and rang at 31 towers in seven counties without anyone acquiring a puncture. The programme was very well arranged, with just the right number of towers each day and timing arrangements were excellent. Our thanks are due to the officers for arranging this very happy and successful tour and, above all, to those ringers and incumbents who were so helpful and received us so warmly at their towers.

J. W., K. W.

PIPE'S 'PILGRIMS' VISIT WYE VALLEY

A 1,000 Mile Tour

'THE' day had arrived once again, and promptly at 6 a.m. on August 2nd the locals and two from neighbouring Norfolk (who had already travelled 43 miles that morning and arrived on time) were ready to set off to the Wye Valley, which had been chosen for this year's pilgrimage. Same familiar coach and it was good to see the cheery face of Les Woods sitting behind the wheel.

Further 'pilgrims' were picked up en route, at Ipswich, Sudbury, Bures, St. Paul's (where a short stop was made to listen to Stedman Cinques) and Uxbridge. After an excellent lunch at Oxford, the now full coach continued on its journey to Worcester Cathedral, where we had been granted permission to commence our activities with two hours' ringing on the twelve bells, with its 49½ cwt. tenor in B. These proved to be a slightly heavier proposition than what some were used to ringing, but all acquitted themselves well and left no doubt that the old 'pilgrim' tradition would be maintained.

Arriving at the Montrose Hotel, Great Malvern, our headquarters for the week, the whole party was welcomed by Major and Mrs. Street, our admirable hosts. After dinner, orders of the day were 'issued,' and to the less hardened pilgrims it came as a shock to hear that we were required to be up on Monday in time for 7.30 a.m. breakfast, ready to set out at 8.15 a.m. sharp. One lady member had to be reminded she was on a ringing tour and not a lazy holiday. However, all appeared merry and bright at 8.15 on Monday when we set out for Kidderminster, and the handy twelve (tenor 24 cwt. in D) were soon going to Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques.

On to Coalbrookdale and here we found a beautiful ring of ten (tenor 19 cwt. in D). Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were methods selected. All too soon it was time to leave and say farewell to the members of the local band who welcomed us.

IMPRESSED BY SHREWSBURY

At St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, where we found a nice old ten with 19½ cwt. tenor in E flat, ringing included a good half-course of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. Listening members were of the opinion that these bells were noisy outside. After lunch we were introduced to what proved to be one of the best treats of the whole week, a visit to St. Chad's (12, tenor 39½ cwt. in D). A good circle, all bells easy to handle and light clear trebles made ringing enjoyable. Methods included Cambridge, Stedman and Bristol on the back eight.

Off again to Ludlow, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and their daughter Margaret, Jack Thompson and Ralph and Mrs. Edwards. This was our first eight-bell tower (tenor 22¼ cwt. in D), and some very good ringing, including London and Spliced Surprise in five methods, was accomplished. The first day's ringing finished at Leominster (10, tenor 22¼ cwt.) with Cambridge, Stedman, Treble Ten and Yorkshire-Major. And so back to the Montrose at 9 p.m. for a late dinner.

Tuesday found all up bright and cheerful, especially as we were awakened with early morning tea, delivered and made by Simmonds and his boys and girls. No mention yet of anyone having climbed the Beacon! Off promptly with Wolverhampton the first stop, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal, Rounds and Treble Twelve on the very enjoyable ring (tenor 33 cwt). At Willenhall (10, tenor 16 cwt.) who should meet us but Fred Collins. By bad luck the Cambridge Royal came to a sudden end through a broken rope. Fred joined in the ringing and we were quite satisfied that the standard to which he is accustomed had been maintained.

Wednesbury was another bright ring of 10 (24 cwt. tenor). After the green fields and country roads it was quite a change to stand nearby and view the surrounding imposing industrial area, which stretched away on all sides. After lunch we journeyed on to Walsall (tenor 26 cwt. in D). Stedman Cinques refused to 'go,' but Roddy Pipe had the satisfaction of ringing his first half-course of Cambridge Maximus. Our party here was augmented by Mr. and Mrs. and Margaret Beamish, Henry Fearn, Brian Woolley and Ralph Edwards.

Travelling through Birmingham with Henry as guide, we made our way to Dodderhill, where various methods were rung on the grand eight (18½ cwt. tenor). The last stop of the day was at All Saints', Worcester, a nice ten (tenor 23 cwt. in E flat).

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Wednesday morning's weather looked dull and threatening. We made good time to Hereford Cathedral and all were struck with the beauty of this magnificent building. A long climb brought us to the belfry, where we found a pleasant ten (34 cwt. tenor). Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. Davis met us here. Some found the exceptionally large belfry and timbers a little distracting and some did not appear to be quite so wide awake as usual.

On to Ross-on-Wye with its glorious scenery with which young and old were thrilled. We found a nice eight here (tenor 24¼ cwt.) and a well-kept belfry, in which stood a vase of mauve sweet peas. Our stay here ended all too soon and we said goodbye to Ross with regret. Lunch was provided in Gloucester, but no ringing.

Painswick, with its reputed 99 yew trees in the churchyard and musical bells (tenor 26 cwt. in D) came next. The ringing did not reach the heights to which we have become accustomed. At Cirencester we were met by F. Lewis, sen., E. H. Jeffries, Brian Braden, Miss B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts and Eric Sparkes. The twelve bells (tenor 29 cwt.) proved to be a little difficult.

The rain had left off when we reached Cheltenham and here we found the easiest to handle twelve so far (tenor 22¼ cwt.). We renewed acquaintances here with Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, and in such distinguished company had to be on our best ringing behaviour—all ringing was good.

A NIECE OF JASPER SNOWDON

A switch round in arrangements found us at our last stop for the day, Great Malvern Priory with its good old eight (tenor 22¼ cwt.). The locals joined us here and participated in the various methods rung. After our usual 'late' dinner we were informed that Mrs. Archer, of Great Malvern, a niece of the famous Jasper Snowdon, had called to see us. She listened to two courses of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Mayne and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, and told us this was the first time she had ever heard handbells rung.

By 9 a.m. on Thursday we were at Tewkesbury Abbey, where we had very good ringing on this handy ring of twelve (tenor 21¼ cwt.). Next came Stow-on-the-Wold. On the journey suggestions were made for a small competition—bands were duly drawn for and Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Mrs. Pipe appointed as umpires. Methods selected by the various 'bosses' were Yorkshire Surprise, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Cambridge. Jim Pipe's team, who rang Double Norwich, were declared winners, although it was a near thing.

After lunch at Chipping Campden, a beautiful village, we adjourned to the church, and the eight here (tenor 24 cwt.) proved to be the most difficult we had met during the week. Next Stratford-on-Avon with a lovely ten (tenor 19 cwt. in E), where some of the pilgrims rang their first half-course of Yorkshire Royal.

EVESHAM AND PERSHORE

On to Evesham, where we had tea first, followed by ringing at the detached tower. The bells proved to be an excellent twelve (tenor 36¼ cwt.). The usual friendly argument developed, started by the experts, as to whether they were the best ring so far. The stay here was all too short, but we had not yet finished for the day and once more we were on the road to Pershore Abbey. Pilgrims who had made a previous visit spoke with awe of the climb to the cage which constitutes the ringing chamber. However, on braving the hazards we were able to enter the cage in relays, and three leads of Treble Bob was the order for all. Considering all the circumstances all acquitted themselves well on this eight with its 28 cwt. tenor.

Friday was our last day in this delightful country. Ringing started on the nice eight (tenor 22¼ cwt.) at Almondsbury. Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock was there to greet us and the bells were soon going to London, Stedman Triples, Superlative and Yorkshire. There were murmurs of 'How many steps?' when the party saw the tall tower of St. Stephen's, Bristol. The ten bells (tenor 21 cwt.) go well and are quiet sounding in the ringing chamber.

After a walk to the Ship, Redcliffe, for lunch (George Fleming is believed to be still looking for the gentleman who said it was only a stone's throw from St. Stephen's), we adjourned to St. Mary's with its massive spire. After handling and hearing this lovely twelve with its 50¼ cwt. tenor in B, the argument really got under way as to which are the best bells on which we had rung during the week.

Our last tower of the day was at Ledbury—a lovely eight, tenor 24 cwt. in D. A crowd in the market square assembled around Arthur and Bill, who were exercising their prowess as tune players, much to the delight of the 'locals.'

PRESENTATIONS

After dinner that night Bill Simmonds, on behalf of the party, thanked Jim Pipe for his efforts in arranging yet another excellent tour, and coupled with his remarks the name of Sylvia Pipe. As a token of gratitude he asked them to accept the small gift of a bedside lamp and hoped when it was switched on in the future it would remind them of the happy days spent around the Malverns and the Beacon.

John Mayne, in a precise and apt speech, thanked Les Woods for his untiring efforts, and on behalf of the whole party presented him with a cigarette case engraved with a map of England.

Our special thanks are due to all local ringers and others who helped in the organisation, and to all local ringers who met us at the respective ports of call and made us welcome; to Eveline Barrett, who undertook the task of finding the postcards of the towers; Barbara Harris for entertaining on the piano at the end of the day, and to our enthusiastic handbell ringers and songsters for their share in the diversions.

On Saturday morning we were at last ready for the journey home, and en route visits were paid to Oxford Cathedral before lunch and High Wycombe after.

For those who have a flair for statistics, we travelled in all just over 1,000 miles. Ringing took place in 31 towers, situated in nine counties, i.e., Bucks, Oxon, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Somerset. There were 13 peals of 12, nine of 10 and nine of 8. Roddy Pipe (13) and Pat Clarke (16) each rang their first half-course of Cambridge Maximus, Don Mills (14) first of Stedman Cinques, and Stewart Hume (16) first on twelve bells.

And now it is farewell and hoping we shall travel again next year to another unexplored part.

'PILGRIM.'

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. Thomas (first quarter) 1, A. R. Price (cond.) 2, Miss H. Evans 3, G. Flower 4, Miss J. Powell 5, B. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung for 8 a.m. harvest festival Communion service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Castledine 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. B. Scoot 4, C. Harwood 5, W. Collins 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Linch 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Barrow 4, P. Wells 5, N Abell 6, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 7. M. Abell 8. For harvest festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Pamela Cooling (first quarter) 1, Mary Fensome 2, P. Jarvis 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. For harvest festival.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 5th, 1,488 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Thornley 1, I. P. McEwan (first in method) 2, Jean C. Brown 3, G. Pearson 4, A. Pendlebury 5, A. J. Brown 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alan Pendlebury.

BOW, E.—On Sept 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Ottley 3, C. M. Meyer 4, D. G. Hollis 5, A. W. J. Butler 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, L. S. Wood 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. D. Wesley 2 W. Yates (cond.) 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Pateman 8. Rung for the county harvest thanksgiving service.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Lewis 1, A. G. Watkin 2, J. E. Usher 3, E. Usher 4, J. C. Jones 5, F. H. Birks 6. D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, J. E. Ellis 8. For the harvest festival. and as a 72nd birthday compliment to E. Usher.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Danbury 1, E. G. Webb 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, E. R. Iveson (first 'inside') 4, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 5, L. V. Roberts 6, G. A. Blewer 7, W. W. Shorter 8. A birthday compliment for the mother of the 2nd (Mrs. E. M. Webb).

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): S. N. Stevens 1, T. W. Allen 2, W. P. Billington 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, D. R. Brazier 5. A farewell to the Rev. McGee, Rector at Campton for the past 20 years.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. G. Huckstepp 1, B. Pattison 2, W. C. Marshall 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. W. Marshall 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2 R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber 6. For harvest festival.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Oct. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bartlett (first away from tenor) 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, J. H. Lott 3, C. H. Wood 4, Miss J. M. Weddell (cond.) 5, C. M. Meyer 6, P. A. Carter 7, P. G. Williams 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cooke 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. P. Reed 3, R. W. H. James 4, T. Hill 5, T. Senior 6, D. R. Airey (cond.) 7, L. Venus 8. For harvest festival.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Clarke 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Cleat 3, Miss M. Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, W. Elkins 6, A. P. Cannon 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 3. First of Major rung by a local band at this tower. For harvest festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet 1, J. Walton 2, E. Wadman (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First of Stedman on the bells.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Olney (14 years, first quarter) 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, T. W. Allen 4, W. P. Billington 5, C. D. Mann 6. For harvest festival.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Chilcott 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Phillips 3, R. Mackerill 4, J. Allsop 5, H. Langdon (cond.) 6, J. Stephenson 7, W. Rawlins 8, T. Setter 9, H. Page 10.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. D. F. Goodhew 1, G. Schleuter 2, B. Elliott 3, F. Harrington 4, H. W. Smith 5, Dr. L. Castleden 6, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Ruebotham 1, G. E. Ruck 2, Miss J. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Court, and the birthday of Miss J. Ruebotham.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Rigby 1, A. Booth 2, G. Mansfield 3, W. Wise 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. E. Ford, who was interred in the afternoon. He was one-time treasurer of the old Towcester and District Bellringers' Association.

HARTEST, NR. BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, A. W. Rolfe (cond.) 2, F. H. Cooper 3, F. Payne 4, A. Jillings 5. First quarter on the bells since being repaired. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, L. Fidler 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, J. Church 5, E. Winters 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Oct. 11th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Griffiths 1, T. Holmes (first quarter 'inside') 2, Dilys Jones 3, R. W. Hinde 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, E. C. Crewe 6. Rung for the C.M.S. service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, W. J. Carter 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss D. Gibbons (first quarter) 2, A. Sibbick 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, E. R. Warner 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for harvest festival.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Baker 1, E. M. Baker 2, Judith D. Shedel (first 'inside') 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Willsher 1, H. Wright 2, C. Wilson 3, F. A. Abrey 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, G. Rogers 6. For harvest festival.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,500 Doubles (180 Stedman, 240 each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): E. Fossberry 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, M. H. Williams 3, W. L. Weller (cond.) 4, G. Francis 5. For harvest festival.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, B. Hammond 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Birch 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, C. A. Wratten 3, Miss M. Matthews 4, C. W. Jose 5, C. K. Brewer 6, H. Harper 7, A. E. Matthews 8. Rung to mark Kenwyn Feast.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Hagger 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Aug. 22nd, at All Saints Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Conquest 1, H. B. Whitney 2, M. Hooton 3, R. Piron 4, H. Burton 5, D. Knox (cond.) 7, E. Conquest 7, V. Conquest 8.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. W. Rose 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley (first in method) 2, G. J. W. Abbott 3, C. Savage 4, F. S. Crudge 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, Heywood's Variation: W. H. Theobald 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. Tarr 3, W. H. Baker 4, F. Coseley 5, G. Alderman 6, G. Sparkes 7, H. Comins 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 4, 5 and 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Lewis 1, R. C. Milnes 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, S. L. Barley (cond.) 6, C Copp 7. For harvest festival.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford 1, Miss A. Yarde (first of Stedman) 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, G. J. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, A. E. Hawkins 6. For harvest festival.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arbury (cond.) 1, C. J. Turner 2, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 3, E. E. Retter 4, F. Southwood 5, W. Burrows 6, E. Marks 7, R. Wood 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Nicholas, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, J. Rootes 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Rose 2, H. King 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Parkin 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, M. Clifford 3, R. Taylor 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, B. Lewis 6, F. Pendry 7, A. Elliott 8. To celebrate the return to the village of Lt. A. C. N. Preston that day from captivity in Korea. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all except third.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. M. P. Mayell 2, A. A. Hillier 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, F. Hansford 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. W. Hillier, a late ringer and sexton of the church.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Waldegrave (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Relf (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. Webb 3, K. Cotterell 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. For harvest festival.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, E. Taylor 2, B. Spiers (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, C. Hallings 5, P. Bennett 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the wife of the conductor, also a birthday compliment to Robert Thomas, son of the Rector of Ripple.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Coote 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. Hague 4, F. Fisher 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, W. Robinson 7, C. Wright 8, A. Firth 9, T C. Ryder 10.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A Barcham 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis (first of Oxford Major) 2, E. W. Brown 3, J. H. Brett 4, R. Rippingale 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jarvis (first quarter Minor) 1, P. Reeves 2, P. Jarvis (first quarter Minor 'inside') 3, C. Marshall 4, W. Marshall 5, M. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Judith Williams (first quarter) 1, J. R. Faithfull 2, Miss B. Smith 3, Miss A. West 4, E. Brown 5, D. C. Williams (cond.) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, R. W. Rex 8. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Leahy 1, J. R. Faithfull (first quarter of Stedman) 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, D. C. Williams 4, M. J. Butler 5, E. Brown 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8. For harvest festival.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Cheeseley 1, M. Looker 2, L. Woodward 3, Miss E. Warren 4, F. Stone (cond.) 5, L. Clark 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hubbard (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, G. H. Bray 3, S. Cox 4, J. M. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, G. Deacon 8. to welcome the Rev. D. O. Forshaw as curate.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Union, Uffington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Braywood, Welford, Merton, St. Osmund, Plain, Candlesby, Boxford): Monica Howard 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 2–3, K. Frith 4, R. I. Shepherd 5, A. Cooke 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,309 Doubles: Monica Howard 2, R. Woodcock 3, A. Cooke 4, K. Frith 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 1–6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—At the Priory Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. McKay 1, D. G. H. Martindal 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. A. Haile 4, S. Richardson 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 7–8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, Miss A. Read 2 Miss K. Burchnall 3, N. Moxon 4, Miss G. Burchnall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, E. Midwinter 7, R. Mumford 8. First quarter for 2 and 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Issitt (first quarter) 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, L. G. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris 4, B. F. Lumbers (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sprackling 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, E. Fossberry 3, M. H. Williams 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6, L. Stillwell 7, D. H. J. Body 8. First on eight bells for 1, 2 and 4.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant (first of Minor, aged 14) 1, M. Stone (first of Minor, aged 15) 2, F. Sweet 3, W. Kent 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. J. Bailey, sen., 1, F. J. Bailey, jun., 2, M. H. Williams 3, W. Dare 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, J. G. Whittington 6.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): L. Beazley 1, Mrs. Grierson 2, H. E. Flewelling 3, B. Reeves 4, L. A. Wilson (cond.) 5, S. White 6, E. F. Brooks 7, C. Dunford 8. For harvest festival.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Heanor, Oct. 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Also, following business meeting, a talk on the elements of conducting by Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Tea. 3343

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead on Oct. 24th. Bells from 3. Numbers for tea to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead. —A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3335

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3322

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Upton-Grey (6), Oct. 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the Village Hall. 3328

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — **Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner,** Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, **Sheffield,** Saturday, **October 24th,** 6.15 p.m. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3; St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6: Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30; Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors. —J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Monday, Nov. 2nd, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3370

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Mottram Parish Church, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Teas at moderate charge. All welcome.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 3356

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Conisborough (8), Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 28th, to M. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough, Doncaster.—Doreen E. Smythe, Sec. 3351

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at the two town towers of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, from 2.30 until 4 o'clock, and St. John's, Newcastle, from about 6 o'clock. This is instead of the meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, which is not available. Buffet tea in St. John's Vestry 4.15 prompt. 3329

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Warmley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3353

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice at Bromyard on Saturday, Oct. 31st at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 3357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Bexley, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3338

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at East Ardsley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 3368

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Oct. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5. Please notify by Oct. 27th, Mr. A. Hough, 144, High Street, Barwell, Leicester. 3365

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Fletton, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements. Stanground bells available after tea. 3321

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston. Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough 3324

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Oct. 31st. Names for tea, before Oct. 27th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3360

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—St. Peter's, Northampton, Oct. 31st. Those requiring tea please notify, by Oct. 28th, Eric Nobles, Hon. Br. Sec., 14, Millway, Duston. 3361

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Prittlewell on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Everyone welcome.— P. A. Sadler. 3352

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Opening meeting of Donington eight on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 and tea at 4.45. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 3364

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caerleon (8), Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 3348

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Kettering. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30. Tea and meeting in the Central Hall at 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Oct. 31st, to Mr. R. F. Turner, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering. Ringing at Burton-Latimer, Rothwell and Weekley, 1.30 to 3 p.m., Kettering 2.30. All available later.— G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 3354

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Wollaton (6, recently rehung), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, moderate charge, but essential to notify, by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, Miss Twells, 10, Hollingwell Avenue, Wollaton, Nottingham. 3346

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2-3 p.m.; Bishopsgate 3-4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck. 3305

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual dinner, Nov. 14th, at John's Place, Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4-6 p.m. Names must reach me by Nov. 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Tunbridge Wells. 3359

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Second Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12) and St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 3341

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual committee meeting at Herberts Cafe, Maidstone, Nov. 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Agenda will be sent to committee members in due course.— G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 3347

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner will be held in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, commencing 6.30 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 28th. Bells so far available include Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice. Tickets (price 10s.) now available from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3355

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[Dr. Carpenter rang 165 peals, mostly in and around Croydon, of which he conducted 45. He was a founder member of the Central Council, and perhaps he is best known for the table of starting and homing courses of Stedman Caters for all course ends having the treble in 2nd's place. This table occupied 16 pages of the first edition of 'Stedman.' He was also an enthusiastic cyclist, a pioneer motorist, and 'had been known to make himself quite happy on a holiday with a volume of the Odes of Horace.']

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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — III.

The County Association—A Review of the Events During the Past Sixty Years

By H. V. FROST (The Hon. General Secretary)

SQUIRE PROCTOR held the office of President until his death at the age of 79 in 1895. The position was left vacant in the following year, but was filled in 1897 by the election of Canon Wigram, who remained as President until his death in 1906. Mr. E. P. Debenham was chosen as the next President, but it was at his suggestion that the Presidency was made an annual appointment of one of the members of the Association, and this honour has been shared for many years by each of the five districts nominating in turn one of their most worthy members.

The Honorary Secretaryship passed from Mr. E. P. Debenham to his assistant, Mr. G. W. Cartmel, in 1904, and was held by him until his retirement in 1946, when his assistant, Mr. Walter Ayre, continued until 1951, and was succeeded by the present Secretary, who had previously held office as Librarian and District Secretary. Mr. Cartmel was also elected President in 1928 and, at the completion of his term of office, he presented the silver bell badge of office which has since been worn by each President at meetings.

Mr. E. P. Debenham held the office of Hon. Treasurer from 1888 until his death in 1934, after 46 years' service, having also held the position of President in 1907, 1915, 1923 and 1934 (the Jubilee year). He was succeeded as Hon. Treasurer by his two sons, Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham (1935-1950) and Mr. George W. Debenham, the present Hon. Treasurer.

Nearly every Annual Meeting of the Association has been held at St. Albans, with the exception of the years 1886, 1890, 1939 and 1949, when it was held at Hertford, and 1950, at Hitchin. A service has always been held on these occasions, and it may be recalled that Archdeacon Lawrance (later Dean) preached the sermon at sixteen annual meetings. It is now intended that the Annual Meeting shall be held at St. Albans at intervals of not less than three years.

In 1901, when the number of affiliated towers had grown to twenty-one, the county was divided into five districts, viz., St. Albans, containing only the churches at Harpenden, Luton, Redbourn, Sandridge, Wheathampstead and the city towers (G. W. Cartmel was the first Secretary of this district); Hemel Hempstead, with W. H. Newell (Great Berkhamsted) as District Secretary; Eastern District, with William H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, who remained its Secretary for 38 years; Western (now known as the Watford District), with Ernest E. Huntley as secretary, and who was also auditor 1892-1904; and Northern, which contained only nine churches, including Barnet, Essendon, Hatfield, Northaw and North Mimms, which are now covered by St. Albans District. The first Northern District Secretary was R. Shepherd, of Hatfield.

This arrangement continued for three years, when it was decided to have only three districts. This was effected by combining the St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Western Districts, with Mr. Hubert Eden as Secretary of this new 'West' District. Mr. Eden's services also included the entry of peals in the Peal Books, covering many years without any charge to the Association.

In 1918, when the number of affiliated towers had grown to 35, Mr. Cartmel suggested that a new St. Albans District might be formed with advantage from the Northern and West Districts, and this was carried out with Mr. W. Nash, of North Mimms, who for 20 years was Secretary.

The present Western District (originally the Hemel Hempstead District) was formed in 1921, with F. J. Reeve, of Tring, as Secretary, and succeeded in 1923 by Mr. W. Ayre, who held office as District Secretary for 20 years, Central Council Representative since 1927 and served as President in 1935.

The remaining towers in the West District were formed into the present Watford District, and three years later Mr. C. H. Horton was elected on the retirement in 1924 of Mr. Eden after 20 years' service, with the exception of the war years, when Messrs. F. Smith and F. Edwards, of Bushey, carried on his work. Mr. Horton held the office of Secretary until his death in 1941, while he was also serving as President. He was succeeded in both capacities by Mr. H. G. Cashmore for the remainder of the war years. The present District Secretaries are J. M. Kemp (Eastern), E. G. Buck (Northern), W. J. Southam (St. Albans), R. G. Bell (Watford) and Miss P. Martin (Western).

The Association has been represented on the Central Council of Ringers by Leonard Proctor (1891), E. P. Debenham (1893), with W. H. L. Buckingham, Herbert Baker (1903), Bertram Prewett (1907), Rev. B. H Tyrwhitt-Drake (1919), with W. Ayre (1927) and F. W. Elliott (1929-30). In 1936 the Association elected four representatives, and Mr. Ayre was joined by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, H. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley, later by A. Lawrence (1937-38), H. G. Cashmore (1939), Mrs. A. M. Fergusson (1942-44), E. Jennings (1943-45) and R. G. Bell (1948). The present representatives are Messrs. Ayre, Bell, Cashmore and Woolley.

Herbert Baker (later Col. H. Baker) became Mayor of Hertford in 1907, and is believed to have been the first Mayor to have taken part in a peal. Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, also served the Association as Auditor from 1904, until his lamented death at the age of 36 in 1918, when he was killed in action. He had rung 953 peals, including the 18,027 Stedman Caters, 15,264 Bristol and the longest peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells (6,063 changes).

A large collection of books on ringing matters was presented in 1908 by Mrs. W. Wigram in memory of her husband. These books were placed by the Association in a case at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and became the nucleus of a Library which has grown with the years. In 1941, when the more valuable books were being removed for safety, it was discovered that the copy of Tintinnalogia (1668) was missing, and although the loss has been mentioned several times in 'The Ringing World' and at meetings, the book has not been returned.

A Form of Service for use at District Meetings was approved in 1929 by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the booklets have been very helpful to both clergy and ringers.

In 1930, a new certificate of membership was designed specially for the Association, and a church in each district is depicted together with the Cathedral as it was when the Association was formed.

A Benevolent Fund was commenced in 1930 on a voluntary basis, and many aged or infirm members have been given a helping hand in time of need. A Bell Restoration Fund came into existence in 1935, also by means of voluntary donations or collections at meetings, and many parishes have been given small grants towards their bell restorations.

(To be continued.)

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Arthur V. Pearson	8
Albert Walker	3	John Pinfold	9
Frank E. Haynes	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
Sidney O'C. Holloway	5	George E. Fearn	11
Bryan D. A. Woolley	6	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Albert J. Pitman	6
*Joseph H. Cox	2	David M. Lees	7
Christopher Wallater	3	Stanley Prestidge	8
William Davies	4	Maurice G. Turner	9
Ernest Stitch	5	Edward V. Rodenhurst	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. M. G. Turner, H. Howell and W. Davies.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Frank E. Mitchell	*Treble*	Roydon Davies	6
*Hilda E. Oatway	2	*Herbert G. Pratt	7
William F. Oatway	3	*Reginald G. H. Abbott	8
*Pamela M. Steere	4	George H. Humphries	9
*Ernest W. Razzell	5	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Roydon Davies.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Royal on the bells and by a local band.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper on the 11th anniversary of their wedding.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*George A. Fleming	*Treble*	*Victor Griffin	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	James Bennett	7
*Roderick W. Pipe	3	*H. William Barrett	8
*Patricia M. Clarke	4	*George W. Pipe	9
Charles J. Sedgley	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells. A 'Pipe's Pilgrims' peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt.

Fred Bennett	*Treble*	Leslie Fisher	6
*Thomas W. Strangeway	2	Mark L. Lockwood	7
†Howard Scott	3	Gordon Benfield	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
James H. Kirby	5	John E. Kirby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Luke, and to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20½ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	*Harold J. Shuck	6
Maurice G. Turner	2	Albert J. Pitman	7
Joseph H. Cox	3	†R. Arthur Peakman	8
David M. Lees	4	Stanley Prestidge	9
Ernest Stitch	5	William Davies	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and on ten bells.
The annual peal for the Guild and a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Davies, H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

George H. Hart	*Treble*	George H. Holland	5
*Elsie K. Fulton	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Walter G. Soar	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
William A. Yates	4	Walter P. Whitehead	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
A 9th birthday compliment to Ann Holland, daughter of the 5th ringer; also to Mrs. S. Pinder, sen., of Old Basford.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Audrey A. Timms	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Beynon	5
David J. Marshall	2	*Robert J. Stokes	6
A. York-Bramble	3	Jack R. Worrall	7
Enid Lloyd Roberts	4	Ivor H. Trueman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. The first peal of Stedman for the Society.
Specially arranged and rung for the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Society.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

John M. Jelley	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	John R. Smith	6
S. Anthony Jesson	3	Terence A. Thornber	7
Hilda G. Snowden	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ildierna,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

C. Keith Brewer	*Treble*	Clement W. Jose	5
A. Hubert Eplett	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Geoffrey W. Taysom	3	Alan Carveth	7
*Harry Harper	4	Rev. A. S. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. Pritchard. Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	RICHARD M. CURRIE	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	†MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
†PATRICK PAGE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Superlative.
Rung for the Coronation

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
*CHARLES H. MOORE	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 of London, 1,248 of Cambridge, 864 of Rutland, 768 of Bristol and 384 of Superlative, with 81 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
*BETTY BROWN	2	*JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
†GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
†STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major
Rung on the 45th anniversary of J. A. Freeman's first peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*KILBY R. HOLTOM	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ROBERT H. BEGRIE	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method by all and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung for the 40th anniversary of the first Surprise peal by a Leicester band. A birthday compliment to Leslie W. G. Morris, of Bradford.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD J. GALE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
LEONARD DERRICK	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
PETER N. BOND	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
*M. ANGELA CARTER	4	FRANK C. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 12).
Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke, who was not permitted by his doctor to take part in the peal.

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GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*PAULINE THOMPSON	*Treble*	*JAMES H. PAILING	5
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	HERBERT LEWIN	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal.

Rung on the eve of the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewin.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 8 cwt.

STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
JANET M. SPURGIN	4	DONALD L. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

First peal in two Major methods by all except 7th.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

A wedding compliment to the Rev. P. Clarke and Miss J. Rose, of this parish. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gwen I. Rusby.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

ALAN A. ELSMORE	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
*DEREK K. KNOWLES	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mr. John Warrilow, of Stafford.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 POULTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

FRED EVANS	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
ROBERT R. W. HINDE	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 364).

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 100 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in five spliced methods by all the band, and the first in the county by a resident band.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Oct. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
In four methods, being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,260 All Saints, and 630 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, with 504 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

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

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal of Spliced Doubles by all, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

DERECK CLARKE	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	SIDNEY BOWYER	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5760 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER R. HENDY	*Treble*	LESLIE I. FRANCOMBE	4
RAYMOND WILLIAMS	2	ALBERT RODMAN	5
GERALD W. D. SMART	3	P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

Longest length and first peal of Treble Bob for all, and on the bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodman.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
*JOHN J. PAWLEY	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to the Glory of God before the Thanksgiving Service for the raising of £4,000 in four years.

CAMPTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, Union and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six extents of Grandsire, and four extents of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DAPHNE J. HARE ..	..*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	3
*ALAN S. SMITH	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	4
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in ten methods. ‡ 150th peal. First peal on the bells for 26 years, and rung at the end of a twenty year ministry in the parish by the Rev. A. S. P. McGhee, D.S.O.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Five callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. HILTON ..	*Treble*	*FRED H. HAYES	4
JOHN McKEE	2	CYRIL BYARD	5
*CHARLES ALEXANDER ..	3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

* First peal. Mr. John McKee is the first ringer to 'circle the tower.' Rung for the 87th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*JESSE W. HARRISON ..	4
BRIAN LUFF	2	FRED W. BURNETT ..	5
JOHN W. MEADE	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* 100th peal. First peal in more than one method on the bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was also Mr. J. W. Harrison's first peal.

FARNBOROUGH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*D. H. B. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
*ANN M. COX	2	*E. JOHN WELLS	5
*†EILEEN M. TURNER ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal in four methods on the bells, and believed to be the fastest peal of Minor for the Guild.

Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Annual Dinner to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with 4 callings. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

*ROSEMARY J. PARSLOE ..	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	3
†ELSIE F. FELTWELL ..	2	‡IVAN A. C. BUTCHER ..	4
C. JOHN PIPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are the first locals ever to ring a peal on these bells.



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ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	4
*MRS. J. G. PARKINGTON	2	L. JOHN EVANS	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	3	*D. RUSSELL EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has been a member of the above Association since its formation in 1903 and captain of the local band for 50 years.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of four 720's and one 2,160. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
REGINALD W. WORRALL	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung to inaugurate the Northwich Crusade for the parish of Hartford, and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th. Henry Parker has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, viz., Two extents of Stedman, four extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight extents of Plain Bob, 16 extents of Grandsire, and two 240's.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

FREDERICK A. RYE	*Treble*	JANET R. WELLS	3
JOHN F. PENFOLD	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	4
FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

First peal in six methods on the bells, and by the band. Fastest peal on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	4
GEORGE W. CREASEY	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	5
WILLIAM H. DALE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	JOHN S. WYBREW	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	ALAN G. FEVER	5
*LEONARD SHARPE	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE RIDGWAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN E. COOKE	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal for the Guild.

First peal of Double Bob Minor on the bells; by all the band and for the Guild.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Simon and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROY C. SPRING	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	4
STEPHEN J. SUMMERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Roy Spring and a 16th birthday compliment to Donald Payne.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
CECIL R. LONGHURST	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as the Coronation peal for West Grinstead.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 8 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 15840 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	JAMES E. DANIELS	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Umpire: ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
Witness: SHEILA PARKER.

This is the longest length of Royal to be rung in any method either on tower or handbells. It is also the greatest number of changes to be rung by any lady ringers either on tower bells or handbells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob Minor and six extents of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2—	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
*WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' in two Minor methods. † 100th peal for the Association.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	ROBIN TURNER	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*JACK BAILEY	7—8
*DENIS CARLISLE	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal on ten bells. First handbell peal by the Association.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 610)

It will be noticed that many of the 18th and early 19th century rules are similar in character with slight variations and additions or omissions. I have in many cases given these as they stand, as in some instances they have been lost to their original tower, and this is a means of preserving them. I have had several correspondents who have thus been able to replace these old rules.

WENDRON, CORNWALL

Thus we see on the north wall of the tower of Wendron Church, Cornwall:—

'We ring the quick to church, the dead to grave,
Good is our use, such useage let us have.
Who swears, or curse, or in a furious mood
Quarrels, or striks, altho he draw no blood.
Who wears a hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peall.
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime
Twil make him cautious gainst another time.'

At Calstock, Cornwall, are the same lines with this added:—

'So when the bells are ceased then let us sing,
God bless our Holy Church, God save the King.'

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake, Yorkshire:

'Orders to be observed:
All ye that are ringers,
These words well remark;
If a bell you throw over,
By light or by dark;
Fourpence you do forfeit,
Or your hatt to the clark.
And if any with hatts on,
Or spurs they do ring,
Fourpence without grudging,
Must pay unto him.

Also new ringers,
On the entering day,
Twelvepence each man,
To the old ringers must pay.
Licens'd Clark Anno. D. 1735.

James Pickman.'

ULVERSTON, LANCS

At the Parish Church, Ulverston, Lake District:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you overthrow,
You pay twelvepence before you go,
If we for you the changes ring,
You must to us a shilling bring;
And sixpence too besides all that,
If you appear in spur or hat;
And if above you chose to go,
Sixpence you pay or stay below.'

RICKMANSWORTH'S RHYME

'Gentleman ringers far and near,
That are disposed to ringing here,
Mark these rules and note them well,
The man that overturns his bell,
Unto the Sexton sixpence pays,
Before he passes hence away,
And he that ring with Spur or Hat,
Shall pay likewise fourpence for that,
Ropes cost, Oyl is dear,
Likewise make pay or come not here.'

AT CARDINGTON, SALOP

(1) In the belfry at Cardington Church, near Church Stretton, Salop:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must Ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you chance to throw,
Fourpence to pay before you go.
And if you Ring with Spur or Hat,
Sixpence in Ale you pay for that.
And if you either Swear or Curse,
Twelvepence to pay, pull our yr purse.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Ye Clerk and Ringers claim their due.
Febr ye 14th, 1755–6.'

(2) On the plastered walls of the ringing chamber at Brington, Northants, is painted:—

'Who turns a Bell by light or dark.
Two pence shall pay to Parish Clerk.
Who turns a Bell on Sabbath Day
Double the sum at least shall pay
Ring not till four nor after nine
Who keeps worse hours shall twelve pence fine
With Hat with Cap or with Spurs on
Must fourpence pay or else begone
If any one caught p.....g here
Shall fourpence pay & then be clear
And who those are that will not pay
Presented shall the next Court Day.
1781.'

Above these rules is painted:—

'The Revd Dr Preedy Rector of the Parish
Sam. Jakeman & Sam. Marriott. Churchwardens.'

(1) Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 26.
(2) North, 'Church Bells of Northants,' p. 208.

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'Pipe's Pilgrims,' whose adventures were reported in our last issue, had a reunion at Grundisburgh on October 17th when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received an interesting letter from Mr. James A Lawson, carillonneur at the Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago. A graduate of the Ecole de Carillon, Mechelen, Mr. Lawson performs on a great 72-bell carillon. Any ringers visiting Chicago will receive a warm welcome at the Rockefeller Chapel. In 1951 Mr. Lawson was elected a member of the Sussex County Association. For a time he was a pupil of Mr. Stanley E. Armstrong, of Brighton.

A Chester Diocesan Guild band has given the Exercise a first peal in Poulton Imperial Bob Major (CCC 364).

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Rougham, Suffolk, was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Brown and not by Mr. Arthur T Ballam, as stated on page 690.

Bellringers climbing the belfry staircase at Sawley, Derbyshire, Church, states a national daily newspaper, in the past 500 years have worn away four inches of each step.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his first peal by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Caythorpe, in five methods.

While conducting a handbell peal at Holywood, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody had the misfortune to be stung on the foot by a wasp and, although very painful, managed to carry on and ring his 100th peal for the Irish Association.

An interesting point about the peal at Ellesmere, reported in our last issue, was that Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, last rang a peal at this tower some 33 years ago, when he rang the same bell to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A Joseph Langford, believed to be an ancestor, took part in the first peal on these bells and in the county, viz., Grandsire Triples, on February 4th, 1730. The performance is recorded on a board in the belfry.

While ringing a quarter peal at Great Brington, Northants, the band had three cycle lamps removed, spokes in two other cycles cut and the lighting cable of an autocycle cut. With the help of the police the party were saved from walking home. 'All this was most unnecessary,' writes our informant, 'as the ringing was good.'

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner has been fixed for March 6th, 1954.

While the band were ringing the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 17th, a peal board was noticed recording a peal of Forward Bob Major on Saturday, October 17th, 1903, being exactly 50 years to the day and date.

The peal of Surprise Minor at Deeping St. James reported on page 690 was rung in 1935 and not 1953. We hope all concerned will expunge it from the current year's record. The error is regretted.

Miss Mary Ball, a comptometer operator at Lyons, Cadby Hall, Kensington, who lives in Warwick Place, Ealing, is the only Girl Guide in Middlesex to have gained the campanologist's badge. She rings at Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing.

Two Warwickshire ringers, Messrs. C. A. Manning and H. Huxley, travelled a distance of 107 miles each way to ring with Mr. J. H. Musson at Silk Willoughby, Lincs. A peal of Major had been arranged, but owing to unforeseen circumstances this could not take place. A peal of Minor was substituted which was successful.

The Major Hesse Memorial peal attempt at Wrington on October 17th, one of Plain Bob Royal, was lost after 2¼ hours' ringing. Wrington is an unlucky tower for Mr. Roger O. Fry, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. This was his eighth fruitless attempt for a peal there and still unsuccessful!

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. G. H. Cross Retiring to Devon

THE annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held on October 3rd at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, and was attended by about 80 members and friends from all parts of the country.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Some members were also able to ring at Southwark Cathedral for a special service.

The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided at the dinner and was supported by the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. E. Collins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Mr and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. B. Threlfall, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr and Mrs. H. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby.

Messrs. W. Hewett, E. Henderson, J. S. Hawkins, G. F. Carter, J. Dennis, N. Hayes, A. W. J. Butler, W. Rose, W. S. Chandler, W. Exton, E. Appleby, E. Chilton, — Thrale, P. Spice, I. Emery, M. Twelvetrees, W. Bottrill, F. W. Garner, P. N. Bond, N. J. Smith, N. G. T. Steere, W. T. Elson, T. Clark, Mesdames E. Matthews, F. Smith, E. E. Davis, the Misses N. Shorter, M. Denby, B. Mason, E. Steele, E. W. Keys, B. Brown, P. Steere and D. Lidbetter.

The loyal toast having been received with acclamation, the Master first apologised for the absence of the Master's collar of office, which was not available in time for the dinner. Letters had been received from the Rev. Meredith Davis, Vicar of Shoreditch, who regretted that he had a prior engagement; the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was holding a farewell party for his younger son, who is shortly leaving for Korea: A. J. Hill, R. Newman, A. House, R. Sharpe, R. Ling and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis. The Master expressed the hope that Tom Francis would soon have recovered from his attack of flu.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Winterton, who commented that the toast of the Church was rapidly becoming a habit for him, and he was wondering whether he should start wearing gaiters. He was not sure what the Church was—last year the Vicar of St. Martin's had said that the Church did not consist only of buildings and parsons, but of the people—the greater part of the population.

'The Church Times' had been invited to send a representative to the dinner, but once again they had ignored the invitation; it was a pity that the Editor had not shown more interest in such an important part of Church activities. He was sorry that the Vicar of Shoreditch had found it impossible to be present, but extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin's, who had only been absent once since coming to St. Martin's. He had done a wonderful job in the restoration of the church and was a constant supporter and good friend of the Society.

FOR THE TWO QUEEN ELIZABETHS

The Vicar of St. Martin's, in responding, thanked Mr. Winterton for proposing the toast, and said how glad he was that his words at last year's dinner had sunk in so well! Did we all know what the Church was and what it stood for? Mr. Charles-Edwardes told several amusing stories to show how few people did really know the answer. He mentioned the bells of St. Martin's, and said that the metal of some of the bells which had rung for the Coronation and Royal progresses of Queen Elizabeth I. was included in the present bells which had also rung for the Coronation of the second Elizabeth. He concluded by expressing the hope that the present happy relationship between the Church and the ringers would continue.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by the Master, who first gave an account of the peals which had been rung during the year. These included Stedman Triples at Isleworth, Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's (2), Cambridge Major at Kingston, all conducted by Mr. T. H. Francis; Spliced at Erith, conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum; Doubles at Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, conducted by R. W. Ferris; and the joint College Youths and Cumberlands peal at Shoreditch, conducted by Mr. F. E. Collins.

Mr. Cross said that Mr. Charles-Edwardes had done a great deal for the ringers at St. Martin's, where four peal attempts a year were now allowed. He (Mr. Cross) would soon be leaving the London area to settle in Devon, and he had already rung at the six-bell tower where he would be ringing — could anyone please supply a touch of call changes with plenty of 6-5's? (hearty laughter).

The day after that on which they were meeting would be the 50th anniversary of his first peal in London, and he was pleased to see so many of his oldest ringing friends in London in the company. Mr. Cross concluded by wishing Mr. F. J. Matthews a very happy married life, and good luck to the Society. The toast was received with acclamation.

LOYALTY TO NEW MASTER

Mr. F. J. Matthews, in reply, thanked the Master for his good wishes, and said that he in his turn must thank George for all he had done during his Mastership of the Society. There had been only six Masters since the beginning of the century, and George had attained and kept his position through his popularity. They would miss him greatly. 'We must follow the new Master, who will be elected in January, and give him all our support without allowing any personal feelings to interfere.'

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the name of the Master was especially coupled with it. Mr. Cross thanked members for the way the toast had been received.

Mrs. R. F. Deal proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies.' To-night, she said, they had visitors and members from as far afield as Newark and Newcastle-on-Tyne. She extended a special welcome on behalf of the Society to Miss Lidbetter (Norwich), Miss E. Steele (Bedford), late president of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They were particularly pleased to have Mr. Collins with them, as relations between the two great London ringing societies were extremely cordial; the joint peal by the two societies at Shoreditch was a direct outcome of this happy relationship.

GOOD WISHES FROM 'THE ANCIENTS'

In reply, Mr. F. E. Collins thanked members most cordially for the way in which they had received the toast and also for the invitation to be present on the happy occasion of the annual dinner. He said that his own Society extended their respects and good wishes for the year, and he was sure that all the other ringing societies and guilds in the country would wish to do the same. The present relationship between the two societies to-day was extremely cordial, very much more so than appeared to have been the case in the past; he had been honoured to be asked to conduct the joint peal at Shoreditch, which had done so much to cement the brotherly feeling which now existed.

The toastmaster, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, then announced that, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was unfortunately unable to be present, a special toast, to Mr. G. F. Carter, the dinner secretary, would be proposed by the Master. This toast was received with tremendous acclamation, and Mr. Carter, on being forced to his feet (!), thanked the members for the toast, but said that he felt he did not deserve all the praise; he had merely done the secretarial work, but those who had sold the dinner tickets deserved the thanks of all present. Mr. Carter specially mentioned Messrs. R. Sharpe and A. J. Hill, who had done particular service in this respect, but who had been unable to be present. His (Mr. Carter's) thanks were by having had the pleasure of seeing that everyone had had a really happy and successful evening.

Between the speeches an excellent entertainment was provided. Mr. J. Potterill, M.M.C., mystified by his conjuring, and the St. Martin's Special Choir, directed by Mr. Kirkby, sang the anthems, 'Thou visitest the earth' and 'Lord for Thy tender mercies sake,' and other musical items.

P. N. B.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS AT ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

On Saturday, October 10th, twelve members of St. Martin's Guild journeyed to Liverpool for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the recast bells of St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Pierhead.

Advantage was taken of a very convenient and comfortable half-day excursion train arranged chiefly for supporters of the Aston Villa football team, who had a league match with Liverpool that afternoon.

On arrival at Lime Street Station the Villa supporters notified their presence and confidence in their team to win with a 'peal' of rattles, and a very noisy din it was.

In the meantime the ringers proceeded to St. Nicholas' Church and were welcomed by Mr. Percy W. Cave, Ringing Master, who had the bells up ready, so that an early start for the peal could be made in order not to interfere with the usual 5.30 p.m. Evensong service.

The peal commenced soon after 1 p.m. and it was successfully rung in 3 hours and 37 minutes — good ringing, well worthy of this grand ring of bells, and so history of 139 years ago was repeated, the old St. Martin's Society, on June 7th, 1814, having rung a peal of 5,016 Grandsire Cinques on the then new twelve installed by Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and it is interesting to note that, as recorded in the St. Martin's peal book of that date, 15 men were required with two on the 10th, two on the 11th and two on the tenor.

The old church, with the exception of the beautiful lantern tower, was totally destroyed during one of the severe raids on Liverpool in the last great war and has now been replaced by the present fine church which, together with the recast bells, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool twelve months ago.

The return journey to Birmingham commenced at 6.30 p.m. and it was particularly noticed that, like the silent bells of that classic pile which dominates our city, those 'rattles' were silent now. 'Ah, what a pity!' (Liverpool 6, Aston Villa 1).

Birmingham was reached in good time for refreshment. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Percy W. Cave and Dr. John E. Spice for making all arrangements at the Liverpool end for a very pleasant and successful visit.

A. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Bishop's Tribute to the Master

THIS year the annual dinner of the Chester Guild was held at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, on October 10th, when a company of 104 was present. The guests of honour were the Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies) and the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (the Ven. J. Tyler-Whittle) and his wife.

The loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and after a short interval the proceedings re-commenced with a course of Grandsire Caters by A. Barnes, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth, C. K. Lewis and G. Farrer.

The Bishop, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' referred to the great changes wrought by the Diocesan Guilds, and he was particularly struck by the presence of so many lady ringers in the belfry to-day. He was glad to see so many young people taking up the art, which could do so much to build up character, and the patience and willingness of the older ringers to instruct them was in marked contrast to the general practice of 60 years ago. The Guild should be proud of its Master, for he was doing valuable work for the diocese in connection with the restoration and repair of churches as chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Bishop concluded his speech with some lines of the Rev. G. Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie), entitled 'Sursum Corda.'

In his response, the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, thanked the Bishop for his good wishes and for his presence there that evening. The Guild had been proud of itself for some time and he was pleased to be able to say that they always seemed to have had young people coming forward to learn to ring and, what was equally important, they had members who were prepared to work hard and who had the knowledge and ability to teach and to work for the advancement of the art of change ringing.

SPLICED RINGING FOR 30 YEARS

The Chester Guild had been to the fore 30 years ago in the field of Spliced ringing, as Mr. J. P. Fidler, a native of Chester, and whom they were pleased to have with them that evening, had reminded them recently in 'The Ringing World,' and they continued to be in the front rank.

Ringing had moved with the times as one realised when listening to the speeches on technical subjects at the Central Council meeting, and they possessed clever men who used their talents for the benefit of the Exercise and who gave faithful service to their parish churches Sunday by Sunday.

Thanks to the efforts of their officers, the Guild was solvent, even in these difficult times. A friendly rivalry existed between the different Guilds up and down the country, and during a recent holiday in Suffolk he had received inquiries about one or two of their members. In short, he could say to the Lord Bishop, 'We are doing well and hope to do even better.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler, in proposing the toast of 'The Clergy,' drew on his knowledge of some of the three thousand clergy he had met in his travels, and he coupled with the toast 'the unpaid curate,' the parson's wife. In the course of his speech Mr. Fidler appealed to the man in the street to treat the parson as a human being, a man who could enjoy a joke, and not as something apart. The parson had his disappointments and often felt frustrated in his calling, for calling it could only be when one considered the average financial reward. If relations between clergy and people were closer the whole world would benefit.

The response by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. J. Tyler Whittle) was in his customary witty vein. He thanked the proposer for his appreciation of the clergy's difficulties and remarked that he had not to deal with three thousand of them; he found a hundred and twenty quite enough. He said that he proposed to tell three stories and this he proceeded to do in his inimitable manner, and at one burst of merriment he was heard to remark, 'Who is the entertainer here to-night?'

In a more serious vein he asked the laity to give their clergy a little help and affection, for they had one of the hardest tasks in the world to do, since in their work they were dealing with human nature. He thought the job of the parson's wife was to look after the parson and not to act as an unpaid curate. He was glad to say that due to the magnificent response of the laity the lot of the clergy had greatly improved. It was good to be present and to respond to that particular toast, for he knew that the ringers would never let them down.

'SPHINX SURPRISE'

Mr. Basil Jones, in proposing the toast of 'The Ladies,' said that there would be no continuation of the Anthony and Cleopatra saga since he understood that Anthony had given up ringing because the Central Council had ruled that his 'Sphinx Surprise' was not a correct extension. With obvious inside information, Mr. Jones proceeded to sketch the thoughts of a ringer trying to persuade himself out of consenting to make one for a peal because the wife might complain. He dwelt on the debt that men owed to the ladies in many ways and their co-operation with hurried meals, sandwiches, etc. The ladies had proved themselves to be the equal of men in practically all departments of ringing, and only a confirmed bachelor could be so bold as to argue with a lady conductor, and even did as he was told in the end. Without the willing help of the ladies much of the social side of the Exercise would be lost and they were indeed indebted to all of them.

When Mrs. J. E. Bibby rose to respond, many of those present stirred uneasily in their seats. Was this to be the grand denouncement? She divided the ladies into three classes, viz.: (1) single, (2) ringing wives, (3) non-ringing wives. Of the first class she had little to say, and of the second she thought they were only a very small proportion of ringers' wives. Either by accident or design ringers chose non-ringing wives and, in her case at any rate, refused to teach them to ring. Perhaps one in the family was enough!

THEY WAIT IN PATIENCE

The third category had to be prepared to wait patiently for the wanderer's return, meet him with a smile and an enquiry as to whether he got the peal, be prepared to entertain his friends without notice and to listen to the inquest on a lost peal. There were compensations, however. One visited old churches and villages which one would not otherwise visit. Whenever she travelled about, 'Dove's Guide' went also, and there was a constant interest in the villages through which they passed, how many bells, their weight and so on. Then there were the friendships one made; in her time she had been concerned with many sports and pastimes, but in none had she met such a friendly people nor made so many friends.

During the evening Frankie Woods, of Macclesfield, entertained the company with conjuring tricks of various kinds and a marionette show.

Among those present were two veterans in their 85th year, Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish, and Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston, and at the other end of the scale Master J. R. Bibby and Master T. Lawton, who not long ago reached double figures. An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. R. Elkins, chairman of the local branch, and the Master expressed thanks to Mr. C. K. Lewis for organising the function. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem at about 10.30 p.m., and it was felt that the decision to try a centre other than Chester had amply justified itself.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Dedication of Wombourn Bells

The autumn meeting of the Society was held at Wombourn on October 10th. The Vicar of Wombourn (the Rev. W. S. Bethway) decided to combine this meeting of the Society with the rededication of the bells which have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

It was a lovely afternoon and the picturesque village built around the cricket ground was looking its best in the mellow autumn sunshine. The sandstone church of St. Benedict Biscop with its background of trees, beautiful in their autumn tints, completed the rural setting.

The fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Bethway, supported by the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, and there was a good attendance of parishioners and members of the Society. Mr. A. Patrick Cannon represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bells were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) and immediately afterwards were chimed by V. Guest, J. Mackriel, J. Corns, Mrs. Joan Bennett, F. Bennett, B. G. Key, A. Clarke and S. Holder, all of whom were either members of the local band or had connections with the parish.

In his address the Archdeacon, who is the Society's president, stated that there were people about who regarded money spent on bell restorations as totally unnecessary. This idea was completely wrong, as in these materialistic days when there was much indifference to religion, it was more essential than ever for the bells to ring out as a constant reminder of the Church and all that it stood for.

After the service there was a general move to the tower for the visiting ringers to have an opportunity of trying the restored bells, and all present agreed that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done a good job of work. Ringing during the remainder of the afternoon and in the evening was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

Sixty-two members and friends sat down to tea at Mrs. Walker's tea rooms. After tea the Rev. W. S. Bethway thanked the members of the Society for turning up in such good numbers and helping to make the rededication service so successful.

The next meeting of the Society will be at St. Mary's, Stafford, on January 23rd, and the second annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 14th.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES NEW TEN

A report of the dedication of Stockton's new ring of ten with a tenor of 23 cwt. will appear in our next issue. Seventy-five ringers attended the service on Oct. 17th, and pronounced the bells to be a first-class achievement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXPERIENCES AT BARMOUTH

Dear Sir, — I was interested to read the account of the North Wales tour, especially the bit about Barmouth. They certainly are a grand eight in a fine church, situated on the side of a hill above the town, a steep climb up to it.

I note the bells had not been rung for some years and the present Rector had never heard them. Well, I am not altogether surprised, for I think a number of the townspeople do not care about the sound of church bells.

Some 45 years ago the late John Bradney, of Shifnal, took a band over there and paid expenses. The party included William Short, who called a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first on the bells, I believe.

The following year Mr. Bradney went there for a few days' holiday, and on entering a tobacconist's shop and getting into conversation with the shopkeeper about the beauty of the district, was asked, 'You've been here before, sir?' 'Yes,' replied Bradney, 'I was here last year with a team of bell-ringers.' 'Oh,' said the shopkeeper, 'are you one of that lot who rang for three hours?' 'That is so,' answered Bradney proudly, whereupon the man whipped round and shouted to his wife, 'Missus, bring me my gun.'

I was there in 1930 with Mr. Fussell's party, and though we had such able ringers as Gabriel Lindoff, 'Bob' Pye, James H. Riding, George Martin, J. H. Shepherd and others with us, our efforts were hardly appreciated, for on our way down to the station some of the inhabitants shook their fists and shouted after us, telling us to take the bells away with us, and other things besides.

Maybe they were the 'noisy minority,' but I was forced to the conclusion that Barmouth are 'Right' bells in the 'Wrong' place.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

FLAMSTEAD'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, D. P. Jones, infers that the bells at Flamstead, Herts, are a normal Chandler six. As a matter of interest, it would be more strictly correct to describe the back five as a normal Chandler five, the key being E major.

These bells are: 2nd, note B; 3rd, note A; 4th, note G sharp; 5th, note F sharp; tenor (13¼ cwt.), note E.

All five are inscribed: 'Chandler made me 1664.' The treble, 5¼ cwt., note C sharp, was cast by John Waylott, London, in 1729.—Yours faithfully, F. RIMMINGTON.

Flamstead, Herts.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I hope you will allow me to encroach on your valuable space just sufficiently to tender my sincere apologies to the ladies of St. John's and Holy Trinity, Darlington, for the inaccuracy in the report of our annual meeting. The tea was, in fact, a combined effort of the ladies associated with all three towers in Darlington. The error was entirely my own fault and I should like to give this correction a publicity equal to the original account — Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES,
Hon. General Secretary.

UNDER-INSURANCE & INCENDIARISM

Dear Sir,—I would urge all ringers to consult their incumbents and churchwardens and ensure that their own churches are fully insured, as there are many parishes who could not possibly replace all that a fire could damage. —Yours sincerely,

C. H. KINCH, Hon. Sec.,
Bicester Deanery Branch.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

'BOOKLET FOR BEGINNERS'

Dear Sir,—Since you were good enough to print my letter about my 'Booklet for Beginners,' I have had many most encouraging letters and a surprisingly large number of requests for copies. This has convinced me of the need and I have, therefore, decided to prepare at least the 500 promised copies.

Those who have already written will receive their copies soon and others will be sent as requests are received while supplies last. Copies may be obtained from the address given below. Five or more copies, post free, at the rate of five for 2s. 6d. If less than five copies are required, 6d. a copy, plus 3d. for postage. —Yours, etc., WILFRID G. WILSON.

28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—I have just had the opportunity of examining a copy of Mr. W. G. Wilson's 'Booklet for Beginners,' and I find it an excellent production.

At a recent meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild, after it had been examined by several of the more experienced members, it was decided to guarantee the sale of fifty copies.

May I commend it to instructors to hand it on to their pupils, who will, I am sure, find it of great assistance to them in their early attempts to disentangle the mysteries of change ringing.—Yours sincerely, C. K. LEWIS.

Altrincham.

BREAKING FRESH GROUND IN ESSEX

New Approach to the Question of What is Campanology

It has been the writer's experience that, generally speaking, very few members of the public have any idea of what the word implies or of its connection with the humble bell-ringer.

In order to bring the science to the notice of the general public, the Essex Association of Change Ringers, in agreement with the Further Education Committee of the Essex County Council, has arranged a week-end course at the Residential Hotel, Clarance House, Thaxted, Essex.

The course is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21st and 22nd. Persons attending will if possible arrive at the hostel on Friday, 20th, to enable an early start to be made on Saturday. Where this is not possible we hope those wishing to attend will arrive early on Saturday morning.

The following subject titles have been chosen:

Churches and their Towers.
Bells, their History and Construction.
The Theory & Practice of Change Ringing.
Reminiscences of a Ringing Career.

One of the lectures is to be given by a member of a famous firm of bell founders. The lectures will be illustrated with films and slides. Permission has been granted by the Vicar of Thaxted for practical demonstrations to take place on the fine ring of eight bells at the Parish Church. Handbells will also be available.

It is hoped that many ringers and friends will come and have a very happy week-end at Thaxted and make the venture a success. It is also hoped that campanology will be recognised as an art by the Education Authority and that help will be given to put these courses on in many different places and thereby bring the science before many people who we hope will take up bell-ringing and thereby assist the numerous depleted bands in many parts of the country to get going properly once again.

R. C. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Precautions Against Incendiarism

Special attention was called at the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch held at Launton on October 18th to the danger of incendiarism and the fact that many of the rings of bells were under-insured.

The Branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) presided over an attendance of 60 members and friends. Miss Cross (the Guild librarian) called attention to the three cases of incendiarism which had recently occurred at Abingdon, Radley and Oxford and requested that the following points should be brought to the notice of church officials:—

(a) That a number of churches were under-insured against fire for the fabric, organ, bells and vestments, etc. She quoted a case where the bells were insured for £400 and the cost of replacement to-day was £2,000.

(b) All items which were inflammable should be under lock and key.

(c) That no bells be left up after ringing, in view of the danger to the firemen, who might possibly not realise the risk involved.

The business meeting was preceded by an act of remembrance for the late Mr. B. Gunston, of Islip, for many years a keen member of the Guild.

A cordial welcome was given to the Rev. D. G. Peck (the new Rector of Stratton Audley) and his wife. Three new members were elected and the next meeting was arranged for January 17th at Islip.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Branch chairman, the Rector of Launton, the Rev. D. G. Peck, the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch), the organist, Mrs. Sharpe, sen., and the ladies who provided the tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Tarrent (Rector of Launton) and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Rev. D. G. Peck gave an excellent address.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening. Bicester bells were also available in the evening.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting at Leamington

The October meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Leamington Spa on the 17th, about 50 members and friends attending. The bells were rung in various methods as well as rounds from 3 until 4.30, when the ringers dispersed to neighbouring cafes for tea.

Evensong in a side chapel of the beautiful Church of All Saints was conducted by the Rev. Father Hindley, who, in the absence of the Vicar, warmly welcomed the ringers.

The business meeting followed the service and took place in the south transept, the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens, taking the chair. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Miss H. Purkiss and Mr. J. H. W. White. Nuneaton was selected for the January quarterly meeting. There being no new resident members for election, the following names were brought forward for ratification following election prior to peals: W. T. Beeson (Cranleigh), A. J. Lancefield and M. S. Lancefield (Ashford), M. W. Marshall (Bethersden), A. Cutler (Harlesden), T. Cullingworth (Maidstone), T. J. Lock (North Mymms), H. Parkes (Sittingbourne), Miss B. A. Mitchell (Fulham), L. Stilwell (Horsham), P. A. Corby (Kirby Bellars), R. H. Bullen (Darley Dale), and A. C. Sinfield (Maulden).

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Leamington and to Mr. H. C. Burt, who had made all the local arrangements for the meeting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Meeting at Sutton Coldfield

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the 13th century Parish Church of the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield on October 3rd and was attended by about 40 members.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector of Sutton Coldfield, the Rev. J. H. Boggon, who also attended the tea and meeting over which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided.

One full ringing member was elected (Mr. Robert J. Stokes, of Selly Oak) and the tower election of the following life members was duly ratified:—Miss Barbara Mitchell, London, S.W.6; Messrs. Peter Border, Coventry; Ronald H. Bullen, Darley Dale: Thomas Cullingworth, Maidstone; Eric A. Dench, Waltham Cross; Albert J. Lancefield and Mark S. Lancefield, Ashford: Albert R. Lawrence, North Mimms; Mark W. Marshall, Bethersden; Leonard Stilwell, Horsham; Douglas L. Whalley, Stoke-on-Trent.

A formal proposition was made and carried unanimously that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held as usual at the Imperial Hotel on March 6th, 1954.

Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to three old and respected members of the Guild who were indisposed—Mr. George Merriman, Great Barr; Mr. Joseph W. Pemberton, Sutton Coldfield: and Mr. Morris J. Morris, who is now 85 years of age. The secretary was asked to convey to them best wishes from the meeting with the hope that they would soon be restored to health.

A suggestion from the chair that the Guild support the Rev. Canon Bryan Green's appeal for £100,000 for the restoration of St. Martin's Church was well received, and it was unanimously decided to subscribe the sum of £10 10s. from the funds of the Guild.

A hearty welcome was extended to two visiting ringers—Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and Mr. R. G. Morris, of Malvern.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for his assistance, and to Mr. William Anker, the popular towerkeeper, for making excellent arrangements for the welfare of the members.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch

The autumn meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Gulval on October 17th. There were about 50 present from towers in the Branch, and also the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan secretary) and Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master). The Vicar (Canon C. H. S. Buckley) played the organ at the service and also preached. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Canon Buckley, in his address, mentioned the late Mr. Nicholas Peters, of St. Hilary, who had died in August, and who never missed a meeting although being over 80. He also said he hoped that Mrs. Roberts would soon be quite well again.

Tea was served by Mrs. Buckley and helpers, and in the vote of thanks mention was made of the fact that Canon Buckley had just completed 21 years as Vicar of Gulval. He was always very generous in granting the use of his bells.

At the business meeting, officers re-elected were: Chairman, Miss Eileen Symons; secretary, the Rev. A. S. Roberts: auditor, Mr. William Wood. A balance in hand of £8 17s. 4d. was reported. The Spring Festival will be held at Mullion on April 24th, 1954.

Good use was made of Gulval bells during the afternoon and evening and the eight at Madron were also available. A pleasing feature was the steady progress of several young ringers who were present.

DEDICATION

HEDDINGTON, WILTS

The village of Heddington with its Parish Church of St. Andrew, dating back to 1250, lies at the foot of the 'downs' (as we in Wiltshire call hills), and is some three miles from the main London-Bath road as it passes through Calne. The church presented a perfect rural setting with the surrounding trees in their autumn glory made more brilliant on a warm and sunny afternoon when, on October 10th, the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key) came to dedicate the new treble bell.

The Guild's form of service was used. ,During the singing of the second hymn the Bishop, led by the clergy, proceeded to the tower for the solemn act of dedication. Immediately after, the new bell was raised to ringing position and the six rung in rounds while the clergy returned to the chancel for the rest of the service.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of 'The Message of the Bells' and the important work the church ringers perform.

After the service the opening touch was by the local band assisted by Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett and, following this, the Bishop went into the ringing chamber and congratulated the ringers on the improvements there.

The new bell weighs just over three cwt. and is inscribed: 'To the Glory of God. Given by the parishioners of Heddington to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second, 1953.' The work of casting and hanging has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and they are to be congratulated on a first-class job, thus providing the Calne Branch with another useful six with tenor 9½ cwt.

The occasion was one of personal satisfaction and pride to the local ringers, for with a ring of five rehung in 1939 in a new frame obviously designed for six, and a band capable of ringing several Doubles methods, their thoughts naturally were of augmentation. Unfortunately the Church Council, faced with other heavy expenditure, could not help and so it was early in 1951 that the ringers, under their captain, Mr. H. White, decided to go all out to raise the additional £170 needed. By means of paper salvage, socials, dances, whist drives and competitions, the whole sum of nearly £250 has been raised. W. A. H.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT DALLINGTON

On October 18th at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northamptonshire, during matins, a peal board containing a quarter peal of Doubles, rung on Coronation Day by the Sunday service band, was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough.

The ceremony took place in the belfry, preceded by a procession of the ringers concerned, the Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) and churchwardens.

The Bishop requested the congregation to face the belfry and join with him in silent prayer for the church and bells, the ringers and the Queen. The tower captain (Mr. E. Nobles) then unveiled the tablet, which was draped appropriately with the Union Jack.

The Bishop then dedicated the peal board to the glory of God.

Preceding evensong, for the dedication festival, a 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following Sunday service band:—Michael J. Bushell 1, Roger E. Old 2, John M. Nash 3, John G. Chapman 4, Eric Nobles (conductor) 5, Charles T. Windram 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. This was the first quarter peal of Minor to be recorded rung by the Sunday service band at Dallington.

LEYLAND RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. Alan Meadows and Miss Barbara Tullis, both ringers at St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Lancs, were married on Saturday, October 17th.

The bridegroom was the first youth to visit the tower after the ban on ringing was lifted, and immediately followed the suggestion he should learn to ring. He made good progress and his example was soon followed by other youths and girls until eventually, not without many disappointments of course, an efficient young band was built up. For some time now Mr. Meadows has had charge of the tower since the chief ringer, Mr. E. Pickles, is not well enough to climb the steps.

Following the reception the happy couple left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bells were rung before and after the wedding, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal being abandoned after nearly three hours due to one of the band being unwell.

L. W.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL

With a peal having been rung on the eight at Lansallos, Cornwall, there is now no eight-bell tower in the Diocese of Truro at which a peal has not been rung. There are 45 eights in the Diocese, all of which are in Cornwall except one (Werrington), which is just over the border in Devon. What is all the more interesting is that a peal has been rung at each tower during the past 26 years, that is since 1928.

Lansallos bells are a delightful ring and of special interest as they were provided almost entirely at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust in 1937. There was previously one mediæval bell at this ancient church, and this is now preserved in the church. The inscription is: 'Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis' in Lombardic capital letters. The entirely new ring was made possible by a donation of £550 so generously given by the Barron Bell Trust, and this provided the back six bells. The two trebles were subscribed for by parishioners and friends of Lansallos Church. The bells are from Loughborough and are a typical good-going and melodious Taylor ring.

It may seem strange that 16 years have gone by before a peal has been attempted, but although Cornish peal ringing enthusiasts have often had Lansallos in mind, the problem has been to get the right band there, the last ten miles being along winding and narrow lanes typical of this rather inaccessible part of the county.

Arrangements were made for the attempt in July, but sickness among the chosen band postponed it. As is usual on such rare occasions in the remote areas, the length of time of ringing seems to astound rather than perturb, and one of the locals happily remarked afterwards, 'You'll want a long drink to-night,' but little did he really understand that the ringers' thirst had been quenched by the enjoyment of the peal.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. G. BUNCH

The band of ringers at St. Peter's Church, Yateley, Hants, have suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. William George Bunch at the age of 80. He was a member of the band for 60 years and president for the past six years. He had been a regular attendant at services and practices until ill-health precluded this activity.

The Rev. Lester Garland officiated at the funeral on October 15th at Yateley Church, when Mr. Bunch's fellow ringers attended, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by C. Bunch, C. Butler, G. Butler and B. Goodall, followed in the tower with bells half-muffled, whole pull and stand.

In the evening the band completed a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by Miss J. Butler, Messrs. J. Goss, C. Bunch, A. Hearmon, C. Butler, B. Goodall, G. Butler and F. Bunch.

C. B

MR. W. TOWNSEND

By the death of Mr. W. Townsend, of Leckhampton, on October 16th, at the age of 83, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has lost its oldest member.

A regular churchgoer, he had been a ringer at Leckhampton for over 60 years. He was tower captain for 20 years, resigning about five years ago through ill-health. Ringing peals of Doubles in 1893 and in 1895 he rang both Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter in company with the late Rev. C. P. D. Davies and the late Mr. F. E. Robinson. It is not known exactly how many peals he had rung but, so far as can be ascertained, probably about 50.

He was an excellent captain and during his lifetime had taught scores of lads to ring. He was also a chorister and at one period, between 40 and 50 years ago, there was hardly a choirboy who had not learned how to handle a bell. A good conductor on standard methods, his favourite was Stedman Triples.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Touches of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung at his funeral, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a tribute to his memory.

T. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A Visit to Bedwellty

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was successfully held on October 17th at St. Sannan's Church, Bedwellty, Monmouthshire. Some 30 ringers representing nine towers made their way to this isolated little church standing high on the mountain top. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. Davies), who heartily welcomed the Guild to Bedwellty. Mr. Arthur Hoare (Sketty) read the lesson.

A really outstanding tea was provided in the school room by the vice-president (Mrs. Ryan Price) and her helpers. Mr. R. E. Coles (Cowbridge) thanked these ladies and said that they had prepared the best 'knife and fork' tea that he had ever had at a ringing meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., Margaret Watts (Sketty), Kim Jones (Bedwellty), Mrs. Fred Bailey (Whitchurch), Maureen Moore (St. Woolos) and Jacqueline Smith (Chepstow).

All Saints', Newport, Mon., was decided upon as the place for the annual meeting in January.

J. S. E.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. S. Payne 1, M. J. Chown 2, R. S. Holland 3, M. F. Amos 4, S. J. Summers 5, E. G. Orland (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

THE annual tour of the newly-christened Guild was held this year during the first week in August in Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, ending in Berkshire. The first members of the party, which included young ringers of both sexes from Chichester, Itchingfield, Leicester, Catherington, Newport, Reading, and Sevenoaks—with a well known visitor from Dorking for part of the time—gathered at Marlborough on Saturday, Aug. 1st, and ringing took place on the heavy going octave at St. Peter's (tenor 13 cwt.), and, later in the evening, on the fine heavy six (17 cwt.) at St. Mary's.

The day to day programme is appended.

Sunday.—Preshute (6), where members also sang in the choir; Burford (8).

Monday.—Day started with the Guild Office in the Parish Church at Stow-in-the-Wold. Other towers: Longborough (6), Bourton-on-the-Hill (6), Broadway Old Church (6), Evesham Bell Tower (12), Great Hampton (8), Norton (8), Cleeve Prior (6), Bedford (6).

Tuesday.—Salford Priors (8), Alcester (8), Upton Snodsbury (6; bells hardly fit to ring), Claines (10), All Saints', Worcester (10), St. John-in-Bedward (8), Powick (6).

Wednesday.—Bosbury (6), Ledbury (8), Eastnor (6), Tewkesbury Abbey (6), Ashchurch (a difficult six), Cleeve (8).

Thursday.—Cheltenham St. Mark's (5), St. Mary's (12), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Gloucester Cathedral, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), Elkstone (5).

Friday.—Cranham (6), Painswick (12), Stroud (10), Chalford (10), Cirencester (12), Watermoor (8), North Cerney (6). In the evening a B.B.C. recording was taken at Dunksbourne Hostel, where the party gave a demonstration of handbell ringing, and Norman Smith, secretary and organiser of the Guild, was interviewed by the B.B.C. representative.

Saturday. — Ampney Crucis (5), Meysey Hampton (6), Fairford (8), Lechlade (6), Faringdon (8), Wantage (8), Blewbury (8), East Hagbourne (8), Goring (8), Streatley (6).

At an unofficial ceremony in Streatley belfry, the Ringing Master expressed the thanks of the party to Norman Smith, who had once again organised such a grand trip, and presented him with a book token, as a practical symbol of their thanks. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the week such a success; the numerous incumbents who had given permission for the use of their bells, in many instances at short notice, the ringers who had met the tourists at their towers, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harding, for taking the two stranded members of the party, whose car had broken down at Burford on the first day, under their wing (!) for the remainder of the week. It was generally agreed that the first tour as an organised Guild had been a grand success, and no doubt the able president (!) and secretary will shortly be making plans for next year.

Methods rung were a tremendous improvement on last year, and included no less than ten Doubles methods, Stedman from Doubles to Caters, Grandsire Cinques, twelve Minor methods, including Cambridge and London, Major from Plain Bob to Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London, and Plain, Kent, Oxford and Little Bob Royal; a total of 42 different methods. Approximately 56 towers were visited by most of the party, and over 1,200 steps climbed!

OUTINGS

ST. CHAD'S SHREWSBURY

Ringers of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, enjoyed a modest day's outing on September 19th when three towers in North Wales were visited. They were accompanied by Messrs. F. Mason and F. Owen, of St. Mary's, Mr. W. Lloyd, Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. and Mrs J. Butler, now in Birmingham, and the 'lightweight' P. C. Betts.

Calling first at Llangollen, the recently rehung bells were found to turn very quickly, but having got the measure of them, striking improved greatly.

After a pleasant run to Rhyl an ample lunch preceded the short trip to Bodelwyddan, the 'Marble Church.' Here the bells proved much to the liking of all, and Canon E. Morgan did the honours of this remarkable church.

A more than ample tea ensured general approbation of the catering and perhaps was responsible for the best ringing of the day on Rhyl's tuneful bells whose only demerit is the volume of sound outside the tower.

CHILVERS COTON

An enjoyable half-day was spent by the ringers of Chilvers Coton, together with their wives and ringing friends from Allesley, Stoke and Bulkington, when they set off on October 3rd for Shepshed and Loughborough. The ringing at Shepshed (tenor 15 cwt.) was up to standard, the junior members of the party ringing very creditably.

The next item in the itinerary was a tour of the bell foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Mr. Colin Harrison met the party and kindly conducted them to all the various sections from the casting shop to the tuning room. A chime of eight bells having been set up for early delivery gave those who fancied themselves as carillonneurs an opportunity of showing their capabilities.

Ringing on the light ten in the foundry campanile was a new experience for the junior members as well as for some of the older ones, but all acquitted themselves well and there were no broken stays.

Mr. Harrison accompanied the party at tea and also to the tower of All Saints' where the grand ten brought forth the best ringing of the afternoon. Mr. A. H. Beamish thanked Mr. Harrison warmly for devoting five hours of his Saturday afternoon to them. Mr. Harrison replied it had been a pleasure to do so.

A social hour was spent at the Loughborough Hotel and then the return journey was made, Nuneaton being reached at 11.15 p.m.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Three towers in the Forest of Dean were visited on October 10th by some 36 ringers and friends of St. Saviour's, Coalpit Heath, for their first half-day outing.

St. Briavel's (8, 14 cwt.) was reached ahead of schedule, so the bells were set going before partaking of refreshments which had been prepared by the local Mothers' Union. Grandsire Doubles and Triples went well but a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief owing to a rope parting at the wheel.

Newland (6, 16 cwt.), known locally as the Cathedral of the Forest, was soon reached and justice was done to the pleasantly-toned bells. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oswald Delight went well.

The 'go' of Littledean's bells (6, 10 cwt.) left a lot to be desired, but in spite of this touches of Grandsire, Cambridge and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round with only slight mishap.

Special thanks are due to St. Briavel's Mothers' Union for the excellent tea and to Mr. C. Batten for his splendid organisation.

W. F. S.

QUARTER PEALS

ARRETON, I.O.W.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Upton 1, F. Taylor 2, L. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. Drake 4, C. Denness 5, F. J. Cheek 6. First quarter in the method by all.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, Miss P. Casey 6. A compliment to Miss C. Smith on her approaching marriage.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gilian Rea 1, E. Booth 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Dorothy Battersby 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, Kathleen Fletcher 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 2 and 4.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Lidbury (first quarter) 1, B. McCleary 2, Betty Gregory 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, P. Aslett 5, Doreen Hague (first quarter as cond.) 6, F. J. Russell 7, John Norsworthy 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore 1, V. Lucas 2, V. Williams (first of Stedman) 3, N. Denson 4, A. Baker 5, R. Hooper (cond.) 6, J. Pedler 7, G. Nicholls 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Eric Sutton to H. Jean Holloway on Saturday, October 3rd, at Christ Church, Swindon.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Ratcliffe (first quarter) 1, C. Hood (first quarter) 2, H. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Flint 4, W. R. Drury (cond.) 5, R. Land 6. For harvest festival.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Judge 1, T. E. Roberts 2, F. C. Case 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, W. J. Chester 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. Yates 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, F. Walker 2, E. Dixon 3, R. Saye 4, F. Preston 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to the son of the ringer of the 2nd.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coggins (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Slade 2, G. J. Hearns 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: L. Barry 1, C. Rouse 2, T. Newbury 3, G. Kilminster 4, F. Nurden 5, W. Dyer (cond.) 6, C. Martin 7, L. Aston 8, T. Boreham 9, W. Newman 10. A welcome home to Col. J. P. Carne, Capt. Bill Morris, 2nd Lieut. A. C. N. Preston and other locals of the Glorious Gloucesters.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On St. Luke's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Clarke (first quarter) 1, Barbara Thrush (first 'inside' in method) 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, J. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6, J. T. Finey 7, R. G. Blackman 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Gladys Anderson 3, J. E. Beams 4, J. Whitehorn 5, C. W. Munday 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, R. C. Spittle 8. A token of respect and sympathy on the death of Mrs. D. E. Howard, wife of the church treasurer, hon. secretary of the local Council of Christian Churches, and mother of Margaret Howard, one of the ringers.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 11th, 1,392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. W. Pipe 1, C. A. Fleming 2, N. Golden (cond.) 3, C. Sayer 4, A. C. Bason 5, B. Gogle 6, C. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Rung for Evensong.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent and 180 of Plain Bob): J. Harrold 1, A. C. Cozens 2, I. J. Dicken 3, K. D. Perkins 4, M. Stephenson 5, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Hartland 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, J. Rowe 3, Kathleen E. E. Bowden 4, G. Yarborough 5, Shirley Corke 6, R. Corke 7, H. Gauntlett 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung for patronal festival.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lathall 1, H. Beard 2, R. Evans (first of Minor) 3, R. Abrahams 4, R. Hall 5, R. Howsom (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. J. Last 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, J. R. Mayne 3, G. W. Pipe 4, G. A. Fleming 5, J. Bennett (cond.) 6, R. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8, V. Griffin 9, F. G. Crapnell 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Bishop 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Cepping 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant 4, K. Palmer 5, V. Bottomley 6, R. E. Moulds 7, R. M. Mann (first as cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher (first quarter) 1, B. W. Huntley (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, R. E. Water (first quarter) 4, C. E. Slade (first quarter 'inside') 5, D. J. Priest 6. First quarter by entirely local band within memory.

HUNTINGDON.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. J. Pawley 3, L. T. Pope 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransome 6, A. Clements 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mallett.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, L. Fisher 2, J. T. Duffin 3, D. Cubitt 4, K. Park (first quarter) 5, F. Bennett 6, J. Kirby 7, M. L. Lockwood 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bennett 1, L. Fisher 2, J. T. Duffin 3, G. Townend (first quarter) 4, K. Park 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6, M. L. Lockwood 7, J. Kirby 8.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Walker (first quarter) 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, R. E. Ttallis 3, A. C. Morris 4, D. Harrison (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Lawrey 3, F. W. Rogers 4, L. D. Duguid 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin 8.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): B. Atkinson 1, Miss O. W. Barrett 2, P. S. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 5, B. H. Hall 6. First quarter in three Doubles methods by all.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Durham (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. H. Howes 3, P. Page 4, J. L. Hilton 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes (first quarter) 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the parents of the treble ringer, and wedding anniversaries of the 2nd and 7th.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,420 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 820 Plain Bob): E. D. Acott (first quarter) 1, H. Woolley 2, W. Wenban (cond.) 3, S. S. King 4, A. Wenban 5, G. T. Acott 6. For harvest thanksgiving: also for the visit of W. Wenban from Harrow Weald, brother of the local captain. All local Sunday service ringers except 3rd.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Warner 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, A. Walker 5, N. D. Lane (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 6, W. C. Dowding 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Whitlock (cond.) 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. Haw 4, F. Wigmore 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Duffield 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Stedman Triples: H. D. Harris 1, A. King 2, C. H. Harding 3, A. J. Smith 4, A. G. Matthews 5, A. C. Sinfield 6, A. E. Sharman (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Duke of Bedford.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Goss 1, C. Bunch 2, A. Hearnon 3, Miss J. Butler 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, F. Bunch 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. G. Bunch.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Threat of Bus Strike Affects Snaith Meeting

The autumn meeting was held at Snaith on October 17th and was attended by about 25 members, rather below the average due partly to a threatened bus strike, which did not materialise, but kept some from attending. The recently augmented ring of eight was made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. B. A. Ramsker), who had another engagement, but came into the tower after tea to welcome the ringers, the service was conducted by the curate.

After an excellent tea the business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). Two new members were elected —Miss Ruth Ellis (Carlton) and Mr. David Edwards (York). It is hoped it may be possible to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 6d.

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PULFORD, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Friday, October 24th, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat

Henry Woodfine	Treble
Richard Jones	2
George Jones	3
William Bibby	4
Henry W. Wilde	5
James Morgan	6
Edward Allen	7
Edwin H. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde and conducted by E. H. Lewis.

This is the first peal to be rung in the method.

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RAINHAM, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, October 29th, 1913, in 3 hours 20 minutes
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Sidney Champion	Treble
William Haigh	2
*Frederick Ockwell	3
*Albert Manktelow	4
†John Champion	5
William Easter	6
William J. Walker	7
*Charles Belsey	Tenor

Conducted by William Haigh.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—**Correction:** Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Oct. 31st, not as stated in 'Ringing World' of Oct. 23rd.—J. Ward, Sec. 3404

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Prittlewell on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Everyone welcome.—P. A. Sadler. 3352

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Nov. 2nd, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3370

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.; please bring own food. Business meeting to follow, and bells afterwards. 3375

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Davenham, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. —D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 3408

CLYST ST. GEORGE, NEAR EXETER.— The dedication of the recast ring of bells (6) by the Archdeacon of Exeter will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. W. Wills, Clyst St. George, Exeter, unless personal invitation already accepted. 3383

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.— Lillington (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4. Arrange own tea.—R. J. E. 3385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday Nov. 5th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 3380

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. — Monthly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Nov. 7th. No arrangements for tea; cafes near. —B. A. Sollis. Hon. Sec. 3376

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris (6), Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 4th.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely, Cambs. 3394

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3378

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow. 3382

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3372

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 3rd, to W. P. Garner, 3, Glover Road, Willesborough.—W. P. Garner, Hon. Sec. 3362

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Clitheroe, Nov. 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions are due.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3398

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3401

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Kendal on Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal. — R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Names to Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3407

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Joint meeting with Loughborough District at Anstey (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey.—J. R. Smith. 3396

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caerleon (8), Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 3348

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 7th, St. Mary's, Barnes (Church Road), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5.15. St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake (High Street), 7. Names for tea to N. G. Hollingworth, 146, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 3406

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 3379

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by Nov. 5th.— J. W. Cotton. Tel. Overseale 264. 3395

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3374

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Calverton on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3390

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3387

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at North Bradley (8), Nov. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3384

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham. 3402

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Wollaton (6, recently rehung), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, moderate charge, but essential to notify, by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, Miss Twells, 10, Hollingwell Avenue, Wollaton, Nottingham. 3346

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Nov. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3405

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Ryde, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3388

ANCIENT ORDER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bridge House Hotel, S.E.1, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Names for tickets not later than 9th, please. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 3; St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck. 3381

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Worksop Priory (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop, Notts. Bells recently recast and rehung. 3371

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual dinner, Nov. 14th, at John's Place, Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4-6 p.m. Names must reach me by Nov. 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Tunbridge Wells. 3359

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 14th. St. Dunstan's bells available 2.30-4.30. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each (cash with order, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 11th. 3393

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. G. Ingham, 22, Russell Road, Queensbury. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov 14th, at St. Mary's, Woolton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at 5.30 p.m. only to those who send in their names before Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. L. Humphriss, Abbots Lea Cottages, Woolton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 3366

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Nov. 14th (note change of date). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 10th, please, to Miss J. Hill, 14, New Street, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 3397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, Nov. 14th. Bells 3. Service, Bishop's Waltham, 4.15. Tea 5. Inform, by Nov. 7th, W. Linter, 4, Coppice Hill, Bishop's Waltham. 3386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting King's Somborne, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Reg Martin's Cafe. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3392

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Station).—Ringers' service will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—S. Howard. 3391

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner will be held in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, commencing 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells so far available include Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice. Tickets (price 10s.) now available from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3355

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Northern Branch at Llanfaes

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Llanfaes, Brecon, on October 3rd. Owing to counter attractions the attendance at the start was less than usual, but an increase was noticeable just before the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. L. Davies, Vicar of St. David's. The organist was Miss Joyce Evans.

After the service an excellent tea was provided at the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting with the Rev. L. Davies in the chair. The only item which created discussion was the opinion of a member that the holding of practices once a month at the same tower was not in the real interest of ringers as a whole. It was eventually decided to bring the matter up again at the annual meeting in January, so that it could be thrashed out before a more representative body.

The meeting was closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and others for their efforts to make everyone feel at home.

W. G. S.

ROWINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Gwilt 1, A. C. Morris 2, R. E. Tallis 3, A. Cleaver 4, D. Harrison (cond.) 5.

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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — III.

Two Jubilees of the Association Recalled — Greater Facilities for Ringing

By H. V. FROST (The Hon. General Secretary)

The Jubilee of the Association was celebrated in 1934 with an excellent dinner at St. Albans, which was attended by a large company of clergy and ringers. Dean Henderson launched an appeal at this dinner for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells from eight to twelve, and this was successfully carried out. The treble was given by Dr. S. J. Madge, F.S.A.; the second bell was given by 'Members and friends of the Hertford County Association to commemorate their Jubilee, also as a memorial to Edward Percy Debenham, their President for the Jubilee Year'; the third was given by Mr. W. Worthington, and the fourth by public subscription. These bells were first rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. in 1935.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Association was also celebrated at St. Albans in 1944, and again was a most enjoyable and well attended event.

In 1937, representatives of the Herts and Beds Associations met the Lord Bishop of St. Albans to discuss the formation of a St. Albans Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers with him. It was decided that, although there would be obvious advantages, there would also be serious disadvantages. His Lordship explained that he wished to bring the two Associations closer together, but that it would be fatal to have one Association and one committee. The Hertfordshire Association finally resolved that they would welcome a closer fellowship with the Bedfordshire Association by means of Joint Meetings and Ringing Days.

DEFINITION OF PEALS

The original Rules of the Association were redrafted in 1888 by E. P. Debenham and, with few amendments, were in use until 1936, when they were revised. This was once more the case in 1948. It is interesting to note that in the early rules, 'No peal of less than 5,000 changes on seven bells and upwards, or 5,000 in seven different methods on six bells was to be entered in the Peal Book.' In 1893, peals of Minor in one or more methods were recognised, provided that each 720 was called differently.

In 1923, the Association adopted the rule that 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the Peal Book, that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.' The decision to adopt this ruling placed the Association in the position of giving a lead to all other Associations to accept anything (such as spliced peals) that had the recognition of the Central Council.

Before this rule was accepted, many peals of Doubles had been rung in the county and their particulars were published in the Annual Report, but as no provision had been made in the old rules regarding such peals, many were not entered in the Peal Book. No doubt the Doubles ringers felt very aggrieved at not getting their peals 'booked' in those days and yet, in contrast, some of our leading conductors have recently expressed no desire for their peals to be entered or 'booked.' However, the majority of the members have decided that the Peal Book entries shall be continued at the expense of the Association, the old peal 'booking' fees being charged towards the cost of printing the Annual Report. The Association possesses two large Peal Books, both beautifully bound and written, and a new Peal Book is being presented this year.

The annual subscription of a Ringing Member of the Association was originally one shilling and remained so until 1938, when it was increased by sixpence. In 1950 the annual subscription was raised to half-a-crown. The subscriptions of Honorary Members (now known as 'Associate Members') have remained at the original five shillings and 'Distinguished Members,' residing out of the county, joined the Association on the same terms as the Ringing Members until 1896, when non-resident members could become Life Members on payment of five shillings.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES INCREASE INTEREST

Financial difficulties incurred by the high cost of printing the 1948-50 Report have resulted in the acceptance of an interest free loan of £150 by a friend of the Association, and determined efforts on the part of the members to repay the loan in the shortest possible time. In fact, the serious position of the Association has resulted in an increased interest being taken in its affairs, and already £75 has been repaid.

The facilities for ringing in the county have greatly increased since 1884, when there were three rings of ten, seventeen of eight, thirty-three of six and twenty-three of five, compared with the present total of one ring of twelve, six of ten, thirty-three of eight, thirty-eight of six, and nine of five. The great majority of all these rings are ringable.

The work of the Association has grown with the years and the original nine bands and 92 ringing members have now become 60 towers with 500 affiliated members. There are, of course, many towers without ringers, and several where there are not enough to ring for services. Thus there is still much that the Association can do to preserve and further the Art.

As no history of any ringing organisation would be complete without an account of its peal records or its leading ringers and conductors, this subject will be dealt with in another article.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 1,152 Cambridge, 1,008 Yorkshire and 720 Superlative with 75 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	5	TERENCE A. THORNBER	11
HAROLD J. POOLE	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	JOHN CHILCOTT	6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	7
HERBERT LANGDON	3	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	8
JOHN B. SANSOM	4	JOHN S. MASON	9
S. ANTHONY JESSON	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard F. Deal and to mark the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
HAROLD P. BURTON	3	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
ALFRED BALLARD	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
A birthday compliment to William Bottrill.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	*BRYAN S. COPE	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 250th peal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	2	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	7
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	WALTER J. COPE	8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	9
JOAN BERESFORD*	5	MARK M. CULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, No. 10.
Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* 100th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve on the occasion of his enthronement as Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	FRANK WHITE	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
RICHARD WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
FREDERICK A. WILKINS	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of R. White's first peal, which was rung at Great Tew, Oxon.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE	6
FRED BENNNETT	2	LEONARD DRAKE	7
*MARGARET HAWLEY	3	†EDWARD BRADLEY	8
JOHN T. DUFFIN	4	LESLIE FISHER	9
MARK L. LOCKWOOD	5	FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Caters. The conductor's 600th peal.
Rung as a tribute and farewell to the former Vicar of Leeds, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, Lord Bishop of Lichfield, whose enthronement took place on the previous day.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD M. SALISBURY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Deal on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*MICHAEL BARNES	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
JACK BRAY	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
HAROLD MORWOOD	4	W. BRIAN BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal. 250th peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Canon F. Harford Cross, who was inducted Vicar of this parish on September 29th.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
*BRYAN PATTISON	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 5).
Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. J. R. SMITH	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DONALD SMITH	*Treble*	WINIFRED KEYS	5
RICHARD WILSON	2	*LESLIE WELLER	6
†HENRY WEAVER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

ROGER CHICKEN	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	5
*SAMUEL C. WALKER	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* 25th peal. First of Kent and Oxford Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Wilfred Nicholson, a ringer at this church, to Doreen Shield, which was solemnised this day at this church.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	*Treble*	JANET M. SPURGIN	5
STUART T. HUME	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	DONALD L. MILLS	7
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Oldham Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	*REV. A. R. ASTIN	5
ERNEST MOORES	2	FRED PRITCHARD	6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	3	WALTER E. HOWARTH	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	ERIC CASTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.
* First peal 'inside.'
A farewell peal to Rev. R. H. Cadman, LL.B., Vicar.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 768 London, Rutland and Ealing, 576 Bristol and 384 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Wembley and Eastcote, with 156 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

COLIN E. WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN F. GROVE	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
*DAVID W. BEARD	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* 75th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods by all the band and for the Association.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	JOHN S. WYBREW	5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
*JACK PILGRIM	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
ALAN G. FEVER	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
A birthday compliment to Harold J. Poole, President of the Guild.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*NELIA M. LEAHY	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung as a welcome to the recently inducted Rector, Rev. Norman Barnett.

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PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	ORRELL DAVIES	5
*ERIC HORNBY	2	HARRY PARKER	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
REGINALD WORRALL	4	HARRY HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to the honoured memory of former ringers at this church.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
*HOWARD SCOTT	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Sheffield.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ENID SOFTLEY	*Treble*	ROBERT BELL	5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	2	STANLEY HEWITT	6
MRS. N. I. LEA	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
MRS. M. LAWSON	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung in appreciation of 43 years' service in the belfry by Mr. William Robson, on his leaving to take up residence in Newcastle.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. LAY	5
*JANET S. BAILEY	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RICHARD E PRICE	7
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BENNETT	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	6
JOHN P. MORRISS	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	HARRY C. JONES	6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	WALTER AYRE	7
ROBERT W. METCALFE	4	DONALD CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick J. Reeve, captain of this tower for 27 years, a member for 60 years, and the first secretary of the Western District, who was interred at Tring Cemetery on Thursday, October 22nd. R.I.P.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Topp's Two-part. Tenor 14 cwt. approximately.

*STANLEY A. GUPPY	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HARRY EDWARDS	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. HINES	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	JOHN SITCH	7
PERCY GREEN	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
*STANLEY G. PONTING	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	†ROY CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

A birthday compliment and to mark the occasion of the birth of a grandson to the 7th ringer, and also a late birthday compliment to Arthur R. Miles, captain of the local band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	ALAN CASSON	4
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	3	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods. 25th peal as conductor.

Rung as welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. J. B. Phillips, and Mrs. Phillips, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Schofield.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROYD	4
DENNIS KNOX	2	*BRYAN J. RIGG	5
MALCOLM G. HOOTON	3	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal.

EVERTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HUNTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	3
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	FRANK W. LACK	4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

FAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz., London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*JOHN H. GILBERT	4
*NELIA M. LEAHY	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
PATRICK PAGE	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
An extent each of Beverley, London, York, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 17 cwt.

*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
MARY FULLER	2	†JOHN E. CARNELL	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Association and in the county.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	EDWARD A. DOBB	4
*FREDA ROBINSON (14)	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal. D. H. Rooke has now 'circled the tower.'

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approximately).

*PETER DAVIES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM GILKS	4
DOUGLAS JORDAN	2	WILLIAM CORDEROY	5
*DAVID LAWSON	3	*ROBERT DANDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the occasion of the birth of a daughter to the wife of the 4th ringer.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	†JOHN S. WYBREW	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	††JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* 100th peal. † First six method Minor peal. ‡ 50th peal.



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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

HERBERT C. BOGGIS ..	*Treble*	FRANK PEARSON	4
LIONEL A. LESTER	2	REGINALD H. DRANE ..	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	LEONARD SHARPE	3
KENNETH G. BROWN ..	2	*MICHAEL DACK	4
ALAN G. FEVER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	*Treble*	*PAUL F. NOAKES	4
MARY TAPLEY	2	*FREDERICK MEEK	5
FREDA M. BURBRIDGE ..	3	REGINALD L. SILLS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Freda Burbridge.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 10 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*BARRY BINDOFF	*Treble*	†REV. T. P. HEARN ..	4
CHARLES ROUSE	2	DUDLEY SURMAN	5
ALFRED BINDOFF	3	*ARTHUR NEWBURY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival of the Church.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EDWARD A. DOBB	*Treble*	*LEWIS HEMSTOCK ..	4
GEORGE CHALLANS ..	2	*ERNEST PRESTON	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Norwich Surprise (C.C.C. 146-151, fourth obs.), two of Cambridge Surprise (58-59), Oxford Treble Bob (149), Kent Treble Bob (144), Plain Bob (34). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Gwen.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	*Treble*	BRIAN D. HILL	4
*DONALD S. PAYNE	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	5
RICHARD S. HOLLAND ..	3	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER J. FOX	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
EDMUND C. ATYEO ..	2	THOMAS J. SETTER	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's, plus the ten different extents twice repeated. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDMUND J. MORRIS ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PETTY	4
*DAVID W. EVANS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON ..	3	†TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † 75th peal for the Association.

SANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in twelve methods: one each of New, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew and All Saints; four each (four callings) of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and Stedman; and ten (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REX M. DIXON	*Treble*	MICHAEL ORME	3
*MAURICE A. COLLINGS ..	2	†DEREK P. JONES	4
PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal.
The first peal of Doubles in twelve methods for the Association and by all the band, and believed to be the first peal ever rung on the bells.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER ..	4
*JOHN S. WYBREW	2	*ALAN G. FEVER	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT KNAITH, SPENCERS PLACE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*LEONARD STILWELL ..	1—2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3—4
FRANK B. LUFKIN	5—6		

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

P. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 11 in G.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3—4	*SHEILA PARKER	7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held its October meeting at Offley on October 24th. The bells were going soon after 3 o'clock but the attendance did not come up to expectations, possibly due to the petrol situation and the unsettled weather. The special method went as well as any during the year and when some Spliced Kent and Plain Bob had been rung one member commented it was like having 'jam with fish.'

Tea was provided by Mrs. A. Smith at the Cock Inn and it was a pity that so few turned up to enjoy this grand spread. Mr. Geoffrey Carter took the chair for the business meeting. As Royston bells are not available, Baldock will be the next meeting place on November 28th with Albion Treble Bob as the special method.

Further ringing continued until 8 o'clock when the bells were lowered in peal. The sum of 6s. was collected for the General Fund. Towers represented were Baldock, Clifton, Hatfield, Henlow, Hitchin, Norton, St. Albans Abbey, Stotford and Tewin.

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OBITUARY

MR. F. RIDGWELL

The death occurred on October 24th of Mr. Frederick Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, in his 72nd year. Mr. Ridgwell was Northern Divisional secretary of the Essex Association from 1929 until 1936; he then became District Master for a further two years.

The funeral was conducted by Canon H. Monks at the Parish Church on October 28th. Several ringers gathered to pay their last respects, amongst them being Miss Hilda G. Snowden, District Master, Messrs. L. W. Wiffen, F. Claydon, E. J. Butler, F. S. Limb, W. Arnold, W. J. Wade, R. Lyon, G. Larkin and Mr. and Mrs. G. Trendell. The bells were rung half-muffled following the service.

Mr. Ridgwell's peal list numbers about 130, 30 of which are London Surprise. He also took part in the first peal of Belgrave Surprise rung for the Association. His early ringing took place at the village of Greenstead Green, from where he joined the Police Force, attaining the rank of inspector..

It was after his retirement that he took an active part in peal ringing and the affairs of the Essex Association. Mr. Ridgwell had done much to further the art in North Essex, together with his lifelong friends, Frank Claydon and Arthur Saunders (who are still happily with us). They cycled miles for practice and peals, ever willing to help the beginner.

Mr. Ridgwell was outstanding in his ability to organise: everything he undertook ran smoothly and efficiently. He was a well-loved character and will be sadly missed. We mourn his death but go forward with his shining example to guide us in the years to come.

An In Memoriam peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung at Halstead on October 31st.

H. G. S.

MR. JOSEPH A. WAITE

The death took place at his home in Birmingham on October 9th at the age of 69 years, of Mr. Joseph A. Waite.

For many years he was a member of the Barnwood tower and the Gloucester Society of Ringers. On the death of his father he was appointed captain of Gloucester Cathedral ringers. He was buried at Barnwood and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. A widow and daughter are bereaved.

MR. F. J. REEVE

Mr. Frederick James Reeve, well known in Tring and West Herts for his bellringing activities, died on October 19th at his home, Dinard, Dundale Road, Tring, aged 80.

He was a member of the Tring Parish Church ringing team for 60 years and for 27 years was captain. He had been unable to ring for the last five or six years owing to his failing health. However, his interest in the art never wavered; in fact only a short while before he died he was talking about the bells he loved so much.

He was a past president of the Herts County Association of Church Bell Ringers and a sidesman at Tring Parish Church. In the course of his travels up and down the country Mr. Reeve rang in 247 towers and 28 counties. His peals numbered about 20.

Friends from the Herts Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association were present at the funeral conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. K. Lowdell.

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The first peal at Foxearth, Essex, for about 17 years was rung on October 24th and four of the ringers who participated were not then born. Owing to a clock case in the centre of the circle peals are not easy to get as the treble and the fifth ringers cannot see each other. Vision is also difficult btween the second and seventh. This was Mr. Thomas Bird's third attempt to score a peal on the bells and also his 99th peal. The band wish him good luck for his first century.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A saying that might well go down in ringing history is attributed to Mr. P. L. Taylor by Mr. Sidney Harrison in his article on music in 'John o' London's Weekly': 'You can no more measure a sound than you can measure a perfume.' Mr. Harrison had spent a happy morning at the Loughborough Foundry and he subscribed to Mr. Taylor's view by his comment, 'There are imponderables in sound that demand recognition and defy analysis.'

Crossword puzzle: A bell at one end and a fool at the other.' Answer: A rope.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford on ringing her 100th peal. It was achieved in her own city and on the Cathedral bells of Lichfield.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester, was arranged to enable Mr. W. Bottrill, of Luton, Beds, to ring a peal at this church, he having been taught to ring at Anstey by the late W. Willson, of St. John's. The Anstey ringers rang at St. John's on alternate Sundays for evensong in those days.

After a lapse of 15 years the Helmingham service band have added Spliced Surprise to their collection of 47 Surprise methods. Mr. G. A. Fleming especially thanks Mr. C. W. Beecroft for standing in without notice and taking him safely home. The last bus passed with two more leads to ring at 9.40 p.m.

On October 29th a programme was broadcast in the Midland Home Service children's hour called 'Time Slips By.' It was the first of a new series about hobbies. Included was a recording made by young ringers at St. James' Church, Shirley, Warwks. Some very good rounds were rung by eight of these young people and the voices of four of them were heard. The interview was made by Mr. Norman Painting, perhaps better known as Philip Archer.

We regret to hear that the Freemasons' peal attempt at Dorchester Abbey of Plain Bob Major was brought round at half-way after 2,520 changes. Another attempt is planned for next spring. Brethren were present from places as far apart as Norwich, Epsom, Nottingham, Crayford and Swindon.

Mr. Raymond Overy has been on holiday at King's Lynn and during his stay in Norfolk a peal was arranged for him at Sutterton by Mr. Norman V. Harding. The last time the two rang together was in a peal of Norfolk Surprise at Warnham 22 years ago.

A new puppy arrived at the house of an enthusiastic ringer and promptly tore up 'The Ringing World' as it was delivered regularly by post through the letter box each week. Attempts to teach the puppy the importance of the journal failed and it had to be destroyed! Told by Mr. N. Chaddock at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner.

Some 30 years ago the late Dr. Barrow, of Rothbury, Northumberland, made a set of tubular brass bells. These were produced and played at the annual service of the Thropton Presbyterian Church by the present owner, Mr. W. Logan. At one time Morpeth ringers frequently rang at Rothbury and the late Dr. Barrow was an honorary member of their Association.

Mr. C. H. Kippin writes that whilst he does not disagree with the sentiments expressed by the anonymous writer who endorsed a peal report of the Pudsey at Southampton with the words, 'Why do they call me big-head?' the compliment was undeserved on this particular occasion, as the facts stated were strictly correct. C. H. K.'s first peal of Pudsey was rung several weeks earlier but the report did not appear until after the second peal was rung. No doubt he will receive an anonymous apology.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

Sheffield Revisited After 15 Years

THE 21st Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at Sheffield on October 24th. It is 15 years since the function was held at Sheffield and it was a great success.

The president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), supported by the officers, vice-presidents, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, D. Smith and A. E. Sellars, L. W. G. Morris (general secretary), G. Binfield (treasurer), A. E. Marsh and J. J. L. Gilbert (district secretaries), W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and H. Chant (Ringing Master), welcomed a representative company of about 120.

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Sheffield, the Provost, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Miss M. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ditcher, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. W. Barton and Mr. H. Lofthouse.

An excellent meal was served, and after the loyal toast had been honoured the president proposed 'The Church and State.' He said that this toast gave the opportunity to speak on every subject under the sun. Establishment worked in two ways: the State gave its sanction to the laws and customs of the Church as shown in the Prayer Book, and the Church gave its sanction and approval to affairs of the State, as, for instance, the Coronation. The Church also acted as the conscience of the State. One thing he particularly wanted to stress was that the clergy were not paid by the State.

The president told an amusing story of the Colonel of an Indian Regiment in Queen Victoria's reign who always insisted on having a full parade of his troops on Ascension Day. When asked why he was so insistent on this parade he said, 'Surely we ought to commemorate the day when our gracious Queen ascended the Throne.' He trusted that the Church would always be their mother, and he State not too much of a grandmother.

The Assistant Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard) briefly responded, and recalled his days as a curate at Barking, where he learned the ways of ringers. He regretted that in the days of his youth Rugby football took up so much of his energy that he had no time to devote to ringing. He wished that he had learned more about ringing, as when he was in New Zealand he had a ring of bells but no ringers.

SHEFFIELD A GREAT STRONGHOLD

Mr. P. J. Johnson submitted the toast, 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He said that before the Yorkshire Association was founded, Sheffield was a great stronghold of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and there was no more ardent a member than Jasper Snowdon. It was seriously debated whether or not they should have a Northern Branch of the Ancient Society—but the example of the Devon Guild was followed and they decided on a new association.

Snowdon had always been insistent that figures of compositions should be included in peal record books, and he (Mr. Johnson) pointed out that every method rung by the Yorkshire Association had been published in their annual reports. In addition, Mr. W. Barton had proved over 3,000 compositions they had rung, and any false peals had been set on one side. Mr. Johnson referred to the good work of William Snowdon, who, in collaboration with W. H. Thompson, produced the first edition of Grandsire, amongst many other useful books to the Exercise.

Then there was C. H. Hattersley, a native of Sheffield, who did much to forward the work of the Exercise, especially in the realm of Stedman Cinques. To the late Canon Marshall, who was their president for 35 years, he paid a high tribute, as also to the late George Bolland, a great Minor exponent. Mr. Johnson alleged that George possessed 350 clocks which he wound up every night!

JOE HARDCASTLE

He particularly wanted to include the name of Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford, who is still alive and over 80 years of age. Amputation of both his legs made it impossible for him to ring now. Joe's grandfather, who rang in 1817, used to say he would continue to ring the tenor until his grandson (Joe) was old enough to take it off him, and this he did. Joe took part in the famous Australian tour. They must not forget George Halksworth, another Yorkshire stalwart, was now 87 years.

'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who said that when he was a boy he used to read every word in 'The Ringing World' more than once, and the reports of such functions as that dinner fascinated him. What impressed him more was the opportunity they provided to meet famous people of the Exercise in the flesh, and to see well-known heavy bell ringers on the tenor box at Sheffield, Leeds and York gave him as big a thrill as that of a teenager who saw and heard Frank Sinatra for the first time! It gave him great pleasure to welcome the visitors to Sheffield.

The Very Rev. Monsignor Canon J. Dinn, of St. Marie's, Sheffield, responded, and said as he only lived 30 yards from the tower of his church they would appreciate that he had ample opportunity of hearing his bells. He was greatly indebted to those members of the Yorkshire Association who rang at his church. He had recently been staying with a friend in Rome, whose impression of that great city was that it was a place of bells, yells and smells!

The Archdeacon of Sheffield also responded, saying he came from a city of bells—Bristol. He quoted one of the rules of the Ancient St. Stephen's Society: 'Let no man presume to take a bell rope in his hand until he had knelt in prayer or until the captain had taken up his rope.' Change ringing was the peculiar glory of the English people, and long might it flourish.

WASTAGE OF LEARNERS

Mr. C. McGuiness submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and deplored the decline of some of the older companies, which was mainly due to failure to teach and bring on young recruits. He wondered whether the tremendous wastage and loss of learners was due to the learners themselves or their instructors, and advised youngsters to go all out to experience the best in ringing. He firmly believed that Yorkshire would produce ringers who would keep abreast of the times.

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and, after paying a very warm tribute to the work of the Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee, stressed the importance of the paper, which went to all parts of the world. He urged greater support, both as regards circulation and the submission of suitable articles to the Editor for publication.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood responded and urged the importance of getting a larger circulation. He thought the Exercise had not yet fully realised its responsibilities in this or in feeding the paper with suitable articles of interest. They owed a great debt of gratitude to those generous readers who sent in donations.

The toast of 'The Chairman' was given by Mr. W. E. Critchley, and in his reply the president paid tribute to the organisers, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock, who had put in such tremendous work to ensure the success of the gathering. He would do all in his power to help forward the prosperity of the Association.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by N. Chaddock 1-2, W. F. Robinson 3-4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5-6, W. F. Moreton 7-8, W. E. Critchley 9-10. Selections on handbells were given by pupils of Mr. N. Chaddock, and piano duets by Margaret Mills and Jean Blackburn.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung prior to the dinner at South Austen, conducted by Clement Glenn.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president were the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard, the Ven. W. E. Harrison, Monsignor Canon J. Dinn, the Revs. H. Ferraby, J. W. Kennedy and D. K. Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sellars, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Watkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bamforth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs J. C. and Miss D. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Short, Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Brearley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward.

Messrs. S. F. Palmer, H. Chant, D. Smith, L. W. G. Morris, J. F. Smallwood, E. Critchley, H. Walker, W. Moreton, F. Cardwell, A. Hibbett, J. Scott, E. Bunker, P. Longley, J. A. Ainsworth, F. Harrison, F. Brant, C. Glenn, J. Chesworth, J. Ambler, G. Benfield, B. Sullivan, F. W. Rishworth, Chapman, W. Robinson, P. Reeves, M. Thorley, B. Holland. R. Birch, P. Ketteridge, G. Chaddock, R. Preston, A. Johnson, J. Seagar, D. Holland, D. Armstrong, E. A. Thorpe, H. Hurst, L. Boumphrey, H. Scott. Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

The Misses E. Bates, J. Beresford, E. M. Bryce, D. Brant, M. Rodgers, V. Hinchcliffe, M. Drabble, D. Shaw, M. Shearsmith, N. Bickerdyke, L. Birkenshaw, M. Mills, J. Blackburn, S. Bray, J. Bunker, J. Easterbrook and E. Bingham.

THE HESSE MEMORIAL WEEK-END

Ringers from London, Bristol, Devon and Somerset met together on the third week-end in October for the annual gathering to honour the memory of Major John H. B. Hesse, of Wrington. The late Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and it was he who was the prime mover in the augmentation of Wrington bells from six to ten in 1911.

On the Friday evening, a good peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Portishead in 2 hours and 50 minutes, and on the Saturday afternoon an attempt for Plain Bob Royal at Wrington was unsuccessful after more than two hours' ringing.

Following the peal attempt, Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea at a nearby hotel, and Mr. A. A. Hughes caused great amusement by recounting some of his nautical experiences, not to mention his first experiments with chewing tobacco!

Mr. Stafford Green thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality and she suitably replied. Mr. Knight also thanked those present for coming, several having to travel considerable distances to do so.

The evening concluded with handbell ringing in several methods, including one or two of extremely doubtful pedigree!

The company included the Vicar of Wrington (the Rev. B. Leigh), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight and Messrs. H. Bailey, L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, R. Fry, Stafford Green, A. A. Hughes, W. Kingcott, G. Massey, A. Reeves, H. Sanger, V. Savage and E. J. Taylor. M. J. H.

A NEW HANDBELL RECORD

15,840 Plain Bob Royal

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild assembled at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, to attempt a peal of 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Royal on handbells. The bells went into changes at 2.9 p.m. and 'This is all' came at 10.11 p.m., the peal thus taking eight hours and two minutes to ring, an average of 32.86 changes per minute. The ringing and striking were good all the way until the end of the 86th course (two courses from home), when the first and only trip occurred. For a short time the striking was a bit uneven, but the coursing order was kept right, and the bells were soon running quite evenly again, a little slower perhaps, and the peal was finished without any further trouble.

Once again the umpire, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, did his job very thoroughly. He timed courses and blocks of courses and checked all calls and course ends. We all most sincerely thank him, writes the conductor, Mr. D. T. Matkin, for his part (a very necessary one) in the performance. We also thank Sheila Parker, the witness, for her part in the proceedings, also for seeing that the umpire was fed at the proper time, and for having the teapot ready when we had finished. I've never seen cups of tea put out of sight so quickly.

The two ladies, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher, are, once again, to be congratulated upon a great performance. From start to finish they rang their pairs of bells with that perfect confidence which is so necessary on a job like this. Kath just sat and pegged away setting a beat which was held all the way. The pace slowed down a bit towards the end, but the beat was always there. Marcia sat there in her usual unconcerned way, occasionally catching someone's eye, and then a broad smile would break out. Jimmy Daniels, not yet 21, who, at short notice, deputised for Mr. Roy Hurst (unforeseen circumstances prevented him from taking part), rang his pair with deliberation and more than backed up Kath in maintaining the beat. Bill, on the trebles (another one who rings in a most unconcerned way, and appears at times as if he is going to have a nap) made no more trouble of it after eight hours than if he had just rung a touch.

This peal now becomes the longest length of Royal to be rung in any method on either tower- or handbells, being exceeded only by the 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The two ladies also still hold the record for their sex. Incidentally, the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild now hold the record for lengths of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal 'in hand.'

THE BAND

WILLIAM G. YOUNG. Age 35. Chief clerk at the Winchester Depot of the Hants and Dorset Omnibus Co. Was taught to ring both tower- and handbells at Poole, during 1931, by Frederick Townsend, and rang his first peal (tower bells) at Wool, Dorset, in 1933. Rang his first peal 'in hand' at Bournemouth in 1941, conducted by Arthur V. Davis. In 1948 teamed up with Mrs. Marshallsay, Roy Hirst and D. T. Matkin and rang the trebles in all the first peals in Bournemouth of Spliced Major (up to ten methods), Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob Major. Moved to Winchester about three years ago, but goes frequently to Bournemouth at week-ends for handbell ringing. Also rang the trebles earlier this year to the 13,139 Grandsire Caters. Peals now total about 160, mostly 'in hand.'

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY. Age 44. In the tobacco and fancy goods business. Taught to ring tower bells during 1928 at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, by the late Harry Bennett, and received first instruction in handbell ringing from Frederick Townsend at Poole. Took up handbell ringing seriously in 1940 during the ban and, with Arthur V. Davis as conductor, rang in the first handbell peals in Bournemouth of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, also Bob Minor, Major and Royal. Later was in all the first peals 'in hand' of Bob Maximus, Spliced Major up to ten methods, Spliced Royal in three, four and seven methods, Spliced Maximus in three methods, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob Major, with D. T. Matkin as conductor. Also rang 3-4 in the 13,139 Grandsire Caters earlier this year. The first (and so far the only) lady to ring 100 or more peals in one year. A good method ringer and a good striker. Peals now total 505, conducted 93.

DANIEL T. MATKIN. Age 51. A native of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, but moved to Birmingham when quite young. Was taught to handle a tower bell at Solihull towards the end of the first world war by John Bragg, received first instruction in handbell ringing from Edgar C. Shepherd about the same time. Rang first peal (Bob Minor 'in hand' in April, 1919, conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd. Lived several years at Ludlow, Salop, and while there rang with the late C. R. Lilley, first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major and Double Norwich Major. Rang first handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Coalbrookdale, Salop, in 1922, conducted by the late William Saunders. On returning to Birmingham was for a number of years a service ringer at St. Martin's, Bull Ring, and then Ringing Master at Edgbaston Old Church, until moving to Bournemouth in 1947. Total peals rung 558, conducted 321. Tower bells rung 207, conducted 70. Handbells rung 351, conducted 266. The latter include 6,048 Spliced Major in seven methods and the 13,139 Grandsire Caters.

JAMES E. DANIELS. Age 20. A bank clerk. Taught to handle a tower bell at the age of 13, at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, by Herbert A. Mitchell, in April, 1946, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples on tower bells) on November 22nd, 1947. With his ringing pal, Michael Best (now on National Service), came to the handbell practices at 26, Wellington Road, and rang his first peal 'in hand' (Grandsire Triples on 7-8) on October 7th, 1948. Has since taken part in Spliced Major (up to eight methods) and in which he has rung each pair except 5-6, Spliced Royal in three and four methods, Bob Minor, Major and Royal and Grandsire Caters. Has also rung the standard methods, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise, on tower bells. A good method ringer and striker. Peal total about 80 peals.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER. Age 45. A teacher at the Uplands Boarding School for Girls, Parkstone, Dorset. Taught to handle a tower bell at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, October, 1926, by her father, W. H. Fletcher, and Harry Wingrove, and rang her first peal (Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside'), at West Wycombe, on September 29th, 1928. Joined up with the Wellington Road band in 1949, and rang her first handbell peal there (Grandsire Triples on 7-8) on October 7th, 1949. Has since rung 72 peals 'in hand' which includes Spliced Major (up to eight methods), Spliced Royal in three, four and seven methods, Spliced Maximus in three methods, Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters. Generally rings on the 'back end,' and can set a beat and hold it. Tower bell peals total 176, conducted two, and include Spliced Surprise in four methods. A very safe method ringer, a good striker and useful in the tower round the 'back end.' Total peals now 248, conducted two.

THE METHOD

By D. T. MATKIN

23456	W	M	H	
42635	—	—		
65234		—	S	
26534			—	
53264	—		—	
25364			—	
36254	—		—	
23654			—	
62354			—	
35624	—		—	
63524			—	
52634	—		—	
62435		—		
36425	—			
42365	—		—	
34526	—	—		
56423		—	S	
42563	—		—	'A'
54326	—	—		
25346	—			
34256	—		—	
23465	'A'			
42356	'A'			
34265	'A'			
32456	'A,' with single for last bob Home.			

Repeat the whole.

Contains the extent of 4, 5, and 6, in 6ths.

RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMEMORATION DAY

Last year a ringing band was formed at Rye Grammar School and rang for the Commemoration Day and carol services in October and December. Then the band consisted of ten ringers (five boys and five girls), and only rounds and Queen's were attempted.

This year three senior boys and one girl had left, but another girl and two boys had learned during the year, providing a band of nine for the commemoration service on October 5th. Two old scholars—Michael Laurence and David Hodgson—had not left Rye (the former is to join the Fleet Air Arm and the latter is going to Oxford) and they came and helped.

For the services plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, rounds and Queen's were rung. The ringers were Anthea Doust (16), Christine Wollans (16), Margaret Twindale (16), Ruth Carey (16), Pat Foster (16), Jack Moore (15), Robin Hodgson (16), John Barnes (15) and John Small (17). All except John Barnes are Sunday service ringers at Rye Parish Church, but all the girls are boarders.

The school band hopes at an early date to record its first quarter peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Wigan Branch at Southport

The first meeting of the Wigan Branch at Christ Church, Southport, since the bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank provided much pleasure for the ringers attending, who praised the tone and 'go' of the bells. It was at this tower that Surprise ringing was reborn in Lancashire.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Ridyard was nominated for election to the Central Council and Mr. J. Ashcroft was nominated as a vice-president of the Association.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Forward Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Duffield, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREAT BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents from Cambridge appear to be under the impression that 'Great Big Bob' is a new method. But let me hasten to assure them that this type of method has been practised for many years in some Lancashire towers.

The following lead is a very firm favourite, leaving, as will be seen in the example, a very wide scope for the tenorman, who, if he wishes, can go back as far as 12ths place (and quite often does). At the other extreme the bell on the lead can go down to minus 3rds place, and then, if he is able to, rise up to one of the many places which awaits him 'inside.'—Yours sincerely,

R. KENRICK.

Southport.

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2135476 8
2 314567 8
3 2 41657 8
3 4 26175 8
4 362715 8
46 37251 8
6 473521 8
674 5312 8
7654132 8
7 561423 8
5 716243 8
51 72634 8
1 52 736 48
125 374 6 8

P.S.—Grandsire calling is very suitable.

MOTES AND BEAMS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Speed has now, apparently, been led to modify his views; but he is still preaching his gospel of 'arbitration,' and, to that extent, confirming my comments on some recent M.C. decisions.

Yet, as a comparatively young man, he has set HIMSELF up as an arbiter of the value of the work and views of:—

(1) One of the oldest living and most respected members of the Exercise, Mr. George Baker.

(2) The Methods Committee.

(3) The life's efforts of a lesser one, with cheap sneers at the convenient title (Grid Analysis) given to one aspect of that work, i.e., the mathematical (in the true sense—logical) investigation of method structure.

Mr. Speed might do well, as one connected with the Christian ministry, to bear in mind the Christian parable about foreign bodies in the eye.

One thing emerges that must be made quite clear, even if only in fairness to all those unbiased ones who have so kindly spoken of the interest and help they have derived from the results of one's work, in their own studies of method structure. It is this: The very axioms which he says are an essential premise to any logical exposition of the matter are those on which our conclusions are logically based; yet he derides them. They are, in fact, simply and solely those which have long been established by custom and usage throughout the Exercise—and no others.

Anyone who cares to examine the 'Memorandum,' from the library of the Central Council may determine this for himself.—Yours still questingly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

London, W.1.

Everton bells are again in the news. This time it is a peal of Doubles. Not one of the band could qualify as being an expert in bell notes but all agree that they sound 1, 2, 3, 4. 4½.

FIRST MAYOR TO RING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frost, in his interesting review of ringing in Hertfordshire, states that the late Col. H. Baker is believed to be the first Mayor to take part in a peal (1907).

When my father, in 1886, called the first peal on Monmouth bells, the Mayor of Monmouth, Mr. William Honeyfield, was one of the band.

Crayford, Kent. E. BARNETT.

WILLIAM SHORT AND HIS RECORD

Dear Sir,—We have read with great admiration the exploits of the twelve-bell pealers, the Surprise experts and the 1,000 pealers. Can anyone tell us about the five and six bell men whose towers (although in the majority) are so often sadly neglected? Who has rung most to help these out?

The late William Short in his wonderful career called and took part in many peals of Doubles and Minor while acting as instructor to Hereford and District. Can anyone tell us what his total was?—Yours sincerely,

Leicester. ERNEST MORRIS.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Newbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Newbury on October 10th, ringers being present from Beenham, Bucklebury, Chieveley, Brightwalton, East Garston, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Thatcham and visitors from Aldershot, Andover, Bowden, Highclere, Radley, Tidworth and Wavendon.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. James, assisted by the Guild Master, the Rev. C. Eliot Wigg, with Mr. Sellick at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Curtis and helpers.

Mr. R. Crook (Ringing Master) took the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the Master of the Guild, who said he was pleased to see many new members since his visit two years previously. He missed the late chairman and old friends who had passed on.

Apologies were received from Mr. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss Waterhouse, Mr. Blunden, Mr. Rosier, Col. and Mrs. Foster. The following new members were elected: Miss H. M. Williams, Mr. D. A. Theedom, Mr. W. C. Hibberd, Mr. R. A. Churches, all of Newbury tower, and Miss Gillian Brown, of Thatcham. After the meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Brockdish

Despite heavy rain, 24 ringers, including David Heighton, who cycled 40 miles from Norwich and back, attended the autumn meeting of the South Norfolk Branch on October 17th. The ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Minor in four methods.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. L. Wilson.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the tea and business meeting in the Village Hall, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president), Mr. E. Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), the Rev. L. Wilson, Messrs. H. Moss and C. F. W. Phillippo (committee members) and Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary). Four new members, all of the Brockdish company, were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Chilver, E. A. Chilver, S. J. Burlingham and F. J. Burlingham. The branch chairman congratulated the Brockdish ringers on the rapid progress they had made since the Coronation.

It was decided to visit Diss on February 6th, 1954, for the annual meeting of the branch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

The annual District meeting was held at Maidstone on Saturday October 17th, 20 towers being represented. From modest beginnings the afternoon ringing session culminated in an excellent course of Superlative, when tea was the order of the day, served by a group of ringers' wives in the Parish Room.

Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of All Saints', presided over business, first thoughts being of Mr. G. H. Spice, the Association's general secretary, who was leaving hospital that day. The District secretary, in his report, said an average attendance of over 50 at meetings, including 80 at Yalding on Whit-Saturday, was the best for some time. Of the nine non-affiliated towers, two—Boughton Monchelsea and Yalding— were expected to join in the New Year, three had no ringers at all, leaving only four on which to concentrate attention. The 23 affiliated towers were then briefly reviewed individually. The District's varied activities had continued unabated.

The election of officers for 1954 was, in fact, a re-election with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as District secretary, and Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. Alex Waddington as District representatives. Borrowing a nautical expression this was interpreted as indicative of a happy District ship with plenty of evidence that not a few members were playing increasingly responsible roles in District affairs.

The proposed programme of meetings for 1954 was then agreed, hopes of a strawberry tea at Chart Sutton in June being raised considerably. Discussion on the summer coach tour revealed a strong faction for going far afield, and it appears likely that Sussex will be a generous compromise between East Kent and Hampshire.

Motions for subsequent committee discussion having duly been considered, Mr. R. L. Sills, Editor of 'The Belfry,' reported that recent production difficulties had now been overcome and that the next issue would appear at the forthcoming dinner. Mr. Manser, chairman of the Dinner Committee, then gave an encouraging report of progress behind the scenes.

Remaining business was perforce a little hurried and at 6 p.m. we reassembled in the lovely choir of All Saints' for evensong, handbells, as is our custom now, adding their own beauty to the service. So back to the ringing chamber for a busy evening session.

Among those present from beyond the District boundary we were particularly glad to see ringers from Hitchin and Norton, towers visited on the recent Hertfordshire tour, as well as Mr. William Wenban, from Harrow Weald, who before the war was a Maidstone District ringer at Staplehurst, and who has now found fame as umpire to the record-breaking handbell band at Bushey.

E. S. J. H

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of November 7th, 1913

THE BELLS OF SHOREDITCH

A famous peal of twelve will be heard again to-morrow, rung as in the days of old, for the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will then be opened after complete restoration. It is long now since their voices resounded in the permutations of a peal, but this enforced silence is at an end.

[Nearly 300 ringers attended the opening, and the first touch, 250 Stedman Cinques by a band of Cumberlands, included some famous names: Henry Dains 1, Benjamin Foskett 2, Miss E. K. Parker 3, John D. Matthews 4, Arthur N. Hardy 5, Frank I Hairs 6, Frank Bennett (conductor) 7, Edwin Barnett, sen. 8, George A Card 9, James Hunt 10, James Parker 11, Harry Flanders 12.]

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT'S TRIUMPHANT EVENING

Provides Kent C.A. With First Dinner-Dance

ON Saturday, October 17th, the ringers of the Maidstone District made history, not only on their own account, but for the whole Kent County Association, on the occasion of their dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone. For while the ringing calendar almost bulges with annual dinners, many of which have achieved great distinction, this was the first such event in the 73 years' existence of the K.C.A.

The idea had been hovering round for some three years; indeed it was the fame of the repast of the king of social chefs, served by a much younger association, which had whetted our Kentish appetites. Nor was the company of ninety, drawn from towers in all parts of the district, from Wrotham to Egerton, and beyond, disappointed, and the courageous step taken last May to book the restaurant for its only remaining autumn Saturday was amply rewarded.

It was our great privilege to have Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of Maidstone, to preside. From the moment we sat down at tables beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, with tasteful menu cards bearing the familiar outline of a bell, the success of the evening seemed assured.

After the loyal toast, Canon Sampson called on Mr. Alex Waddington, district representative on the K.C.A.'s General Committee, to propose the toast of 'The Church.' Mr. Waddington said that this traditional bell-ringers' toast usually emphasised the clergy and their relations with ringers, rather than the Church as a body spiritual—which it would be quite presumptuous for him to do—and he took this opportunity of expressing formally his gratitude for the goodwill, and even tolerance and forbearance, of incumbents in affording so readily the opportunities of practising

NOT FANATICS

Some vicars may perhaps show a certain distrust of the madness of their ringers—'Ah, the man's a fanatic,' he heard one say of a ringer only the week before. This may betray a feeling that ringing has become an end in itself, but the district had little to fear on that score, for the enthusiasm of its ringers in no way meant that their art had become isolated from the worshipping life of the church. He paid a tribute to the district's ringing parsons, saying how ringers delighted in this sharing of their craft, and valued the understanding which it established.

For the parson it involves real effort and often much sacrifice to give time to regular practice amidst the crowded evenings of parish life. A visit earlier in the year to Yalding had also shown what a vicar can do in organising the recruiting and teaching of a group of young people who are keen and regular churchgoers; such support and encouragement was a wonderful assurance for the future. But if he had stressed rather the value of the active participation of the clergy in our art, the speaker continued, we also do appreciate the general friendly and helpful attitude of the clergy towards the Association, for constantly we meet kindness and co-operation when making arrangements for meetings, practices, outings and even peal attempts.

In response, Canon Sampson said: 'I thank you, Mr. Waddington, very much indeed on behalf of us all, and myself and fellow-clergy. I thank you all for keeping the ringing going so well in these difficult days.' He then went on to name three of the many reasons why he wanted to express his appreciation to the ringers of the district. 'Your art is propaganda of the very highest and best, reminding people that there is a church still to go to. It is also a great heritage and a very British art.'

At this point the Canon was informed that he should have said 'English art,' to which he readily assented, saying that the Scots were, of course, horrified of bells (vehement dissent quickly squashed). Continuing, Canon Sampson said: 'Secondly, ringing brings young and old together in fellowship, enabling them to work together in the Church's ministry, in town and country parish, both men and women. Thirdly, you ringers have advantage over us clergy of being able to link the Rochester and Canterbury Dioceses, your district traversing the diocesan boundaries. There are members of both dioceses here to-night. For it seems to me that some form of supreme unity is needed in the Church to bring people together in one body, and you are contributing towards it.' Finally Canon Sampson warmly congratulated Dr. Hatcher and all who had been responsible for arranging such a delightful evening.



A popular interlude was the handbell ringing of R. L. Sills 1–2, M. S. Cloke 3–4, P. C. Wright 5–6, S. G. Waters 7–8.

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NOTED RINGERS

The toast, 'The Maidstone District,' was proposed by Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council. Mr. Barnett said that in 25 years of ringing this was the first time he had joined in the activities of the Maidstone District, though he could claim some connections with it because his mother used to live at Leeds (turning to the Canon, remarking, 'I mean, of course, THE Leeds, near Maidstone'—laughter), and because not long ago he had been obliged to spend six months at Lenham. On an occasion like this, therefore, it was a good excuse to recall some of the district stalwarts of earlier days. There was Frederick J. Newman, an eminent ringer and conductor, who rang in a number of notable peals. His name is recorded on a peal board at West Malling, a peal of Stedman which had 622 calls, in other words at the great majority of the 840 'sixes' composing it. The stream of 'bobs' can well be imagined, but the conductor had other ideas. 'Bob,' he shouted, 'now go on making them until I tell you to stop!' Then there was the famous inaugural peal on the bells of the Imperial Institute, when the band included such famous names as Sir Arthur Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook. On this occasion Newman rang the tenor, which will give you a good idea of his capabilities. It is said, too, that he once applied for the post of public hangman, not an unsuitable one for a ringer maybe, but he was unsuccessful.

Another noteworthy was Alfred Palmer, who along with Tom Mannering, of Maidstone, was one of the finest handlers of bells in the county, but at the same time was rather temperamental. Thus at Aylesford once he 'stood' his bell after over 5,000 changes of a peal of 6,000 because of the heat, having earlier protested against going for the shorter peal. Then between the two world wars Louis Head, Charlie Sone and Tom Sone had kept the flag flying. Louis Head, it may be recalled, was composing and conducting peals at a very early age, and had he so wished could have made a great name for himself as a peal ringer. As it is he is an acknowledged ringer and composer of Stedman. Finally, in these post-war years, the district had produced a new generation of ringers which augured well, and what Maidstone really lacked now was a ring of bells worthy of the county town.

Response to the toast was made by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, secretary of the Maidstone District, who said that while it was appreciated that the Parish Church of Maidstone had commitments of great priority in bringing the witness of the Church into the new housing areas, perhaps the money required for restoring the bells adequately could be found with the help of the town's business, civic and cultural organisations once their interest had been aroused. Dr. Hatcher then expressed the district's great pleasure in having with them that evening as guests Canon and Mrs. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, recalling the long and valued services Mr. Mitchell had rendered to the Association as secretary and treasurer, and conveying to the company the best wishes of Mr. George Spice, the present general secretary, only recently out of hospital.

Referring to the district boundaries, Dr. Hatcher explained that these were drawn when the railway was the main form of public transport, but though now playing only a minor role in linking the towers and districts together—a proposal to revise them had not long since been rejected, convincing evidence that the six districts were far more than geographical locations, indeed were living entities of vigorous growth and fellowship.

So came the turn of the dance, which, under the able master of ceremonies, Mr. John Manktelow, provided a mixture of old, new and square, interspersed with handbells and games.

Any account, however, would be quite incomplete if it did not pay warm tribute to the work of the organising committee, of which Mr. William Manser was chairman and Mr. Mark Couchman secretary. E. S. J. H.

A STOCKTON-ON-TEES CORONATION TRIBUTE

Dedication of New Ring of Ten

ON Saturday, October 17th, the recast ring of ten bells (tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.) at Stockton Parish Church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Durham (Dr. A. M. Ramsey). The completion of the repair work to the tower and the recasting and rehanging of the bells in this Coronation year mark the completion of nearly ten years' work at a cost of £30,000 towards restoration of the church.

There were two direct links with the Coronation in the presence of the Bishop and Lady Jane Stewart, of Wynyard Park, Stockton, who was one of the Queen's maids of honour. The church was filled to capacity with a congregation of about 2,000 people, including the Mayor and Corporation, the heads of the more important industries of Tees-side and representatives of every organisation in the district as well as 75 ringers from as far afield as Pyworthy in Devon, London, Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The service was opened by the Vicar of Stockton, the Rev. R. T. Heselton, who by his enthusiasm and example has led the people of Stockton to restore their church to its present excellent condition. Following the bidding, which made special reference to the Coronation and also to Christopher Wren, the architect of the church, a hymn was sung followed by Haydn's anthem, 'Achieved is the glorious work.' The first lesson ended, Benjamin Britten's anthem, 'Deo Gratias,' was sung by the Richard Hind Girls' Choral Club, who by their efforts over the past three years raised the money to recast the tenor.

THE DEDICATION

Following the second lesson and a hymn was the dedication of the bells. The ropes were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens, Mr. H. H. Thompson and Mr. E. Leng, saying:

'Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate these bells placed here to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., to the glory and praise of God.'

The Bishop then dedicated the bells and handed the ropes to the captain of the tower, Mr. E. P. Rock, giving this charge:—

'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as appointed head of the belfry, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

The bells then rang out for the first time, the ringers being representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the Ladies' Guild and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the founders.

After prayers by the Rural Dean, Purcell's Bell Anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' was sung, following which Dr. Ramsey gave his address.

HAPPINESS AND CRISIS

He said it was a happy day for Stockton in that the service marked the completion of the restoration of the church. The church and civic community joined together in thankfulness for the occasion, which would for ever commemorate the Coronation.

The church had been built under the leadership of the Town Council and through the enterprise of the people, and had stood for over two centuries. But the day, besides being one of happiness, was one of crisis, said the Bishop.

Far and wide in the world and in our own land there was a forgetfulness of God. There were far too many who neglected to worship Him, far too many who were quite ignorant and indifferent to the Christian faith. Too many disobeyed the divine laws, as could be seen in broken homes and too much practical lawlessness.

In such times it fell to Christian people to bear their witness to the primacy of God.

The offertory hymns over, Stanford's 'Te Deum Laudamus' was sung.

As the congregation left the church the bells rang out with the fine music of Stedman Caters, and many comments were to be heard about the excellent tone.

After tea the bells were rung until 9 p.m. Demand for the bells was great and periods between rings small. Methods rung ranged as far as Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Ringing also took place at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, during the evening, and thanks are due to the Vicar, Mr. P. W. B. Semmens and Mr. T. Cox for this facility.

Mr. J. P. Fidler was present representing John Taylor and Co., and one felt that he must be proud of yet another first-class achievement by his firm. In the words of one ringer present, 'Loughborough has done it again!' Both sound and 'go' are truly excellent.

In addition to the tenor mentioned above, other donations of particular note were the recasting of the ninth by the women's organisations of the town, and the eighth by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The ten bells now hang on one level considerably lower in the tower than their predecessors. During the evening the architect (Mr. F. W. Turnbull) and the builder (Mr. D. V. Ormston) spent a short time in the gallery above the bells whilst they were ringing and, bearing in mind the great crack which had appeared in the tower due to the instability and excessive weight of the old bells and the work they had done in repairing it, pronounced their complete satisfaction.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Welcome a New Tower to Membership

The Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting on October 17th at Durrington, a village near Amesbury on the edge of Salisbury Plain. There were five bells here, dating from between 1604 and 1660; this year as their Coronation effort the parishioners raised a fund to provide a new treble to complete a ring of six. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank and the new bell was dedicated on Trinity Sunday.

The new band, under the leadership of Mr. Alec Toomer, have been practising for 11 months and have achieved a very good standard of striking. They are very anxious to go on and master change ringing, and have applied for membership of the Guild. The following were elected as members at the meeting on the proposition of Mrs. B. Hibberd, seconded by Mr. W. Chalk: The Rev. G. Clayton (Rector of Durrington), Messrs. L. F. Baggot, L. J. Baggot, E. Batchelor, E. Kerridge, S. H. Price, —. Tanswell, D. R. Sheppard, A. Toomer (capt.) and Colin Wilkinson.

Mr. Toomer spoke on behalf of the Durrington band saying it was fitting that a meeting should be held there this year and thanking all who had contributed to the bell, mentioning especially the unremitting efforts of the Rector.

Thirty-five members and visitors were present from 12 towers, including nine from Durrington, and ringing was enjoyed both at Durrington and Netheravon during the afternoon and evening, some of the new recruits being piloted through their first plain course of Grandsire.

The Rector conducted the Guild service and spoke of the tower as symbolising the strength of the church and the bells thundering forth the message of the living church. Special mention must be made of the tea prepared by the local ringers' wives, the like of which has not been seen for many years!

ALTAR CANDLES PROVIDE LIGHT FOR PEAL

Adventures at Oaks-in-Charnwood

The peal of Double Bob Minor at Oaks-in-Charnwood, reported in our last issue, was not accomplished without incident! On arrival no light could be got either in the belfry or vestry below. After fiddling about in the dark for some time, a note was found indicating that the electricity was cut off.

Finding a couple of altar candles, we ascended the tower and raised the bells while the conductor rushed off on his cycle to a nearby ringer and returned with two small night-lights. By this time it was getting very late, but a start was made in the eerie surroundings of shadows and flickering lights.

All went well for two 720's when one of the candles, which had been placed on a chair back in the centre of the ringers, fell off, leaving us with still less light. A. E. R. manœuvred this candle with his foot and, ringing one-handed, ducked down and got it—then succeeded in lighting it from the candle on the ledge behind him. After a spell he transferred it to the chair, but lo! after a few moments it fell off again!

Further manipulating was done and once more he succeeded in lighting it, but wisely left it standing by its companion. No other incident marred the proceedings and a good peal was rung.

But the late start meant that 'Uncle Ernest' missed the usual bus, and very nearly the next one. A hurried descent and hasty car ride to Coalville was further hampered by four ladies in distress! Their car was stranded in the ditch by the roadside, having lost a wheel. We could not wait do do anything for them beyond promising to send out a relief from a garage.

This was done, but poor 'Uncle Ernest,' arriving home nearly an hour late, got a stinging lecture from 'Auntie Beatie,' who threatened not to let him out again. Explanations were of no use, but doubtless when the next peal is arranged he will turn up smiling as usual. M.

WEDDING OF MISS M. J. FREER

On Saturday, September 26th, the wedding took place between Miss M. J. Freer, of Merton Park, and Mr. M. E. Calvert, of Northampton, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Merton. The bride is a well-known member of All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, company and has rung extensively in Suffolk, where for four years she was a member of the Stowmarket band.

The church was already decorated for the harvest festival on the following day and was filled with relatives and ringing friends from neighbouring towers.

The bride wore a dress of ivory cloque with a full-length tulle veil and carried an all-white bouquet of eucharist lilies, stephanotis and roses. She was given away by her father, Mr. S. R. C. Freer, and the service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Heaton-Renshaw.

Before and after the service, touches were rung on the bells by R. Sanders, J. Euston, S. Howard, H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beauchamp and Miss B. Harris.

The reception was held at the bride's home and among the many presents and telegrams received were several from ringing frinds in the district.

The honeymoon was spent touring in Hampshire and Dorset.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Lodge 1, Miss J. E. Race 2, H. G. Goddard 3, F. J. Wood 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Harris; also a birthday compliment to Jean E. Race.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Seabrook 1, F. S. Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, L. Seabrook 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

ARRETON, I.O.W.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): W. Upton 1, J. W. Meade 2, F. Taylor 3, B. Stirland 4, F. W. Burnett 5, B. J. Luff (cond.) 6.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Bourne, 576 Cambridge): J. Pollard 1, A. E. Scott 2, H. M. Day 3, C. Wade 4, J. H. Musson 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. H. Nicholas and Miss Paricia Sharpe, who were married a Bourne Abbey earlier in the day.

BRAMLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Urwin (first attempt) 1, Mrs. O. Upton 2, Miss S. Bowden (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mrs. C. Osler (first of Triples) 4, C. Osler 5, Miss J. Baby 6, W. Clift (cond.) 7, C. Herridge 8. A farewell to Miss S. Bowden, who is being married and leaving the district.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Smith (first quarter of Triples) 1, Audrey S. Noble 2, Rhoda Hemmings 3, Mrs. S. H. Jones 4, J. H. Brittan 5, T. Pryce 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, A. W. Skelton 8. Rung for the anniversary of the victory at Trafalgar.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 New London Pleasure: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Burgess.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, F. Bennett (first 'inside') 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, W. Francis, jun., 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hinton, mother of F. Hinton of the local band, who was interred the same day.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): J. Carpenter 1, E. Oliver 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover bell. Rung for the harvest festival service. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Foreman (first quarter) 1, J. Carpenter 2, E. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover bell.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Oct. 24th, 1,140 Doubles (120 each All Saints', Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, April Day, Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): Doris Hicks (longest length) 1, R. Old 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. Rung by Sunday service band for dedication festival.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, A. Woodley 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, T. F. East 7, D. Napper 8. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hitchman (first quarter) 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, T. F. East 7, J. Napper 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Collins 1, E. Butler 2, N. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, R. Shepherd 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. A farewell to J. Greenough, who moves to Margate after being a regular service ringer at Egham for over 25 years. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith 1, F. Fairhead 2, W. Edwards 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, M. Williamson 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. For harvest festival.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, S. Gilbert 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brooker 6, N. Mallett 7, W. Ransom 8.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, H. White 2, D. Hayden 3, H. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, B. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to W. Wheeler.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. Dyer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. O. Noble 3, H. W. Pratt 4, F. W. Lack 5, N. Mallett 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Ken Cooper and Miss Daphne Perkins, married this day.

HERTFORD.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, J. Kemp 2, A. Wright 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, G. Ditton 7, P. Saunders 8. Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Hertford this day.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brinson 1, H. Hooper (cond.) 2, B. Peters 3, H. Hooper 4, F. S. Paramore 5, R. Stark 6.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Haffenden 1, S. White 2, Sheila Dobbie 3, P. Carter 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, W. Dobbie 6, S. G. Waters 7, F. W. Mitchell 8. Rung for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Mrs. L. Pearson 4, Mrs. T. H. Francis 5, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 6, A. Mason 7, F. D. Bishop 8, L. Pearson 9, A. R. Ling 10, A. J. House 11, F. J. Matthews 12. Longest length of Grandsire Cinques for all except ringers of 1, 3 and 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 600 Cambridge): A. Clements 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransom 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

TICKNALL, DERBY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 600 Double Court): Mrs. T. J. Marriott (1), L. Warren 2, W. G. Soar 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. B. K. C. Wilkings 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Rung with tenor covering. First quarter in more than one method, and first including Surprise, by all the band.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,560 Doubles (480 Stedman, 600 Grandsire and 480 Bob): T. Morris 1, E. Davies 2, Miss J. Green 3, R. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Poulton 5, G. Phillips 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, and Miss J. Green's 14th birthday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, T. E. Roberts 2, G. W. Holland 3, F. C. Case 4, W. Yates 5, W. F. Eyden (first quarter in method) 6, G. E. Green (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Taylor (first quarter on eight) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Devenish (first quarter) 1, H. Cox 2, Miss M. Denrocke (first 'inside') 3, P. Devenish (first on six) 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, F. W. Wicks 6. All-local band.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, R. Johnson 3, T. Culver 4, F. Hurrell 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Crickmore on leaving for Switzerland.

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HIBBERT—LAFLIN. — The engagement is announced between Arthur, younger son of Mr. W. H. Hibbert and the late Mrs. E. E. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and Frances M., second daughter of Mr. P. Laflin and the late Mrs. A. Laflin, of Stockport. 3431

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BEOLEY RINGERS, WORCESTERSHIRE. —Practice night on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at St. Leonard's, Beoley, is cancelled, due to Confirmation service at 7.30 p.m. Ringing before and after service. 3433

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—These bells, rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, Loughborough, will be open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7th. 3422

THE ART OF CHANGE RINGING. — A few vacancies exist for persons to attend the lectures at Clarance House, Thaxted, Essex, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, only. Persons wishing to attend should write immediately to the Warden, sending 3s. to cover the cost of lunch and tea.—Robert C. Heazel. 3439

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3378

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —W. P. Garner, Hon. Sec. 3362

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 7th, St. Mary's, Barnes (Church Road), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5.15. St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake (High Street), 7. —J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 3406

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 3379

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.45.—J. W. Cotton. Tel. Overseale 264. 3395

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ANCIENT ORDER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.1, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Names for tickets not later than 9th, please. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 3; St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck. 3381

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cawthorne, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Nov. 11th, Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.:—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3436

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Ealing Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3411

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Hedon, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. C. Everingham, 25, Church Lane, Hedon. 3426

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Meeting. St. Peter's, Macclesfield, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Notify by 10th latest.—Alan A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3444

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Worksop Priory (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop, Notts. Bells recently recast and rehung. 3371

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and N.E. Branches.—Joint practice, Silverton (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 4.30. Cups of tea available; bring own food. More ringing after. All welcome.—W. H. Ware, F. Wreford, Hon. Secs. 3409

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.30 p.m., Winlaton, St. Paul's. Names, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15 Burnley Street, Blaydon.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3410

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual dinner, Nov. 14th, at John's Place, Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4-6 p.m. Names must reach me by Nov. 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Tunbridge Wells. 3359

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3389

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Nov. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 10th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3420

HEREFORD GUILD—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Lugwardine, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road Hereford. 3423

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 11th, to Mr. A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley. Tel. 2222.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 14th. St. Dunstan's bells available 2.30-4.30. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each (cash with order, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 11th. 3393

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. G. Ingham, 22, Russell Road, Queensbury. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov 14th, at St. Mary's, Woolton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at 5 p.m. only to those who send in their names before Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. L. Humphriss, Abbots Lea Cottages, Woolton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 3366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel. 3437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. F. Stead, 309, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton. Buses from Preston every 15 minutes, services 1, P26, P29; from Blackburn every 30 minutes, service 1.—L. Walmsley. 3377

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Double Norwich. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 3435

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting as Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.45. Service 6. Names must be sent to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 3413

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Miss Mary Carpenter, Temple Cottages, Cossington. 3430

MARSDEN RINGERS' DAY. — Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. For meat tea send names to W. Hansom, 6, Woods Terrace, Marsden, near Huddersfield, Yorks, before Nov. 12th. 3441

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Nov. 14th (note change of date). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Towcester Branch.—Practice meeting to be held at Paulerspury, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 5.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 3416

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Halesworth, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Definitely notify Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. Business meeting to decide whether to alter annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether to charge a levy on peals.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3434

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Lyminster (6), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise, by Nov. 10th, W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3424

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, Nov. 14th. Bells 3. Service, Bishop's Waltham, 4.15. Tea 5. Inform, by Nov. 7th, W. Linter, 4, Coppice Hill, Bishop's Waltham. 3386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting King's Somborne, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Reg Martin's Cafe. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3392

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Station).—Ringers' service will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—S. Howard. 3391

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Ringers' Sunday St. Paul's, Nov. 15th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 11th, to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 3418

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 18th.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Daybrook (8) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3417

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Nov. 21st. Times as usual. Tea by ticket only. Tickets, price 4s., must be obtained before Nov. 14th from Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3443

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3445

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Market Overton, Rutland. 3414

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W. 18. 3428

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m., if you notify, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. East, Low Street, Collingham, Newark. South Scarle after tea if required. 3412

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 3421

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Nov. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 3, followed by business and tea. Names for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3438

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OLD NORWICH RECORDS

SOME time ago I had the opportunity of examining a mass of manuscript papers, chiefly relating to ringers and ringing in Norwich and Norfolk from very early days. There were loose papers, cheap notebooks and newspaper references galore. The latter alone, all accurately dated, amounted to 681! There were 304 references to 'The Norwich Mercury' from 1737 to 1886; 210 to 'The Norfolk Chronicle' from 1761 to 1864, and 164 to 'The Norfolk News' from 1845 onwards.

There were also dates and places of baptism of many of the early Norwich ringers. One of the earliest was of John Garthon in 1661—the conductor, in 1715, of the first peal of which we have a record—of Edward Crane, 1696, conductor of the second peal of Stedman Triples in 1731, and Samuel Thurston, 1789, who is noted down as 'illegitimate.' Marriages of John Garthon, 1684; William Porter, 1763, the inventor of 'Court upon Ten'; and S. Thurston, 1810.

Burials of Thomas Melchior, 1755, conductor of the first peal of Stedman Triples in 1731; Edward Crane, 1774; Robert Chestnutt, 1821, conductor of the Double Norwich Maximus in 1816; John Garthon, 1728; Chris Lindsey, of 'Imperial the Third' fame, 1820; and Samuel Thurston, 1841. There is also a list (39 names) of Norwich ringers in 1715, the year of the first known peal, and 56 names of members of the 'Purse Club' in 1739—the benefit club of the Mancroft ringers.

These particulars are given as a sample of the extent of the entries, and it took a long time to arrange them in more or less chronological order and with extensive index. The list was copied, including newspaper references, into a ledger of over 300 pages and is surely a book of historical value. I have been wondering where it can be preserved, especially as one or two 'libraries' I have come across are not attractive! In one of the old 'Purse Club' books are the figures of two methods, 'Norwich Surprise' and 'Norwich Exercise,' but they probably would not be passed by the Methods Committee! The first has 48 rows to a lead, the treble having a double treble bob hunt, with one bell remaining in 1.2 for 47 changes, and is given as the composition of George Watering, and the 'Exercise' was introduced, by leaflet, by Thomas Hurry in 1846.

In the same book appear a few compositions. Samuel Thurston has put his name to Reeves' 5-part 5,120 of Treble Bob Major (Snowdon, page 2), although he obtains his favourite Shipway part-ends by beginning at the second course. But perhaps in those days latitude in transposing was not a sin. His name is also under Tebbs' 3-part peal of Treble Ten in the tittums (Snowdon, page 96), and which is false. Then follow the figures of 5,076 Stedman Caters, with Thurston's name attached. It is entered in this way:—

5,076 STEDMAN CATERS

S. Thurston

1 2 3 4 5 6	1	2	3	4
5 3 6 4 2 1	—		—	
5 6 1 4 2 3			—	
5 1 3 4 2 6			—	
2 3 6 4 1 5	—		—	
2 6 5 4 1 3			—	
2 5 3 4 1 6			—	
6 1 3 4 5 2	—	—		
2 6 3 4 5 1		—		
1 3 4 5 6 2	—		—	—

Four times repeated.
Bob on 7.8.9.

Several composers have seen these figures, but were unable to make head or tail of them until fortunately Mr. Charles W. Roberts took a copy and has written to say that, with the help of Dr. G. W. Slack, the figures are elucidated and the peal is true. In present-day fashion the composition would be shown in this way:—

2 3 1 4 5 6	1	4	5	6	15
3 6 5 4 2 1	—	—		—	
6 1 5 4 2 3				—	
1 3 5 4 2 6				—	
3 6 2 4 1 5		—		—	
6 5 2 4 1 3				—	
5 3 2 4 1 6				—	
1 3 6 4 5 2		—	—		
6 3 2 4 5 1			—		
3 4 1 5 6 2		—		—	—

Four times repeated, omitting bob at 1, gives 231456978. Then call two courses with bobs at 1, gives rounds at the fourth change of the last six.

The part-ends would therefore be:—

3 4 1 5 6 2
4 5 1 6 2 3
5 6 1 2 3 4
6 2 1 3 4 5
2 3 1 4 5 6

Mr. Roberts writes: 'The course-ends given on the original copy do not represent six-ends, but are the fourth changes of the course-end sixes, a procedure evidently adopted to allow the treble to be shown at home at the parts-ends. The very early composers always regarded the treble as the full hunt bell, and, even in principles like

Stedman, they would want to have it at the lead at the conclusion of each part, in order to copy the well-known Shipway part-ends, so used at that time in peals of Major. The dashes representing the calling are almost right, with the exception of one slight error, but the figures representing the calling positions are quite wrong, due perhaps to faulty transcribing. However, there is quite enough information to enable the peal to be set out in the usual form and, for its day and generation, it is a magnificent exposition of the composer's art, probably the first peal with the bells in the tittums position throughout. It would be interesting to know if it has ever been rung, and it would be a compliment to a great composer to ring it again. Compositions like this prove, beyond all doubt, that most of the early composers thoroughly understood the internal falseness of Stedman, and knew how to avoid it. In general they worked on sound lines, did not worry a great deal about musical positions, but had a great regard for truth. In many ways the old composers have never been fairly treated, and their work often regarded as false without any justification.'

As to Mr. Roberts' query about the peal being rung, so far as Norfolk is concerned, certainly not. No peal of Stedman Caters was rung in either Norwich or Norfolk until after Thurston's death in 1841. A 5,295 was rung at St. Andrew's in 1842, and 5,296 at the same church in 1843, both conducted by Henry Hubbard, the first being Shipway's peal with the 5th and 6th the full extent behind the 9th.

At Mancroft the first of Stedman Caters was a 5,001, conducted by John Cox and rung in 1858, and one was rung at Great Yarmouth in 1855. Thurston himself called Stedman Triples at St. Giles' in 1839—his only peal in the method on any number. This was Lates' composition with 262 calls, and, although a board records the peal, Mr. Snowdon, in his 'History,' does not mention it. Thurston, in 1831, miscalled a peal of Stedman Cinques at Mancroft after 4,884 changes had been rung, but his qualifications cannot be doubted, for he called a quarter peal of Triples in 1822, and Powell's half-peal in 1830, double handed on handbells and from a non-observation pair. These were not everybody's 'cup of tea' in those days! C. E. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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At the Church of St. Wulfram,
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Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*H. Reginald Woods	*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	6
Mrs. Dorothy E. Beamish	2	Joseph A. Fenton	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Peter Border	8
†A. Robin Guy	4	John A. L. Thompson	9
Paul K. Williamson	5	Leonard Trevor	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph A. Fenton.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
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At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Samuel Birch	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
George E. Oliver	2	Ernest Stitch	7
Clive M. Smith	3	Stanley Prestidge	8
Howard Howell	4	George W. Hughes	9
William Davies	5	David G. Woolley	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
Rung to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, to Walsall for the civic reception.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
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On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
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Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*William A. Farmer	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	6
Alfred S. Bayley	2	Howard Howell	7
Ernest Stitch	3	†Edward V. Rodenhurst	8
Samuel Birch	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
Maurice G. Turner	5	Joseph L. Stanier	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal of Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst and Mr. W. J. Chester, of Helmdon, Northants.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Francis R. Lowe	*Treble*	*Gordon A. Halls	6
Philip H. Whitaker	2	Joseph A. Constant	7
Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Clement Glenn	4	Harold Taylor	9
Albert E. Thompson	5	Stanley Hutchinson	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 26th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral, and the eve of the Patronal Festival.

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*Gerald Bowen	*Treble*	George Prescott	6
George E. Large	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Thomas W. Lewis	8
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Cyril Tansell	9
Reginald Woodyatt	5	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Association.
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On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES W. DENYER	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
*EILEEN M. TURNER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
*ANN M. COX	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. E. Biss, who is leaving the parish.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN HILL	7
ERIC A. DENCH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
A farewell to Flying Officer E. A. Dench, who is shortly leaving for a spell in Canada.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	*J. NORMAN HADLEY	5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
*DEREK J. TRANTER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged as a gesture of respect and welcome to the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, enthroned the previous day as 95th Bishop of Lichfield.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	*CYRIL TANSELL	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
ALLEN MORGAN	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
*GERALD BOWEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	5
*GEORGE H. HESKETH	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	WILLIAM ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* 50th peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Pauline Frances) to Mrs. A. Maddock, wife of the treble ringer.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
First peal in the method on the bells.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Father J. R. and Mrs. Collins, of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
J. Thorp's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN FORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
ANNETA GRATTON	2	JOHN BEADMORE	6
*ALAN LAMBERT	3	REGINALD PRESTON	7
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANNE E. BOULDEN	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
†REGINALD L. SILLS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
MAISIE VANTOM	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	4	STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.
* First peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the 2nd.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
PATRICK HARRIS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL 5024 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' ten times. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	*G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Painswick and Yorkshire, 1,408 Superlative, and 704 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	*ALBERT E. WHITING	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	*LLEWELLYN ALLUM	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ROLAND PARK	*Treble*	*THOMAS COOKE	5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	THOMAS SENIOR	6
*DENNIS R. AIREY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	*RICHARD BUSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. G. Stephens, Vicar of this parish for 24 years, on retirement.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	HARRY DANIELS	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	JOHN WHITING	6
JOAN BUSSEY	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
WILLIAM SIDWELL	4	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 London and Bristol, 704 Rutland and 384 Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	*RONALD SUCKLING	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	†HARRY J. MILLATT	7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Spliced in six methods. † First peal of Spliced.
In memoriam Frederick Ridgwell, Earl's Colne, October 24th, 1953.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*ERNEST W. ROAST	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
PETER J. CAME	3	PERCY GREEN	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 840 each of Grandsire Double Grandsire, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford, and Hereward. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
The first peal in six Triples methods.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR C. WHITE (75)	*Treble*	JOHN H. SITCH	5
JAMES CHALK	2	†DEREK RILEY	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	HARRY TURNER	7
†CHARLES H. SCASE	4	*JAMES T. RANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to mark the Feast of All Saints.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	*TREVOR A. CROSS	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	VICTOR A. JARRETT	6
PETER F. BORER	3	GEORGE F. BUTCHER	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	†REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal on tower bells. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JOHN G. AMES	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

NOEL J. DISERENS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
RICHARD M. CURRIE	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	7
FREDERICK PICKARD	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Carter, who was inducted Vicar of this church on October 22nd, 1953.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*LEONARD WALSH	4
JAMES W. WILLIAMS	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* 25th peal.
Rung to celebrate the induction of Mr. Greenfield as Vicar of Waterfoot, and as a birthday compliment to Alice, daughter of the tenor ringer.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of ten extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	*†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, one each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. George Bush, secretary of the Peterborough branch of the Guild, upon his successful recovery from an operation in Peterborough Hospital.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TIMOTHY WRAIGHT	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	†CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
EDWARD C. BARTON	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.
* First peal. † 100th peal.



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RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	4
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Rung for the Sportsmen's Service.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CECIL A. BRASS	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
†HAROLD E. HARRISON	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	*JOHN H. JOYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to Blithfield to open the new reservoir.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Union, New, St. Simon and Bob Doubles; eight of Old; three of April Day and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SUGG	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	4
VICTOR SAVAGE	2	DAVID TARGETT	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GEORGE H. DANDO	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*COLIN NORDEN	*Treble*	STANLEY W. DASH	4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	DENNIS E. PEPPER	5
ARCHIE TUCK	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pepper.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

LAWRENCE J. BEAL	*Treble*	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	4
HERMON OLIVER	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILIP SADLER	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* 200th peal for the Essex Association of which he has conducted 162.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C. 83, 87, 75) and four extents of Plain Bob (49 variations of 50 and reverse, 28), 40 Singles, 34 Bobs. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
The conductor's 390th peal for Ely Association.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ALFRED E. HINMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	REGINALD LOOKER	5
FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS	3	HUGH BELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Umpire: J. HARRY COOK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since their restoration.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*HUGH MATTHEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. JAMES	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
THOMAS H. EARBY	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Eve of All Saints.

BLEDLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 18 extents of Grandsire and two Morris's callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

GORDON STRATHDEE	*Treble*	ARTHUR WHITE	3
AUBREY J. SEYMOUR	2	HARRY C. JONES	4
WALTER LEE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*GEORGE F. BURTON	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in nine Minor methods.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK A. RYE	*Treble*	JOHN F. PENFOLD	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
WILLIAM A. TERRY	3	FREDK. W. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.
A 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Frederick A. Rye. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	CHARLES B. SKINNER	4
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	JOHN W. MEADE	5
†ROBIN G. LEALE	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS	*Treble*	EDWARD F. CONNOCK	4
*S. ARTHER READ	2	STANLEY M. EVANS	5
WILLIAM F. J. COPE	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	CECIL RADDON	5
HAROLD WORRALL	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 100th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7— 8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	9—10
ALFRED BALLARD	5—6	BRIAN G. WARWICK	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth on her birthday.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		*WILLIAM HALL	5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First 'in hand' in three Minor methods.

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Generous hospitality was extended to the band that rang the peal at Asfordby, Leics, by Mr. J. Harry Cook, the head ringer and churchwarden, and Mrs. Cook. Recently St. Margaret's choir, organist, vicar, congregation and verger held a service at Asfordby.

The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in the death of his father, which took place last Saturday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The brothers 'Bill' and George Prescott, from Somerset, spent a busy week in the Worcester area recently, when four peals were rung and some disappointments experienced. 'Prescott Week,' as their annual visit is described, is a term by which each local ringer's wife knows she will not see her 'old man' home straight from work, and presumably resigns herself to the inevitable! George achieved his 100th peal at Hinton-on-the-Green during the week, an event duly celebrated.

By ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Caters at Derby Cathedral on October 31st, Mr. Francis R. Lowe 'completed the circle' of the tower.

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Horsell, Surrey, published on page 698, was Mr. Jack R. Worrall and not as submitted.

Flying Officer Eric Dench flies to Canada early in November on a nine months' navigation course. He took part in a farewell peal at Sileby on the day of the Leicester Guild Festival.

The first quarter at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by the local band since the restoration of the bells, was rung on All Saints' Day. 'We hope to send some more in the near future,' writes the tower secretary, Mr. L. J. Fox, 'as we are once more getting on our feet and now ring for service every Sunday.'

One of the disappointments of an editor is in abbreviating reports on account of space. He was really sorry that he could not share with his readers the witty writing of Betty Olney dealing with N.S.T.G. visit to Bristol, or give 15-year-old Heather Heath full measure of her descriptive story of Brixham Young Ringers' outing.

Among the several peals arranged for visitors to the Leicester Guild Festival was one at Southwell Minster. The ringing gallery proved a bit eerie in the dark, and a slow and stately peal was rung. The only regret the band had was that they had not starved for a fortnight in preparation for the sumptuous spread which Mrs. Fred Milner had provided for them after the peal. The time that the band got to their respective hotels and homes, if known, had better be kept secret, but there was no doubt a good time was had by all even if a few shots were fired at the Gun in the process.

Farmer readers will appreciate the cartoon in 'The Farmer and Stockbreeder' of October 27th dealing with the dairy farmer's hobby.

The peal board which was dedicated at Dallington, Northampton, reported on page 712 contained a quarter peal and a peal of Doubles. We regret that there was an omission from the report.

There are two other Girl Guides in Middlesex holding the Campanologists' Badge apart from Miss Ball. They are Audrey and Jean Palmer, and, according to a correspondent, they were both awarded the badge before Miss Ball.

The recasting, augmentation and rehanging in 1921 of the well-known ring of 12 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was due to the energetic leadership of the then Vicar, Canon Payne, who afterwards became Vicar of Knighton. He is retiring in the New Year to live in Norfolk.

We have received from Mr. A. Davis the umpire's report on the record long length of 15,840 Plain Bob Royal rung at Bournemouth on October 17th. Mr. Davis writes: 'Every course end was checked and all the calls were made confidently and accurately throughout and I have no hesitation in giving the peal a first-class certificate.'

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Non-Territorial Associations and Dual Representation

The following challenging article by Mr. Jack R. Worrall, on the question of Central Council membership, will be read with interest. He wants the abolition of all non-territorial associations.

FOR some years now, the University seats in the House of Commons have been abolished and a recent announcement confirms that they will not be restored. Has no one ever considered the analogy between the University seats in Parliament and many of the 'seats' on the Central Council? Surely the time is long overdue for a thorough overhauling of our system of electing members to the Central Council. New ringing societies are continually being formed and these will, no doubt, apply in due course for representation on the Council. What qualifications are required by a society or an association to enable it to elect its own representative to the Council?

An increase in its numbers will only make the Council bigger and more unwieldy than it is at present. How many of its one hundred and fifty-odd members NEVER express an opinion in debate? Do not a large number of members look upon the Whitsun business meeting more as a social gathering? I think they must do.

Further, are all decisions of Council sub-committees subject to ratification by the whole of the Council? If so, why was the recent ban on anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' not put before them? I hope the reason for the ban was not fear of self-criticism.

All ringers should belong to an association of some sort or other. Quite a large number are members of more than one. The representation of new associations on the Council will not serve the purpose of increasing the number of ringers represented. It will merely enable a small group of ringers to have increased representation. The Council will not become any more democratic—I have always assumed that it aims to be. Take, for a hypothetical example, the case of a lady ringer who is a member of each of the following associations: The Ladies' Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the National Police Guild, the Universities Association, the Oxford University Society and the London Counties Association. She would be entitled to take part in the election of 13 representatives to the Council.

But for the last-named Association, all those in the above list are non-territorial; in other words, their members do not belong to one diocese, one city or county or any geographical area, but are scattered far and wide throughout the country. Other like associations which I have not mentioned are, of course, the College Youths and other university societies.

Why should non-territorial associations be represented separately on the Council? I can find no good reason for it. All their members are presumably members of their own local associations and will be eligible to elect representatives to the Council. By depriving ALL non-territorial associations of their representatives, the size of the Council would be reduced by 17. The size of the Council could still further be reduced by the removal of such anomalies as the existence of two associations covering the same ground. I am referring particularly to the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. At the last annual meeting of the former association no more than 50 members were present, yet that association has three representatives on the Council and the Guildford Diocesan Guild has four more.

Let the Central Council start putting its house in order. ABOLISH THE REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL OF ALL NON-TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS. Do not be over-eager to elect honorary members, but reserve that privilege for men who have given many years' faithful service to the Exercise. Try and publicise the work of the committees more and publish reports before they are offered for adoption, so that they may be more fully discussed.

To all ringers: Take great interest in the Council as its every decision affects you. When choosing your representatives, elect men whose judgment you respect. Make sure they go to Council meetings to express the association's views and not their personal ones.

Let members of the Central Council make wise decisions, let all ringers abide by them, so that church bells may be rung, week in and week out, ever to the glory of God.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Stoke Gabriel

A well-attended meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Stoke Gabriel on October 24th, attended by branch members as well as members of other branches.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Beaumont), who gave an excellent address, touching on the value of team work.

After an excellent tea at the Castle Cafe the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, supported by the president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

A number of apologies for absence were received and one new member was elected. It was resolved to visit Buckfast Abbey on Nov. 28th, and the following programme for 1954 was adopted: Jan. 30th, Babbacombe; April 24th, Brixham; June 26th, Staverton and Broadhempston with the South-West Branch; July 24th, Rattery and Dean Prior; Aug. 21st, branch outing; Oct. 23rd, Kingsteignton; Nov. 27th, extra meeting at Buckfast Abbey; all subject to the usual permission being obtained.

It was left to the chairman and secretary to consider the question of a special ringing afternoon, at which the local Press would be invited. Ringing took place at Paignton Parish Church in the evening.

BRIXHAM YOUNG RINGERS

The wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Brixham Young Ringers whose outing took place on October 31st.

Towers visited were Diptford, Ugborough, Galmpton (with its fairy-like bells) and Marlborough.

Of Marlborough, our correspondent writes: 'The cleanliness of the ringing room (if it can be so called) took our breath away. It is an alcove curtained off from the rest of the church. The white plaster walls and smooth concrete floor, together with green velvet curtains at the leaded-light window, and some acting as a screen, produced a modern atmosphere and dispelled all our illusions of all ringing rooms being either stone edifices or oak-beamed places. A pleasing sight was the vase of flowers which glowed on a little table at the front of the alcove. The ropes hung down in a perfect circle, and some very good touches were rung.

'The sight of numerous certificates at the various towers has whetted our enthusiasm still further and we are determined that soon St. Mary's Guild of Ringers will be as greatly accomplished as they are.'

Miss Heather Heath concludes her delightful report with a special word of thanks to Mr. John Bell (vice-captain) for organising such a successful and instructive outing, and to the ringers of the towers visited for their warm and splendid co-operation.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

An Enjoyable Annual Dinner

THERE was an attendance of 171 people, five short of last year's record, at the 16th annual dinner of the Worcester and Districts Association, held on Saturday, October 24th, at the Guildhall, Worcester.

The chairman, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester, was supported by the chaplain (the Rev. L. J. Birch) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. Romilly Craze (Vicar of St. Peter's, Worcester), the Master (Mr. C. Skidmore) and Mrs. Skidmore, the secretary (Mr. J. Johnson) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. S. T. Holt.

Among the visitors were eleven ringers from Claverley, Mr. J. Keyte (Oxford Diocesan Guild) and from Birmingham Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dowding, Mr. W. G. Critchley and Miss C. Harding.

The chairman said that although he was a 'campanological ignoramus,' he would like, on behalf of the clergy, to express an appreciation of the ringers' purpose in the Church and the way in which they dedicated their art to its service.

Mr. C. E. Stinton, J.P., proposing the toast, 'Church and State,' pointed out that ringers tended to forget the true purpose of the bells. Although ringing gave pleasure, bells were primarily rung to call people to worship.

In reply, the Rev. R. Craze said that the ringing of bells was one of the greatest things to strengthen the friendship of the Church and State. In England the Church and State worked together and in their particular way the ringers helped to forge the link between the two.

Proposing 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. D. N. Layton said, 'We drink to the Association as a mark of confidence in it and in its future. The Association exists to call people to worship, personal pleasure and to repay the debt to our teachers by helping beginners.'

The Chaplain, who acknowledged the toast, said that he was privileged to be the Association's new Chaplain and wished it prosperity and good ringing in the future.

Mr. R. R. Savory, proposing 'Kindred Associations,' told of the welcome given to him by other associations and said that Worcestershire extended its friendship to all visitors.

Mr. J. Keyte replied for the other associations. He said that although he was in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he owed a debt of gratitude to the Worcestershire Association, which he joined when he was a mere beginner cycling in to Evesham.

Then the chairman proposed a toast to Mr. J. D. Johnson, the secretary, for the way in which he carried out his duties. Mr. Johnson acknowledged the compliment and assured the company that although he was conscious of his shortcomings he had always tried to do his best and always would.

After an enjoyable dinner, made even more enjoyable by various liquid lubricants and the comfort of an adjacent bar, the evening ended with an entertainment provided by the ringers. This included piano-accordion playing by N. Capaldi, handbells to accordion playing with G. J. Hemming and J. D. Johnson, songs by G. J. Hemming, rise and fall on handbells by C. Skidmore, J. Lloyd and T. Hemming, and changes on handbells by Miss S. Jackson, G. Bowen, R. G. Morris and D. Beacham. Miss D. Hicks accompanied on the piano, and Messrs. D. Watson and T. W. Lewis were the M.C.s.

K. B.

METHOD-LEARNING AID

The Introduction of Rhythm

(The following notes resulted from an attempt to meet the requirement of an aid for those learning a method of the more difficult type; but the idea may prove helpful also to those out of practice in such methods.)

In some methods, of course, the 'work' does not lend itself so readily, as in others of similar complexity, to be learnt with reasonable speed and certainty. Usually this is due to lack of symmetry or 'balance' in successive portions of the bell-path or 'blue line.' In such a case there is little the beginner may do, other than to learn the method the 'hard' way; and, as an old hand was once heard to say, 'Learn it cast iron!' (Alternative for experts — The Grid Pattern !)

But though a method may exhibit a blue line lacking in symmetry of visual form, yet we may usefully fall back upon the help to be got from the symmetry of sound. In other words we may abbreviate the work in rhythmic form, to be learnt in 'sing-song' fashion. While rhyme-endings to the lines may help, they are not essential (or always possible!). The essential thing is that the lines, read either aloud or just mentally, should be articulated with appropriate emphasis on the syllables of the words, according to a rhythm or beat. In the example given below the rhythm runs:—

Tum Te Tum Te Tum Te Tum

Take, for instance, the first line:—

'Lie; Five — Six — Five; T — B Lie;'

Tum Te Tum Te Tum Te Tum

—and this sort of thing is to be maintained for each line as learnt.

The lines include the usual tips as to meeting the treble (always shown in brackets), call warnings, and positions at lead-heads.

Before attempting to commit the jingle to memory, the student should first study it carefully, line by line, in conjunction with a fully set-out plain course, in which the blue line and the treble path have been picked out. (For example, as in the Standard Methods Diagrams and in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary.) So that, not only is each phrase in the lines clearly understood, but also its related blue-line portion can then be readily visualised, on subsequent repetition.

Note the following:—

(1) The lines are grouped in stanzas or 'verses,' each verse relating to the work of the bell-path in one particular division (or 'lead') of the plain course.

(2) The number preceding each verse identifies the work of the lead to which it relates, by the actual position of the bell in that lead-head row. For example, the first verse below gives the work of the bell starting from 8ths position at the lead-head.

(3) So the sequence of the verses is that of the work of the method, and they should be learnt in the order as given; but obviously the given sequence may be followed by starting at any verse, and, running downwards, reverting to the top and down again as necessary. As set out below, the sequence is seen to start with '8,' and it may easily be remembered as 'down the evens and up the odds.' (Different, of course, for some methods.)

(4) Ensure each verse is known 'cast iron' before starting on the next.

(5) In the text: 'T' means Treble: phrase in brackets with 'T' indicates where and how the Treble is met; 'T–B' means Treble–Bob, and indicates dodge–whole–blow–dodge: 'H–P' or 'Head–position' means position of bell at the division head, i.e., in the lead-head row.

LONDON. (Major work)

'8' Lie: Five–Six–Five; T–B Lie (End–dodge T); Sixths; 'Stedman' Lead; (2–3 T); Thirds; H–P 6.

'6' Lie, snap 7 and T–B Lie; (7–6 T); Sixths: Lead wrong: Fourths; (T 4–5); Six–Five–Six; Thirds; H–P 4; or, if Bob, 2.

'4' Eight–Seven–Eight: (Dodge T 6–5); Fifths; Lead; Fourths; Front work (with T); H–P 2; or, if Bob, 3.

'2' Finish Front work; Fourths; Lead; Fifths; (Dodge T 6–5); Eight–Seven–Eight; H–P 3; or, if Bob, 4.

'3' Thirds; Six – Five – Six: (T 5 – 4); Fourths; Lead wrong; Sixths; (T 6–7); T–B Lie; snap 7 and Lie; Down to H–P 5.

'5' Thirds; (3–2 T); 'Stedman' Lead; Sixths: (Dodge T, in): T–B Lie; Five–Six–Five; Lie; H–P 7.

'7' Fourths; (Dodge Treble): Thirds; Lead wrong; Mid-place fifths: Lead wrong again; Thirds; (Dodge Treble); Fourths; Then up to Head–Position 8.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Remember—Learn one verse thoroughly before the next.

Visualise each bit of the work as you say the relative line.

Learn thoroughly till you can automatically carry on from any starting place—even the middle of any line.

As you take your rope to stand in for London, recall the opening line with the corresponding bell-number. This gives your start.

As soon as 'Go!' is called, mentally repeat that opening line, then ring it. Then the next line, and so on.

The last line of a verse warns your approach to the lead-end. Be ready if a call is made to take up the new H–P, and switch to that-numbered verse. In any case, listen for the treble's back-stroke blow and check your correct H–P.

It may be found helpful to cut out the portion between the two cross-rules above and to paste it on to a plain postcard, to carry in the pocket, and refer to when permissible, until the learning drudgery is over.

It will pay handsome dividends!

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The eighth annual general meeting of the Society was held on October 31st. Ringing during the afternoon was at St. James', Clerkenwell (8), and at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Stepney (10). This was followed at 5.30 p.m. by a short service at St. Dunstan's, conducted by the newly-appointed curate.

The business meeting was held at 7 p.m. in a private room at the Hayfield Tavern, with the president, Mr. Dennis N. Layton, in the chair.

The main business of the meeting was the election of the officers for the session 1953-4.

Mr. D. N. Layton was unanimously re-elected to the presidency, but Mr. R. Price and Miss Hilary Shaw did not seek re-election as Master and secretary, due to the proximity of final examinations. Mr. D. Kay Adkins was, in his absence, elected to fill the post of Master, and Mr. J. R. Leeming that of secretary and treasurer.

After some discussion concerning the Whitsun and summer tours, and the annual dinner, these matters were referred to the committee and the meeting adjourned. J. R. L.

DEDICATION

BARROW-ON-HUMBER

A large congregation of parishioners and ringers attended Barrow-on-Humber Church on October 24th, when the Bishop of Lincoln dedicated the augmented ring of eight bells. Two new bells have been added and the six restored and rehung in a new frame.

The choral evensong with an address by the Bishop was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Owen. The bells were rung for a short time after the service. Tea for all was served in the Institute Hall.

At the district meeting which followed, the president, Canon H. Thackray, said the dedication of the eight bells was a great occasion for Barrow and the Guild, and congratulated the parish and the local ringers on their achievement.

Mr. J. Bray, Ringing Master, endorsed the president's remarks and also congratulated the bell founders on the way the work had been carried out. After the meeting the bells were rung for the remainder of the evening.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The October meeting was held at All Saints', Hessle, on October 10th. Only 20 members attended, the celebrated Hull Fair being no doubt a big counter-attraction, but a welcome increase came from the farming section after the harvest had been garnered.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Day, joined the ringers in the afternoon and took a great interest in the ringing, especially in the time taken to train learners and the causes of poor striking.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent sermon.

The local ringers and their ladies provided a good home-made tea, which was greatly appreciated by the ringers. The business meeting followed, one new member from Rise being elected.

Ringing took place again after the meeting, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at East Ardsley on October 31st, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Collingham, Elland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell and the local company.

The bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m. and kept going till 5, when a break was made for tea and the business meeting. The president, Mr. T. Strangeway, was in the chair.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company and the ladies for the arrangements and tea was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. H. Jones. Mr. E. Watson, of the local company, suitably replied.

The November meeting will be at Ossett on the 28th.

Further ringing was enjoyed after the meeting until 8.30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING AT CROYDON

This year the joint meeting between the Surrey Association and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association took place at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on October 10th. Admirable arrangements for the tea and service were made by Mr. R. Blow.

During the tea Mr. Collins welcomed the visitors and said these meetings fostered the good spirit and friendship amongst ringers and he trusted they would always be held. Mr. Hill, in reply, thanked the home Association on behalf of his members for the welcome received and hoped next year to see the Surrey Association in their District.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Pickard, for taking the service, and to Mr. Blow were passed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MASTERSHIP OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Dear Sir,—A speaker at the Cumberlands' dinner said that the Society had only had six Masters this century.

If that is regarded as a desirable precedent, without making the slightest reflection on the good work of the present Master or on that of the new man, may I suggest that there should be an understanding that except for the secretary and trustees officers should serve for one year only?

The reasons for frequent change are too well known to need repetition. Sooner or later we are all the victims of illness, lack of time, home ties and even apathy and for more than 12 months is an unreasonable time to expect a man to be free to pull his weight as he would wish.

There is also the member whose life's ambition is to go to the top of his Society. It doesn't appeal to a lot of us, but it is a harmless desire and ought not to be ignored, and if, as has been suggested, the Cumberlands must have a Master at Headquarters, surely it is easy if necessary to elect a deputy.

At the annual meeting of far too many Societies the elections are invariably 'the same as before,' and very soon the capable man will not allow his name to be put forward for fear of slighting the one in office.

Is it presumptuous to urge the meeting at St. Martins-in-the-Fields to set a good example?—Yours faithfully, C. CULLEN.

Farnborough, Kent.

CLAIM 45 YEARS TOO LATE

Sir,—Sorry, but the Kingswood claim for first seven Surprise in the county is 45 years late. About 1908 there were several local Surprise peals rung at Clandon. At the Coronation of King George V. there were only two Surprise peals rung on the day, one at Clandon and the other at Guildford, a vast difference to the recent Coronation.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret that I must ask to withdraw the peal of 5,000 Treble Bob Royal rung at Leyland, Lancs, on Saturday, March 21st, 1953. The composition is false in one lead. I tender my sincere apologies to the band, particularly to 13-year-old Stanley Walmsley, for whom it would have been a first peal.—Yours faithfully, C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

PEALS AT ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, E.5, rang a peal in the tower in April of this year. We believe it to be the first since 1922, but before recording it as such in our ringing room we are anxious to know if any reader can dispute this belief.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Clapton, E

WILLIAM SHORT AND HIS RECORD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query of Mr. Ernest Morris regarding the late Mr. Wm. Short, the records of the Biographies Committee state that he rang his first peal on Nov. 26th, 1888, and his total number of peals was 892. Mr. Short died on August 27th, 1950. He was a member of the Central Council from 1915-1926.—Yours sincerely,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

RUGBY CONVENTION

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the visitors from neighbouring towers who assisted the Rugby ringers over the period of the Rugby St. Andrew's Convention.

The Convention lasted eight days, from October 25th to November 1st, a service being held in the Parish Church each evening. To allow the 'locals' one or two evenings off during the week ringers from the neighbouring towers of Bilton, Dunchurch and Willoughby joined us, and with their help the bells were rung before each service. For several of the visitors quarter peals were arranged although unfortunately only two were successful.

It was very pleasing to find help so readily forthcoming when requested and to know that such friendly relations exist between neighbouring towers.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. PITSTOW.

Rugby.

During the Convention the following quarter peals were achieved:—

October 27th.—1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire Doubles): E. Hunt 1, Ruth Cooper 2, Christine Johnson 3, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5.

November 1st.—1,260 of Stedman Doubles: J. Underwood (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, A. Barlow 4, C. Underwood 5.

MEMORIES OF 30 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see the reports of the two peals in 'The Ringing World,' which were rung for the 30th anniversary of the wedding of my old friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

At the time they were wed I was angling for my first peal, and Mr. Joe Hall invited me to come along on the Tuesday evening as there was just a chance I might be needed. At the same time another good old friend, Mr. Tom Jones, was also angling for his first, and the late Mr. Harry Chapman had invited him along. It was left to the conductor to decide. This was the late James W. Washbrook, and the Great Man decided to give it to the older man, so Tom had it, and a real good job he made of it.

I would like Mr. and Mrs. Deal to know that Tom Jones is still in good heart, although crippled by rheumatism, and has not rung for many years. One thing I shall always remember was the look on his face when I took him the Coronation copy of the 'Picture Post,' which had a fine action picture of Dick Deal handling one of the big 'uns at St. Paul's.

My colleagues at Manchester Cathedral join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Deal many more happy wedding anniversaries.—Yours faithfully,

R. LONGDEN.

Moss Side, Manchester 14.

'CROWN BOB"

Dear Sir,—In answer to his inquiry, Mr. John R. Leeming will be interested to know that the following performance is recorded on an old peal board in the ringing chamber of All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham:—

'On Feb. 10th, 1752, the following peals were rung at this church in 1 hr. 33 mins. without false stroke, viz:—College Trebles, Oxford Trebles, College Pleasure, Crown Bob. Changes in all 2,520, by the following ringers:—

Benjn Stanrod	Geo Frith
Charles Littlewood	John Pashley
Thos Bradley	Elias England.'

Crown Bob being 360 changes, presumably a 720 each of the others was rung. At this time there was a ring of eight, with tenor 24 cwt., at this church.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham

N.S.T.G. VISIT BRISTOL AREA

Fifteen towers in the Bristol area were visited during the week-end commencing on October 9th by a new Society with their own pennant bearing the initials N.S.T.G. and an emblem of a bell encircled by a motor tyre. The designer, Mr. Derrick, gave the assembly (four of whom came from the eastern half of the county and one from the south-west) a choice of titles.

The N.S., he pointed out, could stand for 'Nailsea Society' (where the party assembled), 'North Somerset,' 'National Society' or even (for Mr. P. Bond) 'Near Sunningdale,' according to individual requirements. The 'T.G.' remained constant as 'Tower Grabbers.'

Another feature seen by many for the first time was Mr. Mackintosh's pitch pipe, which aroused much interest and by means of which he pronounced the notes of the tenors.

Ringing on the Saturday took place at Emmanuel (Clifton), St. Michael's (City), St. Werburgh's, St. Ambrose', Christ Church (City), St. James', Horsefair (where the host and M.C. nearly put an end to the day by attempting to ring with his rope twisted round the gas bracket!). The day concluded with Mrs. Horseman's excellent supper.

Sunday morning found the Society at Backwell (8) where they joined the local band, and afterwards at Chelvey, where the visitors provided an unofficial choir and guest organist at morning service. In the afternoon nearly an hour was spent at Portishead.

No Bristol had been rung over the week-end but methods rung included:—Doubles: Union Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Minor: Plain and Little Bob, Cambridge and London. Triples: St. Clement's Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Major: Plain and Little Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich. Caters: Grandsire. Royal: Plain Bob.

Special thanks are due to Michael Horseman, who organised the week-end, and to his family, who so kindly entertained us.

Note.—Mr. P. N. Bond's 15th tower (and ours, too) being grabbed on the way home, was incidental to the week-end, as arranged for us, and so is not mentioned above. We stopped at Bremhill, Wilts (6), where the local ringers extended to us a very hearty welcome and where we enjoyed our short ring before evensong.

B. O.

OBITUARY

MR. ALAN PEACH AND MR. JOHN F. VERNON

St. Margaret's, Leicester, lost two old ringers in two days—Alan Peach passed away suddenly on October 30th, and John Flude Vernon on October 31st. Both had been ringers at St. Margaret's before and after the first Great War, but were not associated in recent years for these reasons—Alan Peach moved first to Quorn, then to Loughborough with his business; and John Vernon had been unable to ring for several years on account of failing health.

Both had rung a few peals in the early days but although not keen on this side of ringing were always at their posts for Sunday services and practices.

To their memory 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on All Saints' Day, on the 'Margaret' eight by Barbara Endall (first in method) 1, T. H. Bent 2, W. Thornley, jun., 3, J. B. Bennett 4, G. A. Olliffe 5, Colin Walker (conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, P. Davis 8.

A second edition of 'Notes for Beginners' is in course of preparation. Mr. W. G. Wilson hopes that all the orders received up to Nov. 2nd will be fulfilled this week.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Summer Tour in Worcestershire

THE University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual summer tour from July 25th to August 3rd in Worcestershire, with occasional sallies into neighbouring counties.

The centre of the week's operations was a private hotel at Kempsey, whence 20 members set out, armed with packed lunches, in a highly undisciplined convoy of cars and motor-cycles, to explore the ringing amenities of some five or six towers daily. The tour was arranged by the Society's president and late Master, Mr. Denis Layton, who also took firm charge of the ringing.

On the first Saturday afternoon an advance party arrived at Kempsey through heavy rain. The first tower was St. John-the-Baptist, in Bedwardine, Worcester, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed before supper. Service ringing on Sunday morning was at All Saints', Worcester (10), and at the Cathedral in the evening.

The week started in energetic style on the first Monday by ringing at towers in the Malvern district: Powick, Madresfield, Malvern Link and the eight at the Priory Church at Great Malvern (which was admired more than the bells), Upton-on-Severn (with a characteristic welcome from Mr. Charles Camm), and in the evening on the charming little new six at Earl's Croome.

On Tuesday ringing was at Ripple (where some members found the 14th century carved Miserere seats at least as rewarding of concentration as the rather tricky six), Bredons Norton, Overbury (a publess but otherwise lovely village), Hinton-on-the-Green (where the genus loci and his wife helped materially to provide some of the most interesting ringing of the tour), Badsey and Great Hampton.

Eckington, Norton and Salford Priors were visited on Wednesday morning. After replacing a rope at the last-named church the convoy straggled into Warwickshire, there to ring upon the fine and well-behaved ten at Stratford-on-Avon. Here a well-struck three courses of Grandsire Caters was acclaimed as the best ringing of the tour. A following attempt at Stedman was unfortunately (considering the number of curious visitors who had presumably paid to come up into the tower to watch it) not brought round.

STRATFORD'S OTHER ATTRACTIONS

There is, of course, more of interest at Stratford than its fine ring of bells, and before long members found themselves queueing outside the Memorial Theatre for returned tickets for the evening performance of 'The Taming of the Shrew.' The last available ticket having (for the second time that day) vanished under our noses, we consoled ourselves with the less enlightening comedy provided on a nearby fair-ground. Here the dartsmen, marksmen and the exponents of other forms of trajectory proceeded to pay inflationary prices for cheap glassware and coconuts, while others sampled vertiginous rides on a variety of contraptions. The evening ended in a cafe where, over strong coffee, we wanly declined chocolate biscuits and told each other (always with a slight tinge of insincerity) how much we had enjoyed the 'Octopus.'

On Thursday the party rang at Claines, Wychbold, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove (whose churchyard is unique in possessing two memorials in which both an engine and its two drivers are eloquently commemorated in connection with a tragic boiler-bursting incident in 1840) and Chaddesley Corbett (the only church in the country dedicated to St. Cassian). Friday brought a very wet morning, and after ringing at Clent and Hagley, members dried-out in the belfries of Old Swinford (where a touch of St. Clement's Major by a Surprise band was brought round only at the fourth attempt by sheer force of presidential will-power), Stourbridge and Kinver, after which a temporary relaxation from ringing was allowed in the form of a memorable stroll to enjoy the grand view from Kinver Edge.

THE TRADITIONAL PARTY

The climax of the tour came on Friday night when the traditional party was held. All the usual games were played (with and without lights), assisted by a ten-gallon barrel of cider, generously provided (and almost as generously consumed) by one of the members. The party ended in various methods of communal head-clearing; moonlight strolls at 2.30 a.m., in carefully assorted pairs, appeared to suffice for most members, but the donor of the cider felt he needed more, and accordingly went for a swim in the hotel's private swimming pool. The question as to whether he had entered the water voluntarily, had been pushed in or merely fallen in was hotly debated at breakfast next morning.

All things considered, ringing next day at Ombersley, Hartlebury, Bewdley, Martley and Hallow was reasonably good. The vintage six at Martley were especially enjoyed and some of the party found their way to a nearby meadow to look at the remains of the pits in which the bells were cast by Keene, of Woodstock, in 1673. Ringing for service on Sunday morning on the pleasing six at Kempsey ended with a good service touch of Cambridge. Choral evensong in Worcester Cathedral was attended. At tea-afterwards we heard the Cathedral bells rolling round to very capable Cinques. Someone else's tour had started. We crept away as quietly as possible and rang passable Triples for evensong on Dodderhill's excellent eight.

Bank Holiday Monday was the last day, with only two towers to be visited before dispersing. The traditional flourish of London Scholars' Pleasure was duly rung on the merry little six at Stoulton. At Pershore Abbey the heavy going of the bells and the well-known suspension in mid-empyrean 7 feet above the nave quickly drove the by now rather tired party to inspect the architectural glories of the Abbey from a more comfortable level.

At the final lunch on the river-bank, amidst a welter of pint pots and unpacked lunches, Denis Layton was informally, but none the less warmly and unanimously, thanked for arranging one of the happiest and most successful tours that the Society has ever enjoyed. Peal attempts had been deliberately excluded from the programme so as to provide the maximum of useful practice for the beginners and the less experienced.

D. R.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CAMPANOLOGY

That was the feeling of each and all who visited the tower of St. George's, Mossley, at an inter-county meeting arranged by Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Friezland.

Ringers from the following towers attended: Almondbury, Elland, Kirkburton, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Longwood (on the Yorkshire side), Oldham Parish, St. Mark's, Oldham, and Ashton (on the Lancashire side).

Ringing began about 3 p.m. At 4.45 p.m. a splendid tea was enjoyed at the Tudor Cafe, Mossley, after which a return was made to the tower till about 9 p.m. Seven different, all well-struck methods of Major and a course of Oxford Minor by the Friezland Company were rung.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting and to further the cause of inter-Association fellowship Yorkshire ringers extended a cordial invitation to the Lancashire company to a return meeting.

Let this fellowship continue, were our parting words.

J. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 14th, 1913

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 4th, 1913, in 2 hours and 39 minutes
At the Parish Church

A 'SILENT' PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR 5,040 CHANGES

Being 20 each London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Thomas W. Gilmour	Treble
John Wilkinson	2
James W. Bell	3
James Martin	4
Herbert H. Barker	5
Henry Fyles	Tenor

Umpires: James Marsh and Thomas Murray.

The peal was rung 'silent' and non-conducted and the umpires were quite satisfied that the peal was perfectly true and rung in strict accordance with the rules.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Beddington

A meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on September 26th. A tea was held in the Church Hall. Mr. Davies, in the absence of Mr. F. E. Collins, took the chair, and opened the meeting by announcing the Association's loss by death of Mr. Gosden, of Benhilton.

Mr. P. C. Ward was elected a ringing member and 11s. 6d. was subscribed to the Bell Fund. A vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings for arranging the meeting and providing such a nice tea at so short a notice was passed.

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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Hayne 1, G. J. W. Abbot 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (first in method) 3, A. J. Slade (first in method) 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ansell 1, Miss M. Davy 2, J. Horsman 3, A. Hunter 4, L. Hunter (cond.) 5, H. Mackman 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Ansell, captain of the local band; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. M. Hunter, wife of the conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tooze (first quarter) 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, L. W. Moses 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, J. G. Davis 6. For harvest festival and attendance of Mayor and Corporation. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, L. W. Moses 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, E. Naylor 5, H. J. Merrett 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Williams (first away from cover) 1, Miss H. Evans 2, C. Thomas 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, G. Flower 5, Miss J. Powell 6, G. Williams 7, A. R. Price (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 3, 5 and 7. Rung for the collation to Canonry of the Rev. James Davies, Rector of Bedwellty.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Janet Cochrane 1, Mrs. C. G. Smith 2, C. G. Smith 3, A. W. Skelton 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, S. Hood 6, Jill Cochrane 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung for patronal festival.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Yeoman 1, A. Hannington (first quarter) 2, F. Bailey 3, D. J. King 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. A. Hoare 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, T. M. Roderick 8, R. E. Coles 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Butterfield 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, J. Butterfield 3, J. B. Porter 4, A. Hodgson 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Pannell 1, Bridget Cox 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Parker 4, J. Carpenter (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the unveiling of a Coronation peal plaque, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, N. Brown 3, G. H. Humphries 4, E. G. Talbot 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, R. Davies 7, R. Abbott 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss B. Dowling 1, Miss E. Clear 2, Miss M. Brown 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, W. Elkins 6, A. Harman 7, G. Coldman 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7, and first of the bells. Rung by the local company.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lintern 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, W. Starr 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6. The first quarter peal on the augmented ring.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Arscott 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, A. R. Tudball 3, G. Maidment 4, J. Salway (Honiton Clyst) 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung for All Saints' Day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss J. Bailey 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, B. Lunn 4, D. Burnett 5, H. Ellis 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Stephenson 8. J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, J. Allsop 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge and Bourne Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, M. Orme 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Durham and York Surprise Minor: W. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, D. Gullick 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. Bryant 1, Miss V. Copping 2, G. Ingham 3, R. M. Mann 4, K. Palmer 5, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 6, V. Bottomley 7. First of Cambridge Minor for 1, 2, 5 and 6. First in method for 3 and 4. Rung on the back seven.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Stead (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Openshaw 2, S. Walmsley 3, G. Meadows 4, L. Walmsley 5, W. Mansley 6, J. Blackburn 7, J. Jackson 8. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Messag: 1, G. Akehurst 2, B. Stepney 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung for the wedding of Joyce M. Roberts (secretary of the above tower) to Eric S. R. Bland.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall 1, H. Rowley 2, N. R. Hunt 3, A. Bowers 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (Ilkeston variation): J. Carrott 1, L. G. Woods 2, Mrs. D. Wright 3, D. W. Beard 4, A. H. Worboys 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HORWICH, LANCS.—On Oct 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Wood 1, Miss M. E. Openshaw 2, F. Brownlow 3, G. Pearson 4, P. Crook, sen., 5, A. Pendlebury 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Rung as an 'Au revoir' to the ringer of the 6th, who is temporarily leaving the Bolton branch to study in Guildford.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Cornwall (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, I. Biggs 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, J. Kape 6, A. E. Cox 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

KENSINGTON, S.W.—On Oct. 25th, at St. Mary Abbotts, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. Barringer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, G. Bryant 5, J. R. Leeman 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8. For Evensong.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Edginton 1, G. Roobottom 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. H. Joyner 5, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 6.

LANCASTER, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Barker 1, J. Jackson 2, N. Newby 3, G. A. Dimmock 4, C. Clegg 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, E. J. Gower 7, A. Hatch 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, F. Pratt 2, C. Martin 3, W. Dyer (cond.) 4, T. Boreham 5, C. Richings 6, D. Newcomb 7, H. Foll 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. Townsend, late captain of the tower, interred this day, aged 83.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A Turney 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, S. J. Orchard 3, G. Orchard 4, H. Baldwin 5, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung prior to Evensong as a farewell to Miss Goodship, who is now serving with Q.A.R.A.N.C.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, S. R. Linnett 2, A. Hubble 3, F. Lewis 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, H. J. Mansfield (cond.) 7, J. Clarke (first quarter) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Lewis, who has left the parish for St. Clement's, Ilford.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. H. Wilson 1, Miss E Taussig 2, Miss P. Warren 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. A. Etherington 5, G. M. Battersby 6. Longest length for 1, 2 and 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stone 1, D. G. Dobbie (cond.) 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, J. Judd 5, A. E. Blundy 6. Rung as a farewell to Bernard Fagg, who is leaving for National Service.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, C. Claydon 5, W. C. Mansfield 6. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss J. Merrel (first of Major) 1, Miss I. Werrett (aged 12, first 'inside') 2, H. E. Werrett 3, Miss P. Willis 4, Miss A. Willis 5, R. M. Dixon 6, M. A. Collings 7, W. J. Hitch (first as cond.) 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. J. Horton, organist. Also on Oct. 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Kent Treble Bob: R. Bridges 1, H. King 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. C. Smith, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 24th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson 1, W. Welling 2, G. Coussins 3, M. H Williamson 4, A. H. Cross 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6. D. W. Stone 7, R. Wawman (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glanville (first away from tenor) 1, C. J. Turner 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, E. H. Marks 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung for All Saints' Day (Evensong), and also for the fourth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Emily B. P. Walker 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, E. C. Barton 3, F. J. Cheal 4, H. Springate 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Kenward 7, T. A. Cross 8. First of Bob Major for 1 and 3.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Edginton 1, C. A. Brass 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. A. Joyner (cond.) 5, J. R. Joyner 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve as Bishop of Lichfield earlier the same day. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Showatt 1, C. A. Brass 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, T. Kendrick 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Copson 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, G. Blake 4, H. R. Hofton 5, B. Cornell 6, R. F. Ewer (first as cond.) 7, W. J. Arnold 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,454 Stedman Cinques: B. Cornell 1, A. W. Coles 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 3, H. V. Frost 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, A. Hatten 8, R. F. Ewer 9, C. Sayer 10, W. J. Arnold 11, W. Nicolls 12.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ford 1, J. Beardmore (cond.) 2, D. Bourne 3, E. Nixon 4, M. Beswick 5, G. Beardmore 6. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. R. Smith 1, W. M. Burton 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, G. H. Bray 4, J. R. Smith 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, J. M. Jelley 8. First in method for 2 and 3. Also before Evensong 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. M. Burton 1, H. Kilby 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, E. J. Jelley 4, G. H. Bray 5, J. M. Jelley 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. Both for harvest festival.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Fisher 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, Rev. D. P. Roberts 5, C. Hone 6, R. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, J. Warrilow 10. Rung in honour of the visit to Stafford of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Ringing commenced as Her Majesty arrived at the Guild Hall and continued until she entrained for London.

STEPNEY, E.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Malden 1, T. G. Fox (cond.) 2, D. E. Corlett 3, H. G. Weedon 4, L. J. Fox 5, S. Smith 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for patronal festival. First quarter by local band since restoration of bells.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, T. Welbourne 3 J. Chapman 4, J. Euston 5, G. Parsons 6, R. Storey (first in method) 7, R Sanders 8. Welcome to R. Storey (Basingstoke), also birthday compliments to Mrs. J. Hawkins (75), R. Charge (75), 'Young' Tom Bevan (60) and Bill Norton (79, former service ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, until retired to Alderton, Northants).

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss N. Hales 3, M. Sinden 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bennett 1, Miss A. White (first quarter) 2, J. Reed 3, L. Fisher 4, M. L. Lockwood 5, D. Cubitt 6, J. Kirby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Wells 2, J. F. Penfold 3, T. A. Wickens 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, G. E. Ruck 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, V. James 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, C. W. Cecil 4 H. Ellis 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8. For evening service and to mark the dedication and unveiling by the Lord Bishop of Southwark of the peal board recording the peal rung for the 1953 Coronation.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Pelton (first in method) 1, Ethel Willard (first in method) 2, C. B. Skinner 3, F. F. Brooks 4, B. W. Farhall 5, B. J. Luff (cond.) 6.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, C. Williams, sen., 2, C. Williams, jun., 3, S. Ainger 4, S. Davies 5, G. Simister 6, R. Meadows (cond.) 7, N. Davies 8. First quarter peal on the bells since 1914. First quarter peal by all except the 2nd, 4th and 7th. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd (C. Williams), who is also the tower captain.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jordan (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, J. Thurlow 3, W. Kerrison 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. J. Darch 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Cornell).

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Knight 1, Miss M. Cane (first quarter) 2, P. Knight 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Miss E. Cane (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. J. Allen (first quarter) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Helen Cane to Peter Cable at St. John's Church, Abu-Sueir, both serving in the Royal Air Force, M.E.A.F., and also for the bride's 21st birthday. Conducted by the bride's father; the 2nd and 5th bells rung by her sisters.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, J. Clutton 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Chancellor Robert Davies, Vicar of Wrexham and vice-president of North Wales Association, interred that day at St. Asaph Cathedral.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

It has been the custom for the past five or six years for the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, to have a half-day 'autumn cruise' in addition to their day's outing in July, and on these occasions it has become usual to leave the 'highways' and search out the little villages in the remote and lovely country generally where there are rings of six bells.

This year five six-bell towers were visited on October 17th. A good start was made at Exbourne with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Other towers visited were Petrockstowe, Sheepwash and Shebbear (where, before ringing, an excellent high tea at the New Inn was served) and, on the homeward journey, Black Torrington. The party was under the direction of the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, arrangements having been made by Mr. H. H. Thomas.

The newest recruit to the belfry at Emmanuel is 11-year-old Sylvia Sims, the elder daughter of the captain, and there is no doubt she looks like following her father in the art of campanology judging by her good start.

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Despite torrential rain at times on October 31st, a very pleasant half-day was spent in Gloucestershire by seven ringers representing the counties of Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Kent and Somerset. Towers visited were: Moreton Valence, Quedgeley, Elmore (where it was necessary to open the belfry window to be able to hear the bells), Longney, Hardwicke, Arlingham (a 'backward' ring), Frampton-on-Severn and Standish (a winter retreat for flies). During the trip Mr. Michael Horseman scored his 400th tower. The preliminary arrangements had been made by Mr. Leslie Barry and it was a great disappointment he was prevented from going. E. T. P. F.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

With their 1953 outing to Chester in May but a memory and next year's outing too far ahead, the Leeds Parish Church ringers decided to hold a second outing before the outing season finished. So with friends from Otley, Guiseley and Thorner, they visited four towers in the North Riding on September 19th.

The first call was Easingwold, a fairly recent augmentation where two modern trebles are rather superior to the old six. Here ringing was brought to a sudden stop, when it was reported that a funeral cortege was nearing the church, but the visitors were relieved to find that it was merely an interment in the adjacent cemetery, and after a brief pause ringing could be resumed

The next tower was Thirsk where a mixed octave of widely differing periods sound pleasant but might go rather better.

Kirby Wiske was undoubtedly the high spot of the day. The visit had aroused much local interest and although these bells—a most musical Taylor six rung from the ground floor— have not been rung for some years, the 'locals' greeted the visitors by chiming the bells.

A bounteous tea was provided in the new Parish Hall through the generosity of the Rev. H. and Mrs. Channing, and a move was made to the church to do full justice to the bells.

It was with reluctance that the party left this friendly village with its well-kept church and lovely bells but there was a still further tower to visit, Kirkby-on-the-Moor (or Kirby Hill) and it was a pleasant coincidence that the visit here took place on the first anniversary of the rededication of these bells after rehanging in a new frame.

This handy little six contains a 15th century 'black-letter' bell—the second oldest bell in the county. The allotted time here passed all too soon and so with one more bell to visit (the Blue Bell) it was time for the journey home.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

Twelve members of St. Crantock company had an outing on October 24th in three cars to the first and last church, St. Sennen, a mile from Land's End, where they were met by the Rector. The weather was cloudy and showery, but we could see the Longships lighthouse, a mile and a half from the coast, and hoped the lightkeepers would hear the bells, as we were told they did in the story, 'The Watchers on the Longships.'

The bells are a very light six, and we found them easy to ring except that the chiming apparatus is in the way of the fourth rope. From Sennen we went back along the coast road to Zennor, where a sumptuous tea awaited us. The bells at Zennor are the finest six in West Penwith and sounded majestic compared with the light rings in the other towers we visited. From Zennor to Towednack, an isolated little church with a light eight; the tenor, however, proved hard work. Being six-bell ringers, we contented ourselves with rounds and Queen's, in which we were joined by Mr. R. Collins, the local captain, and 120 Grandsire Doubles.

We then proceeded across country to Lelant, where we were met by the Vicar, the local captain, Mr. P. A. Clifton, and Mr. H. Miles. With the last two we rang 120 Bob Doubles, and Mr. Miles piloted us through some plain courses of Bob Minor. A. R.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON

On Saturday, November 17th, ten members of the St. Mary's, Dallington, band of ringers, friends of newly-married Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nobles, of Duston, Northampton, were taken on a ringing outing in the three cars of the Nobles' household.

Bells were rung to Doubles and Minor methods at Cold Higham and the party then moved on to Lower Heyford, where several more touches were rung before a very enjoyable short service was conducted there by the Rev. Grenville Morgan, Vicar of Dallington, with Mr. Pawley at the organ.

An appetising tea was consumed at the Cornhill Hotel, where the Rev. G. Morgan voiced the appreciation of all for the very enjoyable outing provided by Mr. and Mrs. Nobles.

In the evening the convoy proceeded to Pattishall Church, after two of the three cars had made a little jaunt down the Watling Street towards London before finding their bearings. The heavy bells of Pattishall rang out for an hour and the party returned to Dallington to raise the bells at St. Mary's for the following morning's dedication festival, and the outing ended with everyone profusely thanking Mr. and Mrs. Nobles for a very enjoyable afternoon.

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BIRTH

GOODHEW.—On Nov. 2nd, 1953, at Berstead Maternity Hospital, Hampton Court, to Jean (nee Warner) and James, the gift of a son, Stanley James. 3477

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. H. King, of Blankney, Lincolnshire, wish to announce that the wedding of their daughter, Iris Mary, to Richard E. Manton, of Ibstock, Leicester, will take place at St. Oswald's, Blankney, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Ringers welcome at the church. 3446

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The temporary address of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby for the next few months will be Jesmond, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire (phone Waltham 258). Permanent address still Forest Hill. 3451

The address of J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec., Wisbech Branch, Ely Association of Ringers, is now Westleigh, Walpole Marsh, near Wisbech, Cambs. 3466

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WANTED.—Set of 16 handbells, suitable for tune ringing. Write, stating price, key and condition, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 3447

PUBLICATIONS

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS,' by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L. A few copies only left at original price, 21s. Ideal for Christmas present. From the author, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 3454

'SUSSEX BELL FRAMES.'—The Sussex Archæological Society have a few copies left of vol. 84, containing the above paper, which I can obtain for 5s. 9d. each, including postage. —G. P. Elphick, 37, St. John Street, Lewes. 3470

MISCELLANEOUS

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE, REDEDICATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The rededication of the bells at Sandy will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Everyone welcome. 3473

MEETINGS

ANCIENT ORDER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.1, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 3; St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck. 3381

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—Alan A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3444

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Worksop Priory (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop, Notts. Bells recently recast and rehung. 3371

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and N.E. Branches.—Joint practice, Silverton (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 4.30. Cups of tea available; bring own food. More ringing after. All welcome.—W. H. Ware, F. Wreford, Hon. Secs. 3409

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3389

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Lugwardine, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road Hereford. 3423

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8) Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 14th. St. Dunstan's bells available 2.30-4.30. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each (cash with order, please). 3393

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Halesworth, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Definitely notify Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. Business meeting to decide whether to alter annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether to charge a levy on peals.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3434

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting King's Somborne, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Reg Martin's Cafe. 3392

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Station).—Ringers' service will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—S. Howard. 3391

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Backwell, Nov. 21st, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3459

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, free, *only* for those notifying by 17th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3474

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 19th, to F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3458

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3457

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Special method Warwickshire Surprise. Usual tea arrangements.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 3462

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley (5), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 18th to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 3456

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3461

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Old Chesterton, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3471

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3467

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 18th.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Northiam (6), 2.30-4.30 p.m. Beckley (6), 5.45-8 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 18th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 3452

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at North Mymms (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Nov. 18th, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 3469

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Daybrook (8) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3417

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3 p.m., Nov. 21st. Cups of tea. Bus from Portland Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3475

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. All ringers welcome. Cups of tea. —J. Porter. 3442

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Nov. 21st, Oadby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Staynes Cafe. Postcard by Nov. 18th to L. W. Allen, Great Glenn. 3476

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Nov. 21st. Times as usual. Tea by ticket only. Tickets, price 4s., must be obtained before Nov. 14th from Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3443

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3445

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Ealing, Nov. 21st. Christ-the-Saviour (8), Ealing Broadway, 3 to 4.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's (8), South Ealing. Ringing to follow. Tea available locally. Joint meeting. St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Dec. 5th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 3468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 21st. St. Giles', Reading (8), 3 p.m. Service 4. St. Peter's, Caversham (8), 6.30. Names for tea by Nov. 17th to Miss D. Bolton, 6, Sherman Road, Reading.—N. Swann. 3455

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Market Overton, Rutland. 3414

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Nov. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Mr. J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 3465

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Poole on Nov. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, of Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset, by Nov. 18th (note new address).—J. I. P. Davis, Hon. Sec. 3472

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD.—Joint meeting at Market Drayton, Nov. 21st. For tea advise F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—W. A. Farmer. 3425

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3428

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District — Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m., if you notify, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. East, Low Street, Collingham, Newark. South Scarle after tea if required. 3412

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 3421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. W. Brown, 50, The Crescent, Southwick.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 3448

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 3478

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Toller Hall 5 p.m. You all expect a good tea at the Borough, so do not let me down by not dropping me a card. Names to me by Monday, 23rd. — Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Lincolnshire. 3460

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH (Llandaff Branch), SWANSEA AND BRECON (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Baglan, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—R. R. Coles and J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3449

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Nov. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 3, followed by business and tea. Names for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3438

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Dallington, Nov. 28th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify Eric Nobles, 14, Millway, Duston, by Nov. 24th. Corporation bus No. 12 route. 3463

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8) 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

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A LEAD — FOR EXTENSION?

EDUCATION, we know, is a very comprehensive process. Its original and essential purpose must be to form character and to train by instruction and example. For that fulfilment certain subjects are basic and cannot be neglected; while from the thousand and one other subjects open to study selection can be left to depend upon the inclination and capacity of the individual, as also upon the nature of the particular career in view.

The idea that campanology as a form of art and science should be included in a general scheme of education may not be appreciated in some quarters. But it is so intimately connected with the active work of the Christian Church that one is tempted to claim a place for it as some handmaid to the enlightening of people to the functions of the Church and to the vital qualities of Christianity.

Conjure up in mind the thousands of towers spread over the country from which the bells ring out their call to Christian worship, witnessing Sunday by Sunday to the message of the Church to a more than half-pagan people. What could be more desirable than that the people should not only hear—as willy nilly they do—but answer the call to submit themselves to that spiritual instruction which brings 'the larger heart, the kindlier hand, the love of Truth and Right, the common love of Good'?

Now through the efforts of the Essex Association the County Council's Further Education Committee has agreed to co-operate in bringing the subject of campanology into the local realm of education, and the experiment is about to be launched of a week-end course of theoretical, historical and practical instruction. This may only result in a small beginning, but it is a great venture of faith and could hold the promise of being the first step in an extensive campaign. We are glad to note that 'The Church Times' has given a little publicity to this and shall await with interest the report of this attempt to gain for campanology wider official recognition. The Essex Association—all credit to it — has taken the initiative which may give other guilds and associations the impetus to approach their own county education authorities for securing similar co-operation.

For all the greater interest, however, which may be forthcoming and more ringers as a consequence from the general public, it could be wished that these courses might be brought to the particular attention of many of the clergy to their profit. The belfry can be a more far reaching pulpit than that which faces the man in the pew; and it is the 'man in the street' we want to capture.

Something is being done, we believe, in a few theological colleges to provide that prospective parish priests may be knowledgeable about the bells in their towers and the art of ringing them, as well as of the functions of the ringing guilds and associations. But that does not touch the large numbers of non-ringing clergymen who have not had such opportunities and who in their parishes to-day are without that knowledge which would give them a closer understanding of bell-ringers', especially change ringers', aims; also of the conditions upon which ringers are dependent for achieving those aims.

Any sort of unintelligent tolerance of ringers, sometimes tinged with amusement at their apparently curious fascinations, is to be deplored and it is not uncommon. While ringers are often chided for ignoring the services of the Church the truth would seem to be that they are far less in many a parson's scheme of things than, say, his choir. Nothing needs emphasising more than that the parish priest's association with his ringers should be on the highest level, even if he cannot handle a bell. His regular, interested presence in the belfry would at least gain him an understanding of what should or should not be done while ringing is in progress and help to prevent disagreements, as well as many silly and unfortunate incidents—such as the vicar hammering on the belfry door during the last stages of a peal and, after the consequent breakdown, announcing that he had only just been able to get there to offer them welcome!

But let ringers themselves, as they have rejoiced to add campanology to their education, be careful to ensure that their own enthusiasm does not do harm to their cause. Reasoning power and the cultivation of restraint should certainly be an outcome of educational development. It must not, therefore, be assumed that everyone likes the sound of bells, however well they may be rung, or that everyone will tolerate them patiently where the tower is in close proximity and the radio programme has, on that account perhaps, to be foregone. Practice nights there must be, and peal attempts, no doubt, from time to time, but let the former be always within reasonable limits and the latter—duly notified beforehand where possible—within reasonable hours, especially where the tower stands amid business or built-up areas.

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Difficult it may be indeed to foresee a time when the general public shall be so educated about campanology that ringers will always meet smiling faces and kind inquiries after their progress and achievements, when no protests shall be heard, and there will not be enough bells for all who rush to learn the art. But what we do wish to foresee and pray for is the day when all and sundry are taking well to heart the message of the pealing Sunday bells as their Saviour's call through His Church to come and learn and understand the true way of life at the Throne of Grace.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	9
HENRY H. FEARN	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
A. PATRICK CANNON	6	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 300th peal together. The conductor's first peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman as conductor.
Rung for the enthronement of the Right Rev. John Leonard Wilson, Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. MASON	7
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	9
*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	4	*A. RONALD LING	10
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	5	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	11
*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

ROYDEN DAVIES	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	8
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	3	CYRIL J. WATTS	9
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL	10
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	11
JOHN HILL	6	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	8
SIDNEY G. RICHES	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
JOHN M. STALLARD	5	ALLAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 33. Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	†HENRY G. KEELEY	6
*DAVID HOARE	2	*DONALD E. LEE	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	8
VICTOR SAVAGE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
HENRY J. SANGER	5	ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*MARGARET A. BAILEY	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	6
LEONARD TREVOR	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	JOE THORNLEY	6
*ERNEST MOORES	2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	7
JOAN CARTER	3	IVAN KAY	8
*FRED PRITCHARD	4	JAMES CARTER	9
NORMAN TOMPKINS	5	*ERIC CASTERTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES CARTER.
* First peal on ten bells.
An in memoriam peal for the father of the tenor ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
*ROGER HEYWOOD	2	†JOHN M. JELLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PETER J. THOMAS	4	WM. THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Christopher John, son of the 4th ringer.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	PETER BORDER	7
*JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 500th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	PETER BORDER	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
*FRED JACKSON	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	ALAN FEVER	6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
ROY DUESBURY	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutoes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROSEMARY JARRET	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	GEORGE DAVIS	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Over, daughter of the treble ringer.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
ANTHONY AGER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*BARRY W. BARTON	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS HARRISON	5
HAROLD HAYNES	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
VICTOR A. PERRY	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	7
*A. JOHN HOBLEY	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

ROBERT G. FISHER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
Rung for the Induction service, also a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	PHILIP H. SPECK	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*ROLAND BENISTON	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	CURZON CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Stedman. The fastest peal on the bells.
A birthday peal for Mrs. Seal, the donor of the bells. Also to the ringer of the 6th. A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. John A. L. Thompson.

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QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John F. Bryant	*Treble*	Vernon Bottomley	5
*Vivien Copping	2	Roy Mann	6
*Sheila Taylor	3	Robert E. Moulds	7
Geoffrey Ingham	4	Sam Longbottom	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Sam Longbottom.
* First peal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Harold Huxley	5
Frederick G. Nurden	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
R. Roger Savory	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
C. Arthur Manning	4	E. Trevor Newbury	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Major on these bells.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt.

Edward F. Connock	*Treble*	Walter Stephens	5
Marjorie Legg	2	†Ronald D. Short	6
*Cecil F. Clarke	3	George Prescott	7
William F. J. Cope	4	Kenneth Medway	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*Jeanette M. Winchester	*Treble*	Richard E. Price	5
Alfred J. Clayton	2	Ralph Bird	6
*Kathleen E. Weller	3	Michael V. Chilcott	7
John E. Chilcott	4	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Frederick S. Smith	*Treble*	Jack Berry	5
Alfred Greenough	2	James P. Blond	6
Harry W. Badger	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Ernest Garrard	4	*Douglas Bosley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Stedman.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Raymond G. Burton	*Treble*	Mrs. P. Lewington	5
Cyril J. Hibbert	2	William Hibbert	6
Michael Bishop	3	Alfred Webb	7
George W. Bishop	4	William H. Rampton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred Webb.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Janet M. Spurgin	*Treble*	Mrs. Leslie Mills	5
*Stuart T. Hume	2	Donald L. Mills	6
Herbert W. Webb	3	Leslie D. Mills	7
Bertie J. Webb	4	Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
In memoriam Frederick Ridgwell, who was a close friend of the local company.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Gerald B. Evans	*Treble*	†Frank Lewis	5
†Peter Nash	2	‡Roy F. Brewer	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Thomas H. Tocock	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
A PEAL OF 5088 WATH DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

John Savage	*Treble*	William Pratt	5
John T. Dunwoody	2	William Hall	6
Harry Brown	3	Thomas E. Smeltzer	7
Jean Stewart	4	Fred E. Dukes	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Harry Brown.
25th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band and first in Ireland.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William Pratt, President of the Association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry Wingrove	*Treble*	Arthur Newton	5
Percy Newton	2	William Welling	6
Dorothy R. Fletcher	3	Anthony E. Cox	7
*Kathleen E. Fletcher	4	Roland Biggs	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry Wingrove.
* 250th peal.
Arranged and rung as a 25th anniversary peal for D. R. and K. E. Fletcher, who rang their first peal together on October 6th, 1928.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Cyril H. Finch	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	George W. Holland	6
Edmund E. Pearson	3	Edgar J. Smith	7
George F. Burton	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Hollis' Five-part. Tenor 23 cwt.

*Victor Ambrose	*Treble*	Maurice T. Symonds	5
Rosemary Seebrook	2	Frederick Boreham	6
Stedman H. Symonds	3	Samuel Twitchett	7
Frederick F. Mortlock	4	Leonard C. Offord	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stedman H. Symonds.
* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOY M. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	ARTHUR CATTELL	5
CHARLES CATTELL	2	*JOHN E. COOK	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	MAVIS WHITEHEAD	7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal on eight bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	3	PETER KINDRED	7
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* 25th peal.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JACK BAILEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
ALBERT THOMPSON	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
EDWARD F. GOBEY	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in method by all the band. Also first peal for the Association.
Rung to commemorate the coming-of-age of Miss Joan Baxter, niece of the ringer of the 4th, also granddaughter of Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*E. JOHN WELLS	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	*ROLAND W. MORANT	6
JEAN M. HARRIS	3	*GORDON P. T. PETERS	7
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Superlative. 100th peal of Major as conductor.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	HARRY TURNER	6
*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Double Norwich.



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SEVEN BELL PEAL

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	*Treble*	B. W. M. Cowper (Trin. Hall)	4
R. D. Edge (Queens')	2	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's.)	5
R. Beaumont (Selwyn)	3	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	6
F. E. Roberts (Selwyn)	*Tenor*		

Composed by John Holt (rearranged). Conducted by F. E. Roberts.
Rung after meeting short for Major on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

Robert Crook	*Treble*	Richard Rainford	4
Frank Hornby	2	Anthony Hornby	5
Herbert Rainford	3	Richard Hornby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Rainford.
Rung as a seventh wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Rainford.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Pte. P. G. Butler	*Treble*	*Harold Oliver	4
†Mrs. G. R. G. Butler	2	George R. G. Butler	5
*John Graham	3	George Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. G. Butler.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Mrs. M. S. Snowling	*Treble*	†G. A. Sutherland	4
Walter Kerrison	2	Reginald J. Darch	5
Margot Thompson	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung as a welcome home to the ringer of the 4th on return from the Forces, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Jarvis, of Southwold.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Graham Pratt	*Treble*	Winifred M. Elliot	4
John Church	2	Derek P. Jones	5
Harold Heathfield	3	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, ten different callings.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Raymond Brown	*Treble*	James H. Gwilliam	4
Frank R. Barnett	2	Fred C. Pugh	5
Walter H. Raxter	3	Cecil Deakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Raxter.
* First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*John Vernon	*Treble*	*Roy Hall (15)	4
*Christine Stratford (13)	2	Michael E. Brown	5
*Rita Stratford (15)	3	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.
Rung for the Dedication Festival.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur W. Davis	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
C. William Nutt	2	Geoffrey J. Lewis	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
The first peal on the bells after being restored by John Taylor and Co.
Rung for the commemoration of all the faithful departed; especially for Lieut.-General Sir Edward Hopton, K.C.B., Lady Clare Ellen Hopton, Diana Caroline Hopton, Captain Guy William Hopton, and Edward Michael Hopton.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of London, York, Bourne, Netherseale, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Peter J. Came	*Treble*	Frank L. Harris	4
Howard W. Egglestone	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Jean M. Harris	3	Harry Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Eleven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Mrs. H. L. Parfrey	*Treble*	Harold L. Parfrey	4
Roger O. Fry	2	*Edward F. Connock	5
*Walter Starr	3	†Albert F. Butt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold L. Parfrey.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor.
First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation, and the first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to mark the completion of 25 years as Rector of the parish by the Rev. Archibald Jones, M.A.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	George W. Moody	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Harry Hall	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	3	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

George E. Catton	*Treble*	Robert E. Lester	4
Alan G. Fever	2	Ronald W. Steward	5
John S. Wybrew	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. J. JACKSON	*Treble*	JOHN J. TAYLOR	4
ERNEST J. PADGETT	2	FRANK LAMB	5
JOHN WARDLE	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's.

DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	*RONALD FORSTER	4
JOAN BUSSEY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
THOMAS PRICE	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 5 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 10080 MINOR
Being three extents each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two extents of St. Clement's.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
ALAN G. FEVER	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
Longest length by all.
Rung in memoriam to the 'fallen' of both world wars.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	*ALAN COOKE	3
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	2	†GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled on the Eve of Remembrance Sunday.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 448 Reverse; 320 each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, 288 Wellington, 224 Crayford Little Bob, and 1,472 Plain Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

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Members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association enjoyed their annual week-end at Bournemouth. A peal was rung at Ringwood on November 7th, and on the following Sunday ringing took place at St. Peter's and St. John's, Bournemouth. A call was made to ring at Malmesbury on their way home.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To-morrow, the anniversary of the Queen's wedding, there will be a television broadcast from the Imperial Institute. The Master-elect of the College Youths, Mr. John Chilcott, will probably speak.

Miss J. M. Weddell, who rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary-atte-Bow on Remembrance Day, received special congratulations from the band on passing her finals as a medical practitioner.

Oxford Diocesan Guild ringers planned a peal attempt at St. Leonard's Church, Watlington, on St. Leonard's Day. Unfortunately, a few days before the tenor clapper at Watlington snapped. The attempt, which was successful, was transferred to Kirtlington at short notice.

The ringers who took part in the peal on the restored bells at Dunkerton, Somerset, on November 4th would like to put on record their appreciation of the hospitality of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Jones, who entertained them to supper in the Rectory on completion of the peal.

An old friend of ringers, Rev. G. H. Perman, lately of St. Andrew's, Holborn, has been appointed Vicar of Ealing. He hopes to meet Middlesex ringers at St. Mary's on November 21st at 6 p.m., when a South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild is to be held.

Many of the company present at the Jasper Snowdon dinner, recently held in Sheffield, commented on the name cards, beautifully written in Old English lettering by the wife of Mr. H. O. Chaddock, one of the organisers of the dinner. Several who visited Sheffield for the dinner have expressed appreciation of the excellent week-end ringing facilities organised by Mr. J. E. Turley.

The Lord Bishop of Southwark unveiled a peal plaque for the Coronation in the ringing room at Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, on Sunday, October 25th, during morning service. Mr. L. H. Ford, G.M. (tower warden), introduced to the Bishop the following members of All Saints', Fulham Society: Messrs. H. Gage (conductor), R. Sanders, J. Stevenson, J. Allsop, R. Linsell, Mrs. C. Watts and Capt. H. Ellis, and also Mr. D. Burnett (Cornwall). The peal was 5,040 Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon.

Mr. Alfred J. Clayton, now 75 years of age, rang his first peal for 18 years at Beddington on November 7th.

In connection with the nation-wide appeal this week for Westminster Abbey the bells are being rung daily each evening from 5 to 6.

'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, has now reached its sixteenth issue. The current issue contains a description of All Saints', Staplehurst, and two methods given are London Victory Delight and Highbury Bob Major. Throughout the winter months combined practices will be held on the second Wednesday at different towers in the eastern half of the district.

We welcome to our quarter peal columns the first on the bells at Rushden, Northants, since the recent augmentation and rehanging to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. There were three first quarter peals by members of the local band, which is being built up from scratch with the help of friends from Higham Ferrers. At the moment Sunday service ringing is confined to Grandsire Doubles and call changes.

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GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF GRAMOPHONE RECORDS FOR BELLS — IMPORTANT RESTORATIONS IN LONDON — CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND NON-TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP

THE veneration and affection with which the Ancient Society of College Youths is held was demonstrated by the strong support that was given to the 316th anniversary dinner held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, was received in the customary way, being escorted to his seat by the senior steward, Mr. J. E. Chilcott, and the junior steward, Mr. C. J. Watts.

During an excellent meal the Master took wine with the company on the call of Mr. A. A. Hughes. The veterans were well represented. When the call to take wine with those of over 60 years' membership was given there stood up Messrs. Richard Stannard (63 years), Isaac Emery (62) and W. T. Elson (61). Those with over 50 years' membership who were similarly honoured were Messrs. W. H. Pasmore (58), Caleb Fenn (57), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (56), G. N. Price (56), Ernest G. Fenn (54), Joseph S. Hawkins (52), Henry Hodgetts (52), A. B. Peck (52) and Albert A. Hughes (51).

About one-third of the company stood up when those who had rung a peal with the Master were honoured.

After the toast of 'The Queen,' the Master, in submitting that of 'The Church,' said strictly to speak of 'the Church' was to refer to a divine society which was world wide. Their thoughts that evening were probably directed to the Church in this land and not unnaturally, for it was in the church towers of England that the art of change ringing had been developed more than anywhere else in Christendom.

SERVING THE CHURCH

True there were a few secular buildings which possessed a ring of bells, but he would not be at all optimistic concerning the welfare of the Ringing Exercise if ringing was confined to those bells. Opportunities for practice would be few and far between and he could not visualise that the same spirit of keenness and enthusiasm would exist as it did to-day among the ringers who felt that they were serving their Church.

On various occasions, such as ringers' services, they had had explained to them the many uses of church bells. They were told that they were rung to call people to the church services. In olden times probably this idea was correct, but nowadays, when everyone possessed a watch or clock, this might seem to be an unnecessary measure. Personally he preferred to look on the ringing of bells as a part of the service, just as much as the choir and organ.

'With this point of view in mind I fail to see why certain incumbents, happily very much in the minority, can think fit to install these sets of imitation bells in their churches. Surely nothing short of the real thing is good enough to play a part in the church service.

'Maybe there is an explanation. I have been told that in olden days church bells were rung as a medium to drive away evil spirits, and if those who are responsible for causing these gramophones to blare forth from their church roofs have that purpose in view, then I am sure that you will agree that they have chosen a very good instrument for their job.'

RESTORATIONS IN LONDON

They were all happy to note that real bell restoration work was going ahead all over the country, and at last the ringers of London were beginning to reap a little benefit from this. During the war the majority of London bells were lost and those left were not in very good going order.

A year ago that day the grand ring of ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was reopened after



THE MASTER, MR. F. E. COLLINS

a complete restoration, and shortly after that a new ring of eight was restored at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East. He understood that the ring of eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, would be ready to ring at Christmas and also the twelve at St. Giles', Cripplegate, by Easter. They congratulated the church officers on the success of their efforts to put their bells and belfries in good order (applause). They liked to think of themselves as servants and workers of the Church and they hoped that there would never be lacking a succession of trained ringers to man the church towers or churchpeople who valued their bells.

The Rev. W. O. Cosgrove, Rector of Brasted, who was the guest of Mr. E. H. Lewis, replied, and said that the whole atmosphere of that gathering was tremendously impressive. The fact that their lighting of the Master was by two candlesticks which were used by the Duke of Wellington in the Waterloo campaign he found, as a schoolmaster who tried to teach history for 80 terms, most impressive. The Duke was inspecting a battalion of new recruits and at the conclusion commented: 'I don't know what effect they will have on the enemy, but, by God, they frighten me' (laughter).

The presence of so many ringers of the Victorian days that evening and the tremendous sense of atmosphere.. brotherhood and hospitality that prevailed was most welcome in this war-weary world of theirs. He was glad the Master referred to ringing as part of the service of the Church, and he hoped that view was shared by every member of the Society.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who recalled that he had his first lesson in bell-ringing on his 15th birthday from a farm worker named Henry Cox. He had had the honour of being a member of the Ancient Society for 56 years and it occurred to him what a great difference there was in ringing in the 56 years before he joined and the 56 years since. When he joined the Society there had been no occasion to ring for a Coronation for the whole of those 56 preceding years. As a boy at school at Lyme Regis he heard the bells rung for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887.

At the time of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria he found the advantage it was to be a College Youth. He wrote to Mr. Cockerill and asked him if he could have an opportunity to ring or to get a sight of the procession. He was able to take part in the ringing at Southwark Cathedral and saw Her Majesty come over Waterloo Bridge. In the present century they had had four Coronations and the Silver Jubilee of King George V., and previous to that his silver wedding, and had passed through two wars.

As they knew in the second war they were bombed out of their headquarters at the Coffee Pot and also from the premises of Mr. Langdon. The Society then found a refuge in the Whitechapel Foundry under whose hospitable roof they had remained ever since. He very much admired the work of the College Youths in these days, and he was sure when they saw a number of brilliant young ringers taking their part in the affairs of the Society that its future was well assured.

TWO SECRETARIES IN 63 YEARS

A great reception was accorded Mr. Alfred Peck, the secretary of the Society, when he rose to reply. He said there was something about the College Youths that got into one's blood, but there would soon come a time when he would have to give up and a younger man be elected as their secretary. They had two secretaries in 63 years, and if his successor should be a young man there was a possibility that they would have three in 100 years. Much of his work was done by Mr. Hughes and his dear wife and they did thank them for their continued hospitality.

The Society had held 13 business meetings during the year. They had been to Liverpool where they had a very great welcome, to Henfield, Bromley and Croydon. In addition they had 37 practices. They rang 26 peals in the following methods: Yorkshire Maximus and Royal, Cambridge Maximus, Royal and Minor, London Royal, Bristol Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Spliced Minor, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples. Some of these peals had been rung by their young members and he was very proud of them. It gave him great pleasure to see that they were getting the right type of young fellow into their Society.

He called the members' attention to the resolution passed by the Church Assembly the previous day deprecating the use of gramophone records in place of church bells. He agreed with the Archbishop that these records were a sham. The other day when the Queen Mother went to the Mansion House a record made by the Society on the old ten at Bow was played from St. Bride's Church. Such a thing ought to be stopped.

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Mr. Albert Walker (Master of the St. Martin's Guild), Mr. Duffield (Sudbury), Mr. G. E. Symonds (who wrote that his certificate was dated February 5th, 1898, and an East Anglian, Walter Prime, was then Master), Mr. G. H. Cross, Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths (who was recovering from an attack of bronchitis), Mr. Rowland Fenn and Mr. K. S. B. Croft.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS DINNER (Continued)

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected during the past year:—

R. E. Scudamore (Llandilo), W. Richings and L. R. G. Taylor (Bristol), W. White (Appleton), R. A. Higgins (Wincanton), A. A. Potts (Macclesfield), F. H. Bennett (Shrewsbury), R. W. Morant (Guildford), F. Hunt (Ashtead), H. E. Ellis (Surbiton), R. B. Meadows (Bournemouth), D. J. F. Oakshott (Epsom), A. K. Street and E. H. Smith (Shiplake), G. Prescott (Weston), H. L. Parfrey (Corston), R. G. Hooper and E. Sutton (Bristol), I. W. Taylor and K. Abbott (Rochdale), F. Pritchard (Oldham), R. G. Lay (Hampton), W. F. J. Cope (Bath), G. R. Eyles (Box, Wilts), G. J. Hawkins (Bath), A. G. Winn (Streatham), C. H. Meers (Blackheath), A. Smith (Rochdale), B. K. Lunn (London), E. F. Shearn and M. J. Horseman (Nailsea), E. H. Langley (Wokingham), C. A. Benn (Reading), J. V. Donaldson (Victoria, B.C.), R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), A. Hibbert (Chapel-en-le-Frith), T. C. Larky (Liverpool), T. Rogers (Wallasey), F. S. Almond (Woolton), T. W. Hammond (Aintree), T. Lee (Liverpool), F. C. Price (Feltham), E. F. Packham (Henfield), F. G. Nurden (Evesham), A. R. Peake (Swindon), M. Bishop (East Hagbourne), W. E. Allman (Runcorn), B. Jones (Stockport), R. N. Marlow (Fordingbridge), C. M. P. Johnson (Accrington), H. G. Keeley and R. Keeley (Lyme Regis), R. P. Crump (Wood Green), J. W. Whittaker (Macclesfield), B. E. W. Colley and W. A. Farmer (Shrewsbury), D. J. Kirby (Bromley), J. Thornley (Bolton), N. Smith (Burnley), N. Thompkins (Pendlebury), R. P. Wood (Worthing), G. J. Hurrell (Eltham), G. H. Clift (Beeston), J. R. Ketteringham (Alfold), S. A. Jesson (Leicester), I. Trueman (Bristol), D. Burnett (Cornwall), F. Wills (Exeter), B. F. Pidgeon (East Budleigh), C. C. Deem (Exmouth), J. L. S. Glanvill and F. Wreford (Exeter), E. W. Rowe (Sidmouth).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as the following who died in 1953 were remembered:—

Fred Hindle, Charles Williams, Charles Edwards, George Jones, Harry Overton, Percy Webb, Fred Cotton, Sidney Ansell, W. J. Baldwin, Percy Stevenson, Henry Stovell, Robert Sperring, Sidney Rackham, James Backhouse, John Blakiston, Joseph Broadley, John Glew, Henry Harding, William Symonds, William Ford, James Denner, George Dawson, Thomas Werrett, John Smith, E. A. G. Allen, Ernest Parker, Walter Cliff, Sidney Palmer, C. H. Perry, Walter Warwick, W. H. T. King, Cecil Baker, William Chalk, George Martin, Arthur Sturman, Edwin Hooper, Harry Wood, Joseph Hough, J. T. Miller, Frederick Souter, Herbert Halford.

Sidney Wiltshire, Robert Edwards, Roger Atkinson, Percy Smith, Frederick Crook, George Leader, Alfred Nichols, Miss M. E. Thorpe, Wilfred Hooton, George W. Cartmel, Harry Miller, Jack Rance, Herbert Holden, T. J. Hamlin, Walter Perkins, O. Warner, Tom Arrow, A. R. Wilson, William Bacon, William Watkins, Alick Haynes, Walter Wallington, Fred Lasbury, Alfred Swan, George R. Newton, Tom F. Coles, Wilfred Matthews, Ernest Gosden, George Lancaster, Walter Ladd, G. A. Blaxcell, William Rees, George Lawrence, Harry Scoffin, C. Brasier, William Bunch, W. Townsend, Frederick Ridgwell, Frederick Reeves, Joseph Waite.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was submitted by Mr. E. H. Lewis. He welcomed the Rector of Brasted and mentioned it was in his tower on November 5th, 1937, that the only peal was rung for the tercentenary of the Society, the Revs. Dr. Perkins, E. G. Turner, H. J. Fynes-Clinton and L. Brewster, and the representative of the Cumberlands, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was son and grandson of famous ringers. Representatives of the territorial associations were present from all parts of the country.

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Lewis stated that he had been a resident member of many of these associations. The first was the Midland Counties, he having learnt to handle a bell at Trowell and one of his first pupils was Mr. Ted Gobey. In 1904 he migrated to Lancashire and lived for two years in the same road as his old friend, Mr. George R. Newton. He spent 10 years at Widnes, where he told the Police Guild he was 'a copper refiner'! Later he was with the Chester Guild at Frodsham, and in 1905 at Shrewsbury, where he joined the Salop Guild.

In 1914 the war sent him to Scotland, where he became a resident member of the Scottish Association. In 1929 he was called to Kent and received a very great welcome from the Kent County Association. During the war he was evacuated to Buckinghamshire and joined the Oxford Guild, and now he had transferred to the Hertfordshire Association. To all the kindred societies he extended the best wishes of the Ancient Society for their future welfare.

In that week's 'Ringing World' there was a letter about electoral reform and he was not sure that he was altogether in favour of the view put forward. 'I don't like to express a definite opinion without careful study, but I am quite sure that the Central Council would not be worth anything if it did not contain elected members of their Society, which was one of the founder members. Their Society took the main part in the foundation of the Central Council, and anything which kept out the representatives of the Society would be very much to the detriment of the Council.

'I think also there is something for university bodies having their own representatives. If there had been no university members I should not have been a member of the Central Council and would certainly not have been in a position to undertake a complicated piece of mathematical research which I did for the Council.'

Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, replied and recalled his ringing experiences when he first came to London 45 years ago.

The toast of 'The Press' was entrusted to Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, whose collection of extracts referring to ringing delighted the company. In a reference to 'The Ringing World' he said at the Central Council meeting he brought forward a motion that for each peal or quarter peal rung there should be a contribution to 'The Ringing World' of one shilling. That was defeated. In the debate it was pointed out that the journal would be placed on a firm basis if there were another 1,000 postal subscribers. He asked if every member of the Society was doing his best to get those new subscribers. 'We have this paper which we value so much, and unless we do something about it we may lose it altogether.'

Since his motion he had kept a fairly close watch on the donations from peal and quarter peal ringers. He did not think the contributions from peal ringers were good enough.

The Editor, Mr. T. W. White, acknowledged the toast.

FRAGRANT MEMORIES

In the absence of Mr. E. Alexander Young, the toast of 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was given by Mr. A. A. Hughes from the MSS. Mr. Young had prepared.

In 1653 the Master was William Bishop, the son of Richard Bishop, who was Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons. He succeeded his father to that office.

John Cundell was Master in 1753 and he rang 25 peals, of which he conducted five. His first peal was on the old ten at Cripplegate, when he and Thomas Fernyhaugh rang the tenor to 5,094 Grandsire Caters. This was the first occasion on which a bell was rung double handed to a peal. He rang the seventh to a peal of Bob Triples on the old eight at St. Saviour's, Southwark. On that occasion three men were needed to ring the 49 cwt. tenor. He rang the tenor with assistance to Bob Major for the first peal on the bells of Canterbury Cathedral. He rang the 11th and conducted the first peal of Double Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's. During Cundell's term of office as Master, Annable rang in 6,080 Bob Major at St. George's-in-the-East, his last peal with the Society.

Charles Balle, who was Master in 1853, joined the Society in 1839, the same year as Robert Haworth. The year he joined some silver medals were struck to celebrate the bicentenary of the Society. Haworth received one of these medals, but Balle did not.

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes delighted the company with her handbell selections. She was accompanied by Mrs. Tom Lock.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, E. G. Turner, H. J. Fynes-Clinton, Dr. Perkins and L. Brewster, Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Sharpe, A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald, R. Meadows, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, P. Clark, F. Dunkerley, J. Worth, W. Allman, B. Jones, S. Dearden, R. Edwards, V. Savage, W. H. Coles, J. Dyke.

F. Smallwood, A. Rose, E. Jenkins, J. Bibby, G. Massey, S. Parry, J. H. Jones, S. Mason, F. Haynes, W. Osborn, C. Martin, T. Borcham, J. Hawkins, W. Cook, L. Reece, F. Bennett, Tomlin, P. Woodgyer, D. Parsons, E. Macintosh and J. Sansom.

J. Chilcott, M. Chilcott, B. Lunn, H. Parsons, D. Fowles, J. Hill, N. Diserens, W. Butler, J. Birt, H. Bishop, T. Townsend, L. Barry, W. Hughes, D. Hughes, B. Brighty, A. Richards, D. Kirby, A. Winn, T. Waugh, H. Weaver, I. Emery, J. Prior.

B. Threlfall, G. Cecil, T. Fox, L. Fox, H. Thompson, G. Meers, J. Cannell, R. Cousins, E. Owen, H. Marwick, R. Wilson, G. Fearn, S. O'Shaughnessy, W. Oatway, R. Lathbury, P. Davis, E. Nash, R. Bell, H. Ellis, D. Langdon, H. Weedon, W. Elson, Elson, jun.

C. Glenn, D. Smith, W. Smith, P. Hull, J. Relf, A. Mason, T. Blow, R. Davies, T. Myers, F. Myers, I. Trueman, Trueman, sen., R. Bowden, R. Hooper, J. Stallard, A. Tyler, C. Benn, V. Cherrill, C. Lewington, J. Phillips, H. Belcher, R. Deal, C. Watts, W. Pasmore, G. Price, H. Hodgetts, D. Clift, W. Williams.

F. Skidmore, A. Hilliar, L. Derrick, A. Beard, C. Fenn, S. Holgate, J. Ford, W. G. Cook, L. Tidy, W. Grice, C. Norris, Ketteringham, W. Rawlings, J. Willis, R. Norris, J. Weller, F. Budgen, C. Wardell, Holgate, sen., R. Stannard, E. Fenn, H. Ranzetta, J. Bullock and T. W. White.

IRISH PRESIDENT'S 70th BIRTHDAY

In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Pratt, President of the Irish Association, a peal of Wath Delight Major was rung at Holywood on November 7th. After the peal the band and other friends were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, and a birthday cake, adorned with bells, was cut.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Barber) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pratt for their hospitality, and presented Mr. Pratt with a combined church hymnal and prayer book, suitably inscribed and also signed by the band.

Mr. Pratt, in thanking the band, mentioned how pleased he was at the success of the peal, which was the first in the method in Ireland.

Messrs. H. Brown and J. T. Dunwoody also paid tribute to Mr. Pratt's work for the Association.

After tea there was handbell ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GAVE INVASION WARNING

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 23rd you state that you doubt if any other lady ringer had the distinction of ringing the bells during the invasion scare of 1940. I should like to couple Miss E. Landon's name with that of Mrs. Welton.

Miss Landon is the daughter of the late Rev. Canon Guy Landon, Rector of Alverstoke, and was a member of St. Mary's band. She rang the sixth on that never-to-be-forgotten-night while a warning was in operation. I well remember hearing the bells of other churches in the borough being tolled.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. NOBES.
St. Mary's, Alverstoke.

SCALE OF COMPARISON

Dear Sir,—I do not believe ringers of Major and higher methods fully appreciate the skill required in multi-method peals of Doubles and Minor. Comparison is difficult, but I wonder if any reader could assess the number of different Minor or Doubles methods that would be the equivalent to a peal of, say, Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Many years ago an attempt was made to assess the relative merits of different types of peals, but the table did not give credit to Minor ringers and their many methods. The word minor must not be confused with something inferior to major, as the strain of a multi-method peal is certainly the equivalent to some of the major Surprise performances.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. FLUTTERS.
Boston.

350 CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether Mr. Percy Johnson, in his reference to the late George Bolland at the Snowdon dinner as the possessor of 350 clocks, has confused him with another Yorkshire ringer. Mr. Arthur West, of Cottingham, who died, I would say, within the last ten years, and who, at the time of his death, owned a similar number of clocks.

He was, I believe, a man of independent means, and in the early 1930's employed a very gifted young ringer, Derek Sharp, to assist him in the daily task of winding and maintaining them.

In 1936 Derek came this way for a week's holiday, during which he rang three peals, two on tower bells and one 'in hand,' which made him decide not to return home. He obtained employment locally, and was a valued member of Crayford tower until the outbreak of war.

On more than one occasion Derek told me that Mr. West's clocks were all housed in one large room, and the noise made by their ticking can well be imagined. Nevertheless, this did not prevent Mr. West, Derek, Colin Hopper (now of Guildford) and his brother Alan meeting regularly in the same room for handbell practice!

Derek Sharp joined the R.A.F. early in the war, and in due course was sent to America for training, during which he received a great deal of publicity, both in America and over here through falling out of an aeroplane and managing, by a million to one chance, to grab the tail and hang on until he was brought safely to earth by the pilot.

He was reported missing after a raid on Germany in 1944, and nothing has been heard of him since.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

NON-TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Sir,—In the introduction to my article of last week you inadvertently stated that I want the abolition of all non-territorial associations. This is farthest from my thoughts. I merely consider that they should not have representation on the Central Council. — Yours faithfully, JACK R. WORRALL.
Woking.

P.S.—I am myself a member of three non-territorial associations.

PEALS AT UPPER CLAPTON

Dear Sir,—Between 1922 and 1938 I have recorded the following peals at Upper Clapton:
Mar. 30th, 1922, Stedman Triples.
Aug. 18th, 1923, Stedman Triples.
Feb. 27th, 1929, London Surprise Major.
Nov. 22nd, 1930, Bristol Surprise Major.
Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.
Southampton.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the query by Mr. C. F. Neal, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, in which I had the pleasure of taking part, was rung at St. Matthew's on November 22nd, 1930, conducted by William Pye. Peal No. 2239, Middlesex County Association, 33rd annual report.—Yours faithfully, F. G. NASH.
London, N.22.

UNDER INSURANCE OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—The under insurance of churches can be a very serious matter in the case of partial damage as well as total loss.

It may not be generally known that insurance companies will only pay a percentage of any claim unless the property is fully covered. In the case quoted by Miss Cross, where bells valued at £2,000 are insured for £400, only 20 per cent. of any damage to these bells could be claimed.—Yours truly,

C. A. LEVETT.
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SHORT

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of Mr. Ernest Morris, the late William Short was appointed instructor to the Hereford Guild in 1902 and each winter visited the diocese until the outbreak of the first world war.

His total of 126 peals for the Guild was as follows: Doubles, Grandsire 56 (conducted 39); Minor, one to seven methods 26 (13); Triples, Grandsire 25 (22), Stedman 15 (8); Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich 3 (1); and one handbell peal of Grandsire Triples.

These were rung in 64 towers as far afield as Merthyr Tydfil, Welshpool, Brecon, Ross-on-Wye, Ledbury, Bridgnorth, Builth Wells, etc. This was before the Swansea and Brecon Guild was formed. The peals contained a large quantity of 'firsts.'

It was a fitting tribute when he died in 1950 that four Hereford Guild members should join Worcester Association ringers in a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich at Old Swinford, near Stourbridge.

Another ringer who did great work for beginners was Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay-on-Wye, who probably rang more peals of Doubles than any ringer. Of his total of 267, no less than 253 were for the Hereford Guild, 158 of which he conducted. His peals of Doubles were about 200, approximately 150 being Grandsire. He cycled thousands of miles helping beginners, and many owe their first peal to him. His death in 1944 was indeed a great loss to ringing.—Yours sincerely, LESLIE EVANS.
Eardisland.

GREAT BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—What a long-felt want is filled by Great Big Bob! This is the kind of sturdy independence that has made Britain what she is!

My fellow-ringers and I have long deplored the want of individuality in ringing, and the appearance of Great Big Bob in your correspondent's letter was eagerly welcomed in our tower. We have since rung it with conspicuous success, and have even ventured to introduce a few improvements of our own, such as firing on the front three bells, while the tenor hunts up to eighths place, which produces a very tasteful effect! We differ, however, from your second correspondent as to the calling of the method. We have found that a single by private agreement in 4–5, as in Stedman, is all that is needed. Dodging is then continued in 4–5, until one of the bells above or below the dodging sees an opportunity to slip through the natural barrier thus caused and force the dodging bells apart, willy-nilly.—Yours faithfully,

DAPHNE R. CASTELL.
Stanton Harcourt, Oxon.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I recall being told that half-muffled ringing was a practice first developed at Rolvenden, Kent, in the 18th century, when that tower had a good band, and that the practice spread gradually until now it is countrywide.

I would be grateful if any reader can confirm or deny this, or can give me any definite information as to where, in fact, half-muffled ringing on solemn occasions did start. Perhaps some reader will be able to quote some authority on the matter and thus clear it up for me. I have been unable to find any reference to this matter anywhere.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
Harwell, Berks.

EXPERT'S VIEWS WANTED ON THE EXCELLENCE OF TENORS

Dear Sir,—It would be of general interest to invite correspondence on the apparent excellence of certain tenor weights, 12 and 15 cwt., 21 and 24 cwt., 30, 33 and 42 cwt., 50, 60, 72 and 84 cwt. (or near). Is it due to progressional weights-cum-diameter-cum-alloy, after the pattern of similarity in magnetism and other similarities in molecular progressions the atomic scale of elements?

Expert views on the matter would be very interesting, I am sure.—Yours sincerely,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.
Sampford Peverell, Devon.

ST. GILES', NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to be able to announce that, after surmounting various difficulties, work has now been commenced by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, on the rehanging of this ring of ten.

At present the bells are being removed by the founders. The existing wooden frame, which, so far as can be recalled, is the original one installed in 1732, is to be entirely removed, and the bells will ultimately be hung in a steel frame at a lower level. Whilst the bells are out certain work is to be undertaken to strengthen the fabric of the tower and the condition of this work will more or less decide when the bells will be rehung.

Several appeals have been made towards the cost of this work, but there is still a balance to be found, and I am sure that the Rector of St. Giles' will be grateful to receive contributions, however small, from any ringer who has enjoyed ringing on these bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. S. ANDERSON, Chairman,
North Staffs Association of Change Ringers.

LETTERS—Continued

CUSTOM AND USAGE

Dear Sir, — Unfortunately Mr. York-Bramble's nether limbs appear to be rather inelastic in connection with his pet subject. I am sorry if I hurt his feelings.

As for his Biblical quotation, may I remind him of a homely little saying about pots and kettles? He has been criticising the C.C. Committee for years: surely they are, collectively, a great deal older and wiser than he.

However, he has a perfect right to criticise them. Equally I, even though 'a comparatively young man' (Mr. George Baker says 'a *very* young man'), am at liberty to express my views, to which I expect an answer and not vague comments on my Christian morality.

He says his conclusions are based on long established custom and usage. Presumably Mr. George Baker and the C.C. Committee use the same sources—strange they should get different answers.

I assume that when he says Grid Analysis is logical he means that he proves his results. How is it that he cannot convince Mr. George Baker and the C.C. Committee? There is no disputing with pure logic if there is agreement as to the basic concepts (i.e. those based on 'custom and usage').

What is the custom and usage in method extension? The only methods of note which were extended in the past were the Plain Bob and Grandsire groups, Oxford and New (Kent) Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise and Double Norwich. I am assured by a member of the committee that London Major is not an extension of the Minor. Many people have always refused to accept Double Norwich Royal as the correct extension of the Major. This does not leave much useful information from which to derive axioms based on 'custom and usage.'

What are Mr. York-Bramble's axioms? Let him cut away all the excess verbiage of Grid Analysis, call a spade a spade and a 'stat' a place, and then perhaps his axioms and their justification will appear.—Your sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON

Dear Sir,—The bells of the Church of St. Lawrence, Bidford-on-Avon, which were cast in the year 1791, have not featured in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' for many years, in fact only one peal has been rung in the last 25 years owing to the bad 'go' and the bells not being in peal form.

They have, however, been rung regularly for Sunday services and occasional practices until a few weeks ago, when it was considered unsafe to ring them in their present condition. Examination by experts confirmed this.

It is hoped to have the present ring of six bells retuned and rehung in an all metal frame with the addition of two treble bells.

An appeal for £1,500 is being made in order that the work may be put in hand as soon as possible. The ringers themselves will try to raise £100 towards this sum.

If any of your readers feel that they would like to support this fund donations would be very gratefully accepted.—Your truly,

A. T. STOREY,
Captain of Ringers.

Steppes Piece, Bidford-on-Avon,
Warwickshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District and Men on Service

The Ashford District held a very successful meeting at Pluckley on November 7th. About 40 members and their friends were present, from Ashford, Bethersden, Biddendon, Brabourne, Folkestone, High Halden, Lydd, Maidstone, Marden, Paddock Wood, Smarden, Willesborough and Wye.

Pluckley, unfortunately, does not now possess a local band, the usual causes having contributed to its break up—deaths and National Service—but the Rector, who is himself a ringer, hopes to be able to recruit a fresh band.

Ringing started about 3 p.m., and carried on until 4.30, when all attended a short service, conducted by the Rector. Then came a sumptuous tea, provided by the hostess of the Black Horse Inn, with tables so liberally stocked with home-made cakes and pastries that even *our* appetites were defeated.

At the short business meeting, which followed the tea, the new District Secretary asked to be excused from reading out the avowed objects of the Association, and then asked all members to welcome those ringers who, although not versed in the higher forms of the art of change ringing, were, nevertheless, always present on Sundays to carry out the *first* object of the Association. He hoped that members who had had more opportunity to advance in the art would assist those less fortunately situated by visiting their towers, and inviting them to their own.

He then asked all members to try to keep in touch with their fellow ringers, whether members or not, who had been called up for service in H.M. Forces. Send them copies of 'The Ringing World,' write to them about ringing happenings—but don't let them feel they are forgotten. In this he was given the powerful support of Mr. John Willis, whilst Miss Godderidge immediately offered to send two copies of 'The Ringing World' weekly to the first addresses given her.

After the election of five new members, the meeting closed, and all returned to the tower to remind the inhabitants of Pluckley that the church still had six bells. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

W. P. G.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held on November 7th at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon. Some fifty-eight ringers attended, including many visitors. Fourteen branch towers were represented. Ringing in a great variety of methods was ably conducted by the Branch Master, Mr. Ryan Price.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Ivor Davies, who welcomed the branch to Caerleon. He was assisted by the Rev. F. A. Oswell (Machen) and the Rev. Ivor Richards (Crumlin).

An excellent tea was provided by the Caerleon ringers in an adjoining hall.

At the business meeting new members were elected from Llanfrechfa, Caerleon and St. Woolos', Newport.

Progress was reported from Caerleon, Peterstone and Bedwellty.

Rumney was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

WEDDINGS

MR. J. E. FOX — MISS PAMELA PEEL

On Saturday, October 31st, a large congregation assembled in the parish church of Walpole St. Andrew, Norfolk, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel.

The bridegroom is well known as the secretary of the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association, and both he and the bride are ringers at this church and also members of the choir.

The service was conducted by Canon A. Lee-Warner (a former Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. J. Scott (Vicar), and Mr. F. Elmer (Lay Reader).

A reception was held in the Parish Hall of Walpole St. Peter, at which the Rev. H. J. Scott, who is President of the Wisbech District, presented the happy couple with a canteen of stainless steel cutlery on behalf of the members, several of whom were present.

St. Andrew's bells were rung both before and after the service, and two quarter peals, one at St. Peter's and one at St. Andrew's, were rung in honour of the event.

MR. B. F. LUMBERS — MISS J. M. CHAPMAN

The wedding took place on November 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Weekley, of Mr. B. F. Lumbers, only son of Mrs. Lumbers and the late Mr. F. Lumbers, of Weekley, to Miss J. M. Chapman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, of Kettering. Both bride and bridegroom are members of the choirs of Warkton and Weekley; the bridegroom is also a member of the Warkton band of ringers. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. H. Voller.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured taffeta dress covered by spotted net, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by the Misses Pamela Lumbers, Janet Twelvetree and Brenda Twelvetree, and Mrs. Sheila Lane (matron of honour). Master Raymond Lane was page boy.

As the couple left the church the bells were 'fired' intermittently with rounds and queens, after which touches were rung.

After the reception in the Village Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Lumbers left for London, where they were to spend their honeymoon.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Zanker 1, E. Littlewood 2, A. Hinman 3, F. J. Williams 4, H. Bell 5, P. A. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Littlewood for his 80th birthday.

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: R. Perry 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, J. L. S. Glanvill 5, J. Quick 6. First in method for all.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Imogen Darrell-Waters (first quarter) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield 7. Rung with the tenor covering. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Beale 1, A. W. Gravett 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. Ades 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, H. W. Woolven 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, G. Bagg 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jack Whitehead, aged 74, for 15 years a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church.

BRISTOL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Oct. 4th, 1,408 Grandsire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler 4, D. Smith (first of Cinques) 5, I. H. Trueman 6, R. Hooper 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. A. Hilliar 9, P. L. Pearce 10, F. Hansford 11, F. C. Mogford 12. Rung for the harvest festival.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Bushell 1, R. E. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor for all except the conductor. Rung with local band as a token of respect (half-muffled) for Christopher Croft, interred earlier in the day.

EASTRY, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. R. Wells 1, W. A. Terry 2, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 3, J. F. Penfold 4, G. E. Ruck 5.

HENDON, N.W.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, J. Parslow 2, Miss Ruth Foreman (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, H. Arnold 6. Rung for the festival of All Saints. Also a welcome from the Mother Church to Frances Elisabeth, younger daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Colls, of St. Mary Magdalene, Holders Hill Road, N.W.4, on her christening.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. R. Worrall 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, Doreen Gibbons (first in two methods) 3, E. R. Warner 4, J. Martin 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to Mr. E. R. Warner.

HORTON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Candleshy, Boxford, St. Simon's, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin's, Welford, Merton, Union, Uppington, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham, Dorton, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Haddiscoe, Fundenhall): A. Cooke 1, Monica Howard 2, R. Shepherd 3, F. Blagrove (cond.) 4, J. Rock 5. Rung on the Eve of Remembrance Sunday.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, N. Mallett 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, O. Woods 3, R. Scudamore (first as cond.) 4, J. Turvey (first quarter) 5, R. Williams 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. O. Woods.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, S. Linnet 2, A. Hubble 3, F. Lewis 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, A. Mansfield (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8. Farewell to the Rev. J. R. Lewis on taking up another appointment.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Bonner (first quarter) 1, E. D. Poole 2, H. Buckingham 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. Rung for All Saints' Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Money (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, W. Eveleigh 4, F. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. Hughes (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the tower captain (3rd ringer).

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, C. Claydon 5, K. C. S. Wood 6. For patronal festival. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, Miss D. Mansfield 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. A. Livings 4, C. Claydon 5, S. Claydon 6. Half-muffled in memoriam George William Cordell, sidesman, interred this day.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Muncy (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Miss M. Roberts (first quarter on eight bells) 2, G. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. Gipson 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, M. Ginn 8. Rung after a peal attempt failed through the tenor rope coming untucked.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Walker (first of Minor) 1, A. A. Upton (first quarter of Minor) 2, R. Tallis 3, J. L. Lightfoot (first quarter of Minor) 4, A. C. Morris 5, D. Harrison (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): D. A. Chapman (cond.) 1, H. Andrews 2, L. G. Marritt 3, L. Rodmell 4, G. Pearcy 5, D. Fewster 6 E. Ives 7, E. Heart 8. First quarter for 7 and 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,080 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret Mills 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, H. E. North 4, H. Woodall 5, F. Fisher 6, C. Wright 7, A. Firth 8, T. C. Ryder 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Longest length of Royal for 1 and 5. For the patronal festival.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman (first quarter) 1, G. Catton (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Fever 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clarke 1, D. Priestley 2, A. Bigley 3, O. Payne 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, G. D. Deighton 7, B. Whitworth 8. First quarter on the bells after augmentation and for 1, 2 and 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Charles Clifton.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, L. W. Fisher 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, G. H. Dunnington 8 covering.

SHILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Dear 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Ormq 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. Rung to mark All Saints' Day and the patronal festival.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Green (first on working bell) 1, I. M. Parry 2, P. E. Parry 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Coleman 6.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Halstead 1, Miss F. Childs 2, D. Short 3, F. C. Mouland 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5, C. E. Daubney 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. S. B. Carey, captain of Stockbridge band.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Nancy Marlew 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, A. Ballard 4, F. K. Measures 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

SUTTON IN THE ISLE.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gimbert 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfit 3, S. Shipp (cond.) 4, J. Robinson 5, R. Peacock 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for evening service.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Kent): W. Knight (first of Minor) 1, E. Fowell 2, J. Rainsford 3, J. Clark (cond.) 4, K. Stacey 5, W. Smith 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Smith 1, Beryl Churchill 2, B. Vine (cond.) 3, H. Churchill 4, G. Uglow 5, R. Perry 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

TWYFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Townsend 1, A. Hodges 2, F. Thorpe 3, G. Gilder 4, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 5, J. Gasgoiyne 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Dobb 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, Miss J. Smith 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: R. King 1, R. Rowley 2, D. K. Adkins 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, W. Wenban 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First in method by all except 6 and 7.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Baughan 1, Miss L. Slade 2, E. Baughan 3, W. Johnson 4, G. J. Hearns 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment for Miss Ruth Gray, a member of the band.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Howard 1, A. Cooke 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. Shepherd 5, J. Rock 6. Rung on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 21st, 1913

BIRMINGHAM AND SHEFFIELD MEET

An interesting incident happened at the opening of Shoreditch bells. During the evening, a party of six ringers from Birmingham visited the tower and found among the large company already in the tower six of their Sheffield friends. It was immediately suggested that they should join in a touch, and an excellent three leads of Treble Twelve were rung by the following: P. O. Laflin (Birmingham) 1, J. Thorp (Sheffield) 2, J. Neal (Birmingham) 3, G. Holmes (Sheffield) 4, T. Mills (Birmingham) 5, J. Evinson (Sheffield) 6, S. Grove (Birmingham) 7, L. Charlesworth (Sheffield) 8, S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) 9, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 10, W. Bridger (Sheffield) 11, J. E. Groves (Birmingham) 12.

All the above ringers are well known to one another, but this meeting was entirely accidental, and it was remarkable that an equal number of men from places as far apart as Birmingham and Sheffield should, without prearrangement, meet together in a touch in a London belfry.

Mr. C. W. King, of 11, Henry Street, Goole, has a '40 Years Ago' memory this week. On November 22nd, 1913, he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. The band consisted of Miss Winifred M. Hague 1, Charles W. King 2, Clement Glenn 3, John W. J. Cottam 4, Thomas Smith 5, Arthur Hague 6, Herbert Rudkin 7, Joseph Drake 8. He is the only one left of the Goole ringers who then participated, although he is delighted to read almost weekly of the prowess of Mr. Clement Glenn, who was the conductor on that occasion.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RINGING

The following is a selection of quarter peals rung on Remembrance Sunday (November 8th).

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merret 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, E. Fry 5, A. Read 6, E. Connock 7, R. Stubbs 8. Half muffled.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole 1, C. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass. Half-muffled.

BOW, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, Miss J. M. Weddell 4, G. Bryant 5, C. A. Hughes 6, C. W. Ottley 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. Davies (14, first quarter) 1, P. G. Hartley (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, S. T. Hume 8. First of Triples for 2 and 4, and half-muffled.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.—1,260 Spliced Doubles (Plain Bob, Chase, Union, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Candlesby S.C., Reverse Canterbury): M. Purchase (first quarter) 1, R. Crook (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Howard 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, R. Purchase 6. First quarter in seven Spliced by all except 3.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): R. Boxall 1, J. Cherriman 2, E. Stoner 3, F. Ford 4, F. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Symmonds 6. Half-muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kershall 1, Mrs. K. Snelling 2, C. Stephenson 3, K. Snelling 4, H. Lilley 5, J. Jeffery 6, J. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

CULHAM, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, B. Davis 2, J. Greenwood 3, G. Allam 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, D. Davis (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples (middle quarter from Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 4, F. Richardson 5, F. Hurrell 6, T. Easterby 7, R. Boyce 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—1,440 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Fidler 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, W. Todd 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Bowden 1, Mary Cox 2, Maureen Goode 3, Mrs. K. Bowden 4, F. A. Ranson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 8. Half-muffled.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, C. Hare 3, L. Fidler 4, W. Todd 5, E. Winters 6, F. Croft 7, D. Jones (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): Mrs. D. Wright 1, L. S. Woods 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. Worboys 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, K. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Borcham (cond.) 6, A. Cox 7, R. Schofield 8. Half-muffled.

HURST, BERKS.—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, J. Froome (first in method) 2, Mrs B. C. Castle 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, L. Hall 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith D. Shedel 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, J. F. Shedel 5. Half-muffled.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, C. D. Linington 2, S. A. Hall 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Half-muffled.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Storey 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Shorter 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, B. Sullivan 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Eales 1, R. S. Holland 2, A. Cooper 3, S. J. Summers 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

MARGATE, KENT.—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: O. Davis 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, P. L. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Half-muffled.

NORTON, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Werrett 1, Miss P. Willis (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. Willis 4, M. Collings 4, W. Hitch 5, R. Dixon 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Mrs. J. Sanderson 8. Half-muffled.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—1,032 Minor (consisting of 720 Beverley Surprise, 240 Cambridge Surprise and 72 Plain Bob): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, E. Long 3, S. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Half-muffled.

POWICK, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Sayers (first quarter) 1, D. Trumper 2, H. Cole 3, G. Lewis 4, G. Morris 5, F. Hyde 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, J. M. Aspinall (first in method 'inside') 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Half-muffled.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. D. Acott 1, G. A. Godfrey 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. S. King 5, G. J. Scott 6. Half-muffled.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—1,344 Bob Major: T. Gwilt 1, L. Tuffrey 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, Mrs. K. Watts (first quarter Major) 4, D. Harrison 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. C. Birt 1, J. M. E. Ellwood 2, Mrs. W. Butler 3, W. Welling 4, Miss R. Tabraham 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. C. Birt (cond.) 7, A. D. Rivers 8. First quarter of Bob Triples for all except 3, 4 and 6. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—1,280 Doubles (Plain, Candlesby, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Rugby, Merton, Welford, Braywood, Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham): A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, Rita Thompson 4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, F. Kinchin 2, J. Findon 3, J. A. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. Half-muffled.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, S. Dearden 4, J. Hill 5, M. Chilcott (cond.) 6, C. Watts 7, H. Page 8.

WEST TARRING, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Black 1, Miss D. Saunders (first 'inside') 2, F. Chipper 3, D. Smith 4, C. A. J. Chappell (cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Devenish 1, Miss B. N. Matson (first quarter) 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

YORK MINSTER.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. McGuiness 1, F. Atkinson 2, B. Rodgers 3, D. Forth 4, D. Holland 5, H. Forden 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, A. H. Walker (first quarter) 8. Also to Edward Rickitt, 45 years a Minster ringer, who died November 6th, 1953.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD RICKITT

After an illness extending over two years, Mr. Edward Rickitt, who was a York Minster ringer for 45 years, died on November 6th, and was laid to rest on Tuesday, November 10th. The interment was preceded by a service in the Minster, which was attended by a great many of his friends, and was conducted by the Rev. A. J. McMullen, chaplain to the York Minster Society of Change Ringers. Chancellor Harrison, Canon-in-Residence, read the lesson. Handbells were rung as the coffin was carried from the Minster.

'Ted' was not a prolific peal ringer, his total being 27 rung for the Yorkshire Association, but his record for service ringing was unsurpassed. His ringing colleagues will remember him best for the impish delight he took in arguing a minority view at meetings of the Minster Society, but he always loyally abided by any decision once the vote was taken.

It was with deep regret the Minster Society received his resignation when his doctor ordered him to give up ringing two years ago. His long service to the Minster was recognised by a suitable presentation, and special mention was made of his record in the annual report of the Friends of York Minster.

H. W.

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ENGAGEMENT

JOHNSTONE—GILBERT. — The engagement is announced between Douglas, youngest son of the late Col. and Mrs. Johnstone, and Patricia, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert, late of Bromham, Bedfordshire. 3498

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS. — Annual dinner to be held in Cambridge on Saturday, January 30th, 1954. Details to be given later.—J. H. Fielden, St. Catherine's, Resident Secretary. 3483

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3464

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3461

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Old Chesterton, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3471

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3467

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Northiam (6), 2.30-4.30 p.m. Beckley (6), 5.45-8 p.m. 3452

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at North Mymms (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 3469

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Ealing, Nov. 21st. Christ-the-Saviour (8), Ealing Broadway, 3 to 4.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's (8), South Ealing. Ringing to follow. Tea available locally. Joint meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Dec. 5th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 3468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 21st. St. Giles', Reading (8), 3 p.m. Service 4. St. Peter's, Caversham (8), 6.30.—N. Swann. 3455

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. 3421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 3448

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 7.15 p.m., Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Practice, Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, All Saints', Fulham. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Southwark Cathedral. Everyone welcome. 3509

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. December practice meeting, Uphill, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 3492

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—New date for quarterly meeting at Westonzoyland, November 28th. Usual times.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3503

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox. 3505

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter), November 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. D. Ogden, 5, Lansdowne Avenue, Audenshaw, Manchester, before Tuesday, November 24th.—C. K. Lewis. 3508

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3495

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Roker (St. Andrew's), Saturday, November 28th, 2.30. Please bring own food.—W. F. Sheraton. 3487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stapleton, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, November 24th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3482

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, November 28th, St. Andrew's. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 25th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 3493

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 28th.—A. L. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 3512

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 3478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, November 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Albion Treble Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3480

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Westhoughton (note change) on Saturday, November 28th. Bells 2.30. Dedication of peal board 3. Tea 5. Business 6. Free tea ONLY for those who send names by November 25th to William Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton. — Joseph Thornley, Assistant Branch Sec. 3507

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Ossett, Saturday, November 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. Names to F. Bennett, Dale Street, Ossett, by Wednesday, November 25th.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3506

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Narborough, November 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Rooms, 5. Notify by November 25th Mr. L. Towers, 46, Huncote Road, Narborough, Leicester. 3490

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Toller Hall 5 p.m. You all expect a good tea at the Borough, so do not let me down by not dropping me a card. Names to me by Monday, 23rd. — Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Lincolnshire. 3460

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH (Llandaff Branch), SWANSEA AND BRECON (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Baglan, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—R. R. Coles and J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3449

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Elmham, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3504

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 28th. 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3489

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Dallington, Nov. 28th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify Eric Nobles, 14, Millway, Duston, by Nov. 24th. Corporation bus No. 12 route. 3463

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Special meeting at Wicken on Saturday, November 28th. Dedication of peal board. Service at 4 p.m. Tea for all who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. A. J. Green, Leckhampstead Road, Wicken, Wolverton. 3487

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8), 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Hailsham (8), Saturday, November 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3502

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Annual dinner at Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 6.30. Bells, Cathedral (12), 2 to 2.45, St. Maurice's (6), 3.30 to 5.15. Choral Evensong at St. Maurice's, 5.15. All tickets sold.—J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3499

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Martock, December 5th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3501

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3486

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Clyst St. George, December 5th. Names for tea by December 1st to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 3496

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Netherton, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3510

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking, December 5th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5, followed by business meeting, including nomination of district officers for 1954. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murrec, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 2nd. 3488

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee, December 5th. Ringing, St. George's, Colegate, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich, 4. Agenda, Annual General Meeting. Names for tea by November 28th to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 67a, The Close, Norwich. 3485

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, December 5th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 30th to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxon. 3500

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by November 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3491

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice, December 5th, Britford (6), 2.15 to 4.30, Downton (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Youth Club, Downton, 5 p.m., for those who send names by December 1st to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3481

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual general business meeting at Beaminster on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Netherbury (6) and Stoke Abbott (5) towers open. Names for tea by November 30th, please, to Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3484

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), December 5th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 p.m., in Parish Room, adjoining church, but essential to notify by Tuesday, December 1st, Rev. A. Doxey, Greasley Vicarage, Newthorpe, Notts. 3479

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker. 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

About 70 members and friends attended the Wellingborough Branch meeting at Wollaston on October 31st. The service was led by the Vicar (the Rev. M. B. Pendleton), who also gave the address. A collection on behalf of the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 4d.

At the business meeting Rushden was selected for the annual meeting on the last Saturday in January. It was decided to purchase a number of instructional booklets for the use of practising members.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Perkins, late of Irthlingborough, who died recently.

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A NOTABLE CLERIC

IN that monumental work, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Mr. Ernest Morris opens his section on clerical ringers by deploring the fact that so few parish priests take a real interest in their bells and ringers. And it is indeed true that even in these days when ringers have won for themselves the position of office bearers in the Church many incumbents are either neglectful or else patronising and barely tolerant.

Despite this the ringing Exercise has reason to be thankful for the appreciation and understanding of no small part of the clergy, and it owes debts of gratitude to a number of outstanding clerical ringers both for their practical and theoretical contributions to the art. No one can forget the remarkable achievements of F. E. Robinson in the belfry, the unceasing labours of Law James in the systematisation of methods, the genius of his brother Bankes James, and the researches of Davies and Bulwer. The dignity and integrity of Canon Papillon commanded great respect and were of inestimable value in days when men's tongues were rough and their pens dipped in gall. The influence and work of C. W. O. Jenkyn have borne valuable fruit, and it is impossible to estimate to the full the benefit that has accrued to the Exercise from the life and example of that grand Christian gentleman, Canon Coleridge.

As thoughts go back to earlier days the names of two notable ringing clerics come immediately to mind. One is Richard Duckworth, now believed to be the author of 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668. The other is Samuel Scattergood, friend of Fabian Stedman and contributor to 'Campanalogia.' These men were important figures in the Church, particularly Scattergood, who had a great reputation as a preacher and writer. Neither Scattergood nor Duckworth, however, had such a reputation or remarkable career as Dr. Samuel Parr, who was born at Harrow in 1747. Parr entered Holy Orders in 1769, and after an unsuccessful application for the headmastership at Harrow, opened a private school, from which he moved to be headmaster of the Grammar School at Colchester. This led him to the headmastership of Norwich Grammar School. It is in connection with his Norwich days that we first find him quoted as an authority on bells and bell-ringing, although Leigh Coville tells us that Parr rang at Harrow. The 'Lines on the Bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich,' open thus:—

'The celebrated Dr. Parr averred
That he more scientific ringing never heard
Than at St. Peter's; and quite well he knew
The art in theory and practice too.'

In 1783 Parr became Rector of Hatton in Warwickshire, and went to live there. In addition to his ordinary parish duties he taught private pupils, and many of the young aristocrats of the neighbourhood learnt their Latin from him. He had developed what were known as extreme Radical views, being a strong supporter of the French Revolution and a great friend of Dr. Priestly. Thus during the Priestly riots in Birmingham the mob threatened to visit Hatton and burn down the Rectory. His tongue and pen were strong and at times bitter, and he gained the reputation of being rough and bad-tempered. His learning was, nevertheless, profound, as all his contemporaries remark, and his command of the English language led Archdeacon Butler to observe: 'He has left a chasm in English literature which none of us shall ever see filled up.' There is a suggestion of exaggeration here, but it is indeed true that most of Parr's writings are distinguished by excellence of construction and nobility of expression.

In 1820 he took a great interest in the defence of Queen Caroline, and when her name was ordered to be struck out of the Liturgy, he wrote:—

'It is my duty as a subject and ecclesiastic to read what is prescribed by my Sovereign as head of the Church of England; but it is not my duty to express my approbation as well as yield obedience when my fellings as a man, and my principles as a Christian, compel me to disapprove and deplore.'

What example and guidance here for all of us who at times are compelled to comply with conditions we feel to be wrong or unjust!

Of Dr. Parr's ringing activities we get glimpses here and there. At Hatton he is said to have caused the bells to chime 'thrice as long.' He was constantly calling on the generosity of his friends for their repair and maintenance, and he himself took part in the ringing, in which, says Ellacombe, 'his hard pedantry softened under its melody.' The same writer also tells us that the celebrated doctor once conceived the idea of writing a text book on ringing.

The hard pedantry was to some extent a cloak for a humanity unsuspected by the reader of Parr's heavier works, and the letter written from Hatton to Lord Ched-

worth in 1801, in which Dr. Parr pleads for assistance for his friend, James Eyre, the schoolmaster at Solihull, is a noble piece of work.

In late life the great cleric conceived an affection for Miss Eyre, sister of James Eyre, and out of the small stir caused locally by this turn of events came this verse, written by Parr's pupils and placed on his desk:

'When Madame Eyre prefers her prayer
Safe from the eyes of men,
'Tis thus alone her lips make known
"Parr—Donnez moi! Amen."'

In his 70th year Parr married Miss Eyre, and the good lady made his remaining years very happy ones. This most remarkable man died and was buried at Hatton in 1825.

Parr's direct contribution to the art of ringing seems to have been small, but there can be little doubt of his great knowledge and love of bells and ringing, and his name must find a place in that long list of distinguished clerics who have honoured the Exercise. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	*GODFREY N. DODD	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	10
*RICHARD M. CURRIE	5	REGINALD A. REED	11
*REGINALD W. REX	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits A.W. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	*WILLIAM BUTLER	8
THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and 9th.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	*NOEL J. DISERENS	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	*REGINALD A. REED	9
*PATRICK PAGE	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
*†MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
†HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*BRYAN S. COPE	9
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 300th tower bell peal together.
A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*ERIC EDMONDSON	*Treble*	†OLIVE M. JOHNSON	6
†DEREK J. WILSDEN	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	J. MARTIN PAGE	8
†EDWARD G. BENNETT	4	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
†WILLIAM T. HOLMES	5	†STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles, the Duke of Cornwall.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*MRS. L. DICKINSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	7
BETTY BROWN	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	8
JOHN WALDEN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	5	ARCHER T. LOWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. The first peal of Caters on the bells. Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEORGE BAILEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*EDWARD C. CURSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. G. Lofty on completing 25 years as a Sunday service ringer.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*James H. Musson	*Treble*	John Freeman	5
†Betty Brown	2	John A. Freeman	6
*Denis A. Frith	3	John Walden	7
‡Louis Willders	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.
‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

H. James Turner	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
William B. Cartwright	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	Thomas Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Martyn Hawkes	*Treble*	Harold Willett	5
Frederick Hawkes	2	Ernest F. Cubberley	6
Edward Maund	3	Charles J. Camm	7
Muriel Willett	4	Len Dovey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles J. Camm.
Rung as a compliment on the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willett.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

C. Ernest Smith	*Treble*	*Frederick A. Munday	5
*Audrey White	2	*Colin A. Hopper	6
*William J. Robinson	3	William T. Beeson	7
T. Mark White	4	*Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Charles E. Fisher	*Treble*	Ronald W. Steward	5
Harry D. Lister	2	Russell G. Parker	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
William J. Button	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Charles E. Fisher.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Button on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	David Harriman	5
John A. Acres	2	John R. Smith	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Harold J. Poole	4	Frank Crane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day to the glorious memory of those who gave their lives for others.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Winifred M. Burton	5
Harold Kilby	2	Arthur E. Bodycote	6
Glenys R. Bodycote	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
*John M. Jelley	4	†John R. Norman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled for the rededication of the enlarged war memorial by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lockley, on November 8th.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Walter J. Lemon	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
Frank E. Walker	2	Peter F. Borer	6
Harry Springate	3	Cyril S. Jarrett	7
Victor A. Jarrett	4	Robert G. Rayfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert G. Rayfield.
First peal of Major as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Canon Elliott Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford. Also compliment to parents of F. E. Walker on the 64th anniversary of their wedding day.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Charles Henry Harding	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
Bryan F. Pattison	2	Lewis H. Bywaters	6
Derek Jones	3	Ronald J. Sharp	7
Dennis Knox	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 of London, 1,440 of Rutland, 480 of Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Mark W. Marshall	5
Albert J. Lancefield	2	*Thomas Cullingworth	6
Fredk. G. Huckstepp	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Wilfred W. Ring	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of eight Spliced Surprise. First peal of eight Spliced Surprise for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Joseph Thornley	*Treble*	Charles W. Blakey	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
Norman Tompkins	3	John Ashcroft	7
James W. Grounds	4	Jack Clegg	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Charles, and to celebrate 50 years as a service ringer at this church of Mr. Harold Gorton.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Mrs. Audrey A. Butler	*Treble*	*Ronald I. Shepherd ..	5
†William Birmingham ..	2	Harold Smith	6
‡Ronald F. Diserens ..	3	‡Anthony R. Bates ..	7
Walter Hunt	4	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal of Kent.
Rung half-muffled for M. A. Blamey, P. Blamey, R.A.F., Bryan O'Neill (local band) and Eric G. Gilbert, R.E.M.E.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*Patricia H. Jones (15)	*Treble*	Harold L. Parfrey ..	5
Jacqueline S. Evans ..	2	Roger O. Fry	6
Robert E. Coles	3	David J. King	7
†Cedric L. Brown ..	4	*Clive G. Bryant (16) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Judy Dodson	*Treble*	E. John Wells	5
Colin J. Champion ..	2	James F. Dodson	6
*Herbert Colcombe ..	3	Frank E. Hawthorne ..	7
Roland W. Morant ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and the first peal of Major since 1922.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Doris E. Colgate ..	*Treble*	Peter N. Bond	5
Raymond Overy	2	‡Thomas E. Sone	6
*Leonard Stilwell ..	3	Robert Collins	7
†John L. Morris	4	‡Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin (C.C.C. No. 12).
Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 450th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

F. E. Roberts (Selwyn) ..	*Treble*	R. Beaumont (Selwyn) ..	5
W. T. Cook (Jesus) ..	2	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	6
A. C. Blyth (Selwyn) ..	3	W. J. Ridgman (Queens') ..	7
R. F. E. Axford (St. John's)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Roberts (Selwyn).
Conducted by C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Ernest Bloomfield	*Treble*	Max P. Page	5
Palmer Whittell	2	Keith Whittell	6
Charles Woodcock ..	3	Sidney Arbon	7
Jack Munnings	4	Ernest V. Blake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest V. Blake.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Susan Jackson	*Treble*	George E. Large	5
R. George Morris ..	2	Thomas W. Lewis ..	6
*Gerald Bowen	3	Reginald Woodyatt ..	7
Allen Morgan	4	Cyril Tansell	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal in the method.
A fifth birthday greeting to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. Kelham Deacon ..	*Treble*	John Rawson	5
Nancy E. Marklew ..	2	Alfred Ballard	6
Barbara Colver	3	Frank K. Measures ..	7
Alan Hough	4	William R. Proudman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss K. Ensor.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leodegarius,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Ralph W. Carlisle ..	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	5
Samuel Pinder	2	Jack Bailey	6
Gordon Hall	3	Mark Barker	7
*Denis R. Carlisle ..	4	Edward F. Gobey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. Gobey.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Leslie H. Taylor	*Treble*	*John P. Morriss	5
Arthur Young	2	John R. Young	6
Gwen I. Rusby	3	Albert E. Flatters ..	7
*Geoffrey Paul	4	Jack L. Millhouse ..	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

*Simon L. Barley (15)	*Treble*	Clarence F. Briggs ..	5
George E. Foster ..	2	Frederick G. Hooper ..	6
W. Neville Brown ..	3	Arthur E. Chilton ..	7
†Frederick W. Pickard ..	4	F. William Midwinter ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

William H. B. Wilkins ..	*Treble*	Harry P. Floyd	4
M. Angela Carter ..	2	Charles Coles	5
Douglas O. Wilks ..	3	Malcolm S. Cloke ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
25th peal as conductor.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's (3 callings) and 30 120's (10 callings).
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*MADELEINE CHAPPLE	*Treble*	†JAMES E. F. EASLEY	4
F. STEDMAN POOLE	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
KATHLEEN GLENISTER	3	*LESLIE SEABROOK	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The first peal by a local band for 18 years.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Day.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob and three of Pitman's and six Morris's 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	4
E. JOHN BAXTER	2	HERBERT G. GODDARD	5
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	3	FREDERICK BLATCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN BAXTER.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. (3) York and Durham, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) York and Durham. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE	4
CECIL WADE	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JAMES TERRY	*Treble*	KENNETH C. S. WOOD	4
ALFRED A. LIVINGS	2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON	5
CHARLES W. SAMS	3	CHARLES CLAYDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. SAMS.
Rung for Patronal Festival.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 14 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*DAWN V. ELSON	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	3
*ROBIN WILSON	2	*WILLIAM J. KINCHIN	4

MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. *Tenor*
Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.
* First peal.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	†COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4
†K. PATRICIA HUTTON	2	§JACK S. DEAR	5
‡DAVID SUTCLIFFE	3	§EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal 'inside.' § 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to the Rt. Rev. Claude Woods, Bishop of Bedford, who retired on October 31st.



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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MARGARET A. LEWIS	*Treble*	‡GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4
†EVELYN A. KILLINGTON	2	‡STANLEY W. COPLING	5
‡CHARLES BAILEY	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Stepney Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Spliced Thelwall and Childwall, combined Double Court and College Bob, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court, and Spliced Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	BERT GOGLE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, who rang the treble faultlessly.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT SHERLOCK	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	4
LEONARD A. TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	FREDK. W. BUDGEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BUDGEN.
Rung on St. Martin's Day, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Harry H. Bond, father of the ringer of the 4th.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents and five callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS	*Treble*	A. CHARLES MORRIS	4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
*ANTHONY A. UPTON	3	DOUGLAS HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
EDWIN BROMLEY	2	ALAN BROMLEY	5
FRANCIS BROMLEY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. J. Lambert, a valued and faithful fellow ringer and captain.

BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's of Kingston, two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

W. BOURNE	*Treble*	G. H. HALL	4
W. P. DEANE	2	A. COTTRELL	5
F. HOLDCROFT	3	R. CUMBERLIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. HALL.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at Brown Edge.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHUROH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*DOREEN M. GIBBONS	*Treble*	†EDWARD J. BRAGG	4
†EILEEN M. TURNER	2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	5
†ANNE M. COX	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Old and Grandsire.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*BRIAN LINNELL	*Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS	4
ROGER E. OLD	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	5
KENNETH D. PERKINS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Harlestone, the Rev. C. J. Faulkner, and Mrs. Faulkner. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hammons, and a birthday compliment to Miss Delia Miller.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 24 extents of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERIC M. BAKER	*Treble*	*WALTER G. WRIGHT	3
MAURICE BAKER	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
	CHARLES E. HILL		*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE BAKER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Judith D. Shedel, a keen ringer at this church.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	*MRS. P. W. CAMPLING	4
*JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	†PETER G. BUTLER	5
G. R. G. BUTLER	3	*PETER W. CAMPLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal since installation of new treble bell.
Rung by Sunday service ringers, who all hold other church offices.
A fifth birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wellingborough Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*ERIC CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN KING	4
MAUREEN MABBUTT	2	†MALCOLM KING	5
HARRY WOODING	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal on tower bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H Prince Charles.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. On front six.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

BRIAN BUSWELL	*Treble*	WALTER NICHOLS	4
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	5
GEORGE CLIFT	3	†ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as birthday compliments to H.R.H. Prince Charles and Stanley V. Rayfield.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., Nov. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt

*GRAHAM BALL (14)	*Treble*	†ROGER HAYWARD	4
ROY HALL	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE STRATFORD (13	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Average age 17 years 10 months.

HANDBELL PEALS

AMBLESIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT KIRKWOOD, MILLANS PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's.

*CHARLES V. HALES	1—2	*ALAN CAPSTICK	3—4
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.
Witness: MRS. A. CAPSTICK.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Oxford, Hereward and St. Clement's, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3—4
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5—6		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in ten methods on handbells.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
*WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in these two methods.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

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The name of Mr. Clement Glenn was inadvertently omitted from those of over 50 years' standing who attended the College Youths' dinner and had the honour of taking wine with the Master. Mr. Glenn rang a peal of Plain Bob Major for the College Youths at Norton, near Sheffield, on May 30th, 1903. We wish him many more peals with the Ancient Society.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Instead of a sixpenny peal levy, members of the Suffolk Guild, meeting at Halesworth, recommended an annual subscription of 4s. It will be interesting to see the reactions to this at the Guild annual meeting.

Miss Doreen M. Gibbons, who has only been ringing for ten months, made a promising debut as a peal ringer at Chobham, Surrey, on November 14th. Mr. Jack R. Worrall, who conducted, congratulates her on good ringing.

Slough ringers have lost a highly valued friend by the death of Mr. S. Symons, the churchwarden. He did much for the belfry and worked hard as treasurer when money was being raised for two new trebles. The 'in memoriam' quarter peal for his funeral was almost perfect.

Mr. H. W. Lidbetter celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing the treble to a peal of Minor in twelve methods at Acle, Norfolk, on November 10th, and he made a first-class job of it. He and his daughter entertained the rest of the band to supper and tune ringing on handbells afterwards.

Mr. Albert E. Jarman, who was a ringer at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, for 42 years and conductor in the tower for 20 years, has retired from his post as blacksmith at Ramsgate Harbour. His father held a similar appointment before him. During the first world war he was for 3½ years in France with the Army Ordnance Corps.

After an absence in Canada for 44 years, Miss Violet McNaughton, of Saskatoon, paid a visit to her native village, Borden, Kent. She wrote a letter of thanks to the captain of Borden Bell Ringers 'for giving me the privilege of hearing Borden bells again. To me there is none like them.' She accompanied the letter with a small gift for the toast: 'To Borden bells —may they never grow less.'

The two first-pealers in the recent peal at Chepstow, Mon, Patricia Jones and Clive Bryant, rang so magnificently that mention must be made of their efforts. In just under two years they have made rapid strides and are a credit to their teacher. Clive, a thin slip of a lad, rang the 21-cwt. tenor like a veteran, with never a bad blow. Unfortunately he is the possessor of 'unruly, carroty locks' and these were firmly pinned back before starting with two of his mother's hair clips! Is he the first male to ring a peal in hair clips?

We regret to learn that Mr. J. A. Freeman, the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, has entered St. George's Hospital, Lincoln, for an operation. The Exercise will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole have rung their 300th tower bell peal together and they still have something in hand! Congratulations from all of us. Has any other ringing couple a better record?

A correspondent informs us that apart from the three mentioned, there are other holders of the campanologist's badge of the Girl Guides in Middlesex. A holder of the badge was a member of the Isleworth Company, and awards have been made at Twickenham and elsewhere.

To mark the fifth anniversary of the dedication of Cromhall (Glos) bells, a special service was held on Sunday, November 15th, when the lessons were read by two of the ringers. The sermon was abbreviated and handbells were rung in front of the altar rails by members of the local band. A quarter peal was rung after the service in which three of those who rang the opening touch in 1948 took part.

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CHURCH ASSEMBLY AND RECORDED RINGING

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BELL RECORDINGS DISCUSSED AT CHURCH ASSEMBLY

The view that bell recordings were 'basically fraudulent' was a view expressed at the Church Assembly on November 13th, when Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas (London) introduced a motion deprecating 'the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.'

'There must be very few sounds,' he said, 'that cause greater pleasure to the human ear than church bells: but I wonder how many people have had the experience of admiring some sweet little tower and then suddenly hear it give forth sounds that would do justice to the carillon of Canterbury Cathedral?'

This was a growing evil. Instruments of that character were basically fraudulent: they were not what they pretended to be. The introduction of such instruments was bound to strike a deadly blow at the fine British tradition of bell ringing. Instead of training a team of bell ringers, all they did was to turn a knob. It was a great danger in this push-button age if they were to have synthetic bells. And why should it stop there?

Mr. Bulmer Thomas envisaged the prospect of the Archbishop's voice being imitated by some electronic device in every church throughout the land. It was necessary to act quickly before the manufacture of these things became a vested interest.

Mrs. W. L. Miller (Southwark) opposed the motion, instancing St. Bride's, Fleet Street, a church whose incumbent was very jealous of its reputation and would not tolerate anything second rate. She deprecated poor recordings and said she was a sufferer in a parish where they had real bells and the ringers practised for 'hours and hours.'

The Archdeacon of Manchester (the Ven. A. Selwyn Bean) said that the installation of these various systems required a faculty and this was a check upon unsuitable schemes.

The House decided that the question be not now put, and adjourned until the next session.

CANNED CARILLONS

Mr. J. Marten Page, of Hatfield, sent the following letter to the Editor of the 'Manchester Guardian' on this subject:—

Sir,—As a churchman and a bellringer I have read your report of the Church Assembly proceedings with interest.

The function of bells in churches is to announce to the parishioners that the work of the church goes on, keeping communion in spirit with the sick or prodding the consciences of the laggards.

In the services of the church does one listen to a recording of the choir, the organ or the parson? Why then should we hear recordings of bells played where it is possible to install ringable peals.

Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis to-day, in his second paragraph, confuses the widespread dissemination of a service from one church at one time with a hackneyed hurdy-gurdy produced, needle willing, from the canned sounds of an earlier service at some distant spot.

In another respect it is as incongruous to hear a record of York Minster bells from a 'tin tabernacle' as to expect the whole Halle Orchestra to play in a small bandstand.

Bellringing in this country has developed to a highly skilled art over the past 400 years, with the aim always being to produce the best that is possible. If the recording ousted the ringer this art would die. Who then would produce the new records?

There are good recordings of bells in existence, especially those played by the B.B.C. before 8 a.m. each Sunday as a prelude to their Light Programme. If more recordings are wanted then might I suggest consultations with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, the body representing all ringers.

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is a far cry from a Church Assembly debate (London), Friday, November 13th, to Melbourne, Australia, October 4th, 1953, but the parallel expression is the same.

Would that the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert) had applied his remarks about the state of some churchyards to synthetic bells also. The Bishop spoke of the 'deplorable and even offensive state of some churchyards.' He himself had advocated the use of sheep as a means of keeping the grass down.

What was said about synthetic bells was said by Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas (London) in introducing a motion deprecating 'the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.' 'There must be very few sounds,' he said, 'that cause greater pleasure to the human ear than church bells; but I wonder how many people have had the experience of admiring some sweet little tower and then suddenly hear it give forth sounds that would do justice to the carillon of Canterbury Cathedral.'

This was a growing evil. Instruments of that character were basically fraudulent; they were not what they pretended to be. The introduction of such instruments was bound to strike a deadly blow at the fine British tradition of bell ringing (change ringing). Instead of training a team of bell ringers, all they did was to turn a knob.

It was a great danger in this push-button age if they were to have synthetic bells; and why should it stop there? It was necessary to act quickly before the manufacture of these things became a vested interest.

Here is the parallel expression, from Major Alan B. Stretton, of the Australian Army, who came over December 9th, 1950, to Marchington, Staffordshire, to see where his father was born—the Dog and Partridge. His visit coincided with a peal, being rung that day at St. Peter's, Marchington, as a compliment to 'the boy who left Marchington 74 years ago,' John Stretton, Major Stretton's father.

Major Stretton, from Melbourne, this week writes: 'Unfortunately bell ringing is an art which is forgotten in Australia. I would love to hear your team at work at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. It really would provide a treat for the local residents.'

We ringers have reason to be—and are—most grateful to Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas for his most valuable services to change ringing; and, after all, what is nicer than a well struck touch or peal, especially with the tenor covering?

If 'Stedman,' which is extensively used at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was rung for Her Majesty's Coronation at Westminster Abbey, is good enough for London, then it will do for Staffordshire—and Cheshire.—Yours, etc.,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Wotton Branch was held at Upper Cam. Numbers were perhaps disappointing but those present enjoyed a good tea and ringing in a number of methods up to Cambridge. There was a good number of learners, and evidence was forthcoming of progress being made. Visitors came from North Somerset and Gloucester. C. R.

SUFFOLK GUILD

4s. Subscription Instead of Peal Levy Suggested

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on November 14th and, although the attendance was poor, some local members received valuable practice in Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. D. Hulbert, followed by tea and business. The desirability of changing the date of the annual general meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday was discussed, and a resolution, 'This meeting recommends the annual meeting be held on the first Saturday after Easter Monday each year,' was unanimously carried.

The General Secretary informed the members that the cost of the annual reports amounted to more than the receipts for subscriptions, and he had been advised by several members that a peal levy should be considered. He had never been in favour of a levy, chiefly due to the secretarial work involved, but he was forced to the conclusion that as peals ran the Guild into considerable expense, those who incurred that expense should help to meet it.

The General Secretary also pointed that that, if the annual subscription was increased, those members who never rang peals, especially the aged and the sick who kept up their membership, would be subsidising the peal ringers, and he did not think that was very fair. He thought a sixpenny peal levy was the only right course to adopt.

It was intimated that, if a peal levy were imposed, the peal ringers, who were the life blood of the Guild, would suffer, and if no peals were rung the Guild and ringing in general would fade out.

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Leslie G. Brett that the annual subscription be increased to 4s.—This was seconded and carried.

It was agreed that a general meeting be held at Bury St. Edmunds on February 6th, when the above resolutions may or may not be adopted.

Mr. John Blythe stated that several districts were without secretaries, and he proposed that the committee should meet in order to settle the absorbing of those districts. — Carried unanimously.

Mr. R. S. Payne asked the Halesworth district members to decide on the next place for a district meeting, and it was agreed to go to Blythburgh on May 1st.

The usual votes of thanks were made, and the meeting closed when further spade work was put in on the bells, a good going, slow moving, old fashioned ring which sound better inside the tower than in the town. C. W. P.

North Somerset Visit London

On November 14th an outing touring London was much enjoyed by a party of North Somerset ringers drawn from Keynsham, Publow, Locking, Wrington, Mark, Yatton and Kingston Seymour.

The towers visited were St. Mary's, Lambeth: St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster; St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Islington; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

Methods rung were:—Triples: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Erin; Major: Plain Bob and Cambridge.

An excellent meal was arranged at The Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.

The party are indebted to Mears and Stainbank's Bell Foundry for the excellent organisation of the arrangements, to the incumbents, and to those ringers who welcomed the visitors.

H. A. T. P.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

No Sponsored Ringing

The second annual dinner took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, November 14th. Accommodation was limited to 102, and all tickets were disposed of three weeks before the date of the function.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) presided, and was supported by Mrs. Parker, Canon A. S. Jenkins (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Jenkins. Other visitors included Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley), Rev. F. Insull (priest-in-charge of Bentley and formerly of St. Saviour's, Suez), Messrs. C. Skidmore and J. D. Johnson (Ringing Master and General Secretary respectively of the Worcestershire Association) and Mr. J. R. Garner-Hayward, of Coventry, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from Rev. C. Holroyd Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. F. Colclough, both of whom were unwell, and Mr. G. Oliver.

EXAMPLE OF ST. PAUL'S

Followking an excellent meal, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks afterwards the Ven. W. A. Parker told how he had an opportunity recently of hearing the excellent ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The Archdeacon went on to say that other Associations, including the 'Staffords,' should endeavour to emulate St. Paul's ringers in the high standard of ringing they maintained.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. R. Garner-Hayward said the Coronation this year had given ringers a wonderful opportunity of ringing for a State occasion and paying tribute to a beautiful young Queen. He reminded ringers of their obligations to the Church, and said it was regrettable that if he wanted ringers to help a struggling band of learners in some country district he would be hard pressed to get sufficient volunteers to accompany him, yet if he asked for a band to ring 'Yorkshire' he would be inundated with applicants,

Replying to the toast, Canon Jenkins was in humorous mood. He said we had been hearing a lot about sponsored television. He hoped we never had sponsored bell ringing, otherwise we might hear the bells, they would stop, and a loudspeaker from the tower would appeal for funds for the Church. The Canon went on to say that the ringing of bells was an essential feature of our Church and national life.

TOWERS WELL MANNED

Mr. J. D. Johnson, proposing the toast of 'The Society,' referred to the close links existing between the 'Staffords' and the 'Worcesters.' He noticed on perusing the annual report, how well manned the various towers in the Archdeaconry appeared to be. Mr. Johnson stated that the Society could survey its past record with pride and look to the future with confidence.

In his reply to the toast, Mr. Derek Tranter, of Wednesbury, one of the Society's younger members, said that in his earliest ringing days he thought ringers were divided into three groups—peal ringers, tower snatchers and service ringers. He had quickly discovered, however, that good fellowship was the thing which united ringers of all types. Referring to the problem of obtaining suitable recruits, Mr. Tranter said that far too many young people to-day were just content to be entertained and not do anything for themselves. Anything worth having, including learning to ring, could not be obtained without effort.

Mr. Eric Speake proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He remarked that ringers, from the neighbouring Associations could hardly be described as 'visitors,' as many of them rang peals with the 'Staffords' and regularly attended meetings.

Replying, Rev. F. Insull said he was not a ringer, but he had welcomed the opportunity of witnessing the goodwill which existed amongst ringers. He hoped he would receive an invitation to the Society's next dinner.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett, Lay Secretary, thanked the Archdeacon for so efficiently taking the chair, and the artistes for giving their services.

The company was then entertained by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers, under Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., Mr. J. Shirley-Hill (baritone) and Miss Lorna Oakes (soprano). Mr. R. G. Wagstaff (organist of Claverley Parish Church) was the accompanist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, H. Howell and E. E. Speake.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION HOLD THEIR FIRST DINNER

Five Members With Over 50 Years' Service

Nearly 80 members and friends attended the first dinner of the Bedfordshire Association held on November 7th at the Angel Hotel, Bedford.

Proposing a toast to the Association, Rev. H. John, Vicar of Kempston, spoke on attendance at services and the Association's membership number. From 29 founder members in 1882, this had now risen to 233, and the Association was proud to have five members who joined over 50 years ago. Rev. H. John also welcomed Mr. Manning of Otley.

The secretary, Mr. J. Michael Stephens, in replying, reminded those present of the original aims of the Association — belfry reform and the cultivation of scientific change ringing. He then spoke about the lady ringers. The Association's first two ladies, Misses E. and D. Steel, joined in 1910. Miss E. Steel is now president. After the first World War, however, ringing became more popular with the ladies. Quarter peals had been scored by lady members of the Association without assistance, and he hoped they would attempt a peal in the near future.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters then proposed the health of the ringing ladies and the non-ringing ladies. The latter group he then divided into those who waited for their husbands to come home from a peal, and knew from the look on their faces whether they had got it or not; those who entertained other ringers at home; and those who so nobly helped with the catering for the Association's monthly meetings. He wondered also whether the day would come when the husband and wife tossed up on Sunday morning as to who should cook the dinner and who should go ringing. He was afraid his effort on the dinner would be a very Spliced Surprise. Mrs. W. Izzard replied.

A toast to the president was followed by a social evening with handbell demonstrations, conjuring by Mr. E. Pearce, a member of the Inner Magic Circle, mimes by Kempston young ringers, songs by Mrs. Izzard and games. The pianist and M.C. was Mr. W. A. L. Osborn. The evening finished with a vote of thanks to Mr. Stephens, the organiser, and his committee.

S. O.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the conclusion of the ordinary business on November 21st the retiring Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, vacated the chair, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to install the incoming Master.

The elections were as follows:—Master, Mr. John E. Chilcott; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. C. J. Watts; junior steward, Mr. John S. Mason; trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. W. H. Passmore.

The Chairman then proceeded to install the new Master, and said, when investing him with the Master's badge, that it was one of the happiest experiences of his life to have that pleasure. Addressing the new Master, he said the Society was bestowing upon him its highest honour because they felt sure he would conduct their affairs with dignity and fairness, and he believed he would rank as a great Master. He could feel confident that all members of the Society would support him in the important position to which he was now elected, and that he had their respect and admiration. Mr. Smallwood placed the gavel in the Master's hand, reminding him of its purpose, and then led him to the chair.

The new Master was received with enthusiasm and, on rising, said his first duty was to congratulate the retiring Master, Mr. Collins, on a very successful year of office, and to express the thanks of the Society to him for his hard and conscientious work.

Ringing afterwards took place at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and so ended a very happy meeting.

The new Master is one of the youngest to hold that high office, and his stewards are both comparatively young men. In their hands the welfare of the Ancient Society would seem to be assured.

AN IRTHLINGBOROUGH VETERAN

Featured in the 'Kettering Leader and Guardian' of November 13th is a half page portrait of Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, who, despite his 84 years of age, still shoes horses in his smithy in Jubilee Street.

To ringers in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild Mr. Anderson Tyler is well known. For many years he has been captain of the Irthlingborough band. This band made ringing history between 1900-1930 by the high standard of its peals. As long ago as 1901 Mr. Tyler conducted a peal of over 9,000 Superlative Surprise Major.

Next August he will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his first peal, and if he does not take part in the peal attempt to mark the occasion, he will certainly take a lively interest in it.

Mr Tyler is one of the great little men of the Exercise, being under 5ft. in height and never having weighed more than 9 stone. Nevertheless, he was the first to turn in the 28½ cwt. tenor at Wellingborough to a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the tenor is reputed to have been more of a brute in those far-off days than now.

The tale is still told of how, when short of a conductor for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at short notice Andy volunteered to call Holt's Original. When questioned afterwards, he blithely announced that he called it with the seventh as the observation bell!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARD VOTING?

Dear Sir, — Mr. Worrall, in his article on Central Council membership, fails to point out the outstanding anomaly, i.e. a ringer, through his representatives on the various associations to which he may belong, can vote for and against a motion simultaneously many times over. The remedy is obvious. An association's representation need not be disturbed; but on matters of policy, or as ruled, voting would be by card based on residential qualification, or, in the case of the non-territorial societies, as opted.—Yours faithfully,

C. CULLEN.

Farnborough, Kent.

5,076 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 5,076 Stedman Caters by S. Thurston might I suggest that the calling positions as set down in the old records were based on the sixes at which calls could be made without disturbing the big bells.

I suggest that what we now term a call at 4 was known to the ringers of those days as a call at 1, a call at 5 as a call at 2, a call at 6 as 3, a call at 15 as 4, and 16 as 5. This would make the peal as set down quite intelligible to the ringers of to-day.

I notice that the peal has a footnote saying bob on 7, 8, 9, and I have no doubt that this was the way in which they denoted their usual way of going off and bringing round. Do we not find peals of Grandsire Caters in which the last course is stated 'Rounds as usual'? (see Central Council Collection of Peals, Section I.).

I think there is no error in transcription as suggested by Mr. Roberts, but that it is in a different notation from that we use to-day. — Yours faithfully,

C. K. LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

STRANGERS NOT ALLOWED

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' has just been given to me by one of our ringers. With regard to the letter of Miss K. Jones in your paper of October 23rd I should like to give you the following facts. On September 20th, as I was going into church, I met Miss Jones and another person, and gave them a pew in front of my own. As I turned to go Miss Jones asked, 'Have you any bells?' and I replied, 'Yes, but unfortunately, we cannot have them every Sunday.' She then said, 'I am a ringer,' and I congratulated her. There were no ringers in the church that Sunday.

I left for the belfry, which is our Choir Vestry, as I look after the choir.

The statements made about my going to the ringing chamber to inquire and returning to say strangers were not allowed were never made by me. I am sure visitors would be as warmly welcomed here as anywhere.—Yours truly,

M. THOMPSON (MRS.).

The Rectory, Withington, Hereford.

SPLICED TRIPLES CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. Skidmore and his band on ringing the first peal of Spliced Triples in six methods on October 31st. I had the pleasure of ringing a good touch of Spliced Triples with them at Kingswinford on October 20th, while on a visit to Wolverhampton.

Seeing that Spliced Triples is very interesting to ring, I wonder there are not more peals of it rung.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

NOW PRACTISING CAMBRIDGE MINOR IN N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—The tower of St. James', Turramurra, still retains pride of place as the centre of Minor ringing for the keen ringers of Sydney. We now ring Cambridge with confidence and enjoyment. The enthusiasts of St. Mary's Cathedral and of All Saints', Parramatta, frequently join us at our weekly practice, although attendance entails a journey of some twelve to twenty miles each way.

We provide a light supper after practice, and the supper table is an excellent 'forum' for ringing problems and belfry gossip. Good ringing and good fellowship compensate for distance to be travelled. Unfortunately our two veterans, Mr. Parr (Ilfracombe) and Mr. Botting (Betchworth), are temporarily on the sick list.

We all enjoyed the articles which you published in March from the pen of Miss Joan Hills—an excellent survey of ringing and ringers in Australia, the best visitor's report since Mr. Goldsmith published 'The Great Adventure.' Joan and her friend, Margaret Winter, are frequent visitors at Turramurra. Recent visitors were Philip and Joan Gray from Melbourne.

Another recent visitor was the well-known English ringer, Mr. Stafford Green, who thoroughly enjoyed his touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge, and complimented me upon the real English atmosphere of the belfry. I explained to him that our progress in Minor is largely due to the help of our mutual Leicester friend—Ernest Morris. My interest in Surprise methods was aroused by John Oldham, of Loughborough.

May I remind Mr. Green, through you, that he promised to write a second letter to 'The Ringing World' of his impressions of ringing at Sydney. We look forward to reading his further comments, criticism and message of encouragement.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

IN LIGHTER VEIN—BUT THERE IS A MORAL BEHIND IT

Dear Sir,—As it seems all kinds of records are being perpetuated in 'The Ringing World,' I should like to submit to you the attached report of 'the roughest peal ever rung on the bells' by the ringers at Much Bangem.

The treble ringer was too old to have a 21st birthday compliment herself, so it had to be for the cat.—Yours, etc.,

W. OLIVER.

Guildford.

MUCH BANGEM ON THE RAZZLE, DONGSHIRE

THE DART AND WALLOP ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Sol. 13, 1963, in 3 hours (near enough).

At The Flower Pot Factory's Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5039¼ CHURCHYARD BOB TRIPLES.

Tenor (reputed) 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. 1 oz.

May K. Noyes	Treble
I. Ittem	2
Belle Basher	3
A. Tryer	4
Wat A. Muddle	5
N. Otto Klew	6
K. E. Pemwright	7
O. M. Y. Blister	Tenor

Composed by Stedman Fudger. Conducted by K. E. Pemwright.

Roughest peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer's cat.

The last half change is missing because the four front bells came round the wrong end of the rope.

MATHEMATICAL APPROACH TO EXTENDED GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—We note with some joy that the method known here as extended Grandsire has at last been recognised in your columns. It will be realised by all who have spent some time in diligent study of this method that its basic principle lies in the ringing of n bells with an (n+m) bell beat, where n and m are both positive integers.

The contraction of Grandsire by ringing it with an (n-m) bell beat is, however, the more common of the two. For example, we have:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	(3/5)	4	(7/8)	9	8		0	
2	(3/1)	4	5	6	(7/8)	9	0		
3	2	4	(1/6)	5	8	(7/9)	0		
3	(1/4)	6	1	8	(5/6)	7	0		
4	3	6	2	(8/1)	9	(5/7)	0		
4	(6/3)	8	2	9	(1/7)	5	0		
(6/4)	8	(5/9)	2	7	1	5	0		
6	(8/4)	9	3	(7/2)	5	1	0		

The musical quality of this method will be noted in the (42)s, (57)s, etc.

It is, of course, a simple step to extend m to non-integer values, but by far the most interesting is when m is a periodic function of L the number of changes rung, i.e.

$$m = A \sin (L/j)\,\pi$$

where A and j are constants.

We are at present engaged on working out a general theory and, following the line of reasoning of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, we have introduced a function ψ (not necessarily real). whose product with its complex conjugate $\psi\psi^*$ give us the probability of hearing a given bell. Thus we are now in a position to give a general definition of a peal, i.e.

$$\int_T \psi_i \psi_i^* \, dt > 5{,}000 \qquad i = 1,2,\cdots n$$

where T is the duration of the peal. — Yours unquestioningly,

DEREK V. MORETON.

Manchester University.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to notice, whilst reading through the peal columns of this journal, the large number of peals rung, obviously for the ringers concerned own selfish pleasures, as they do not bear a footnote of reason for ringing. I feel out of common decency and respect to our clergy for allowing us the use of the bells we should dedicate our peals at least to the Church Festivals.

I agree, we must advance in our art, namely, from 'Standard' to 'Surprise,' but it seems the latter are the chief offenders, and tend to forget our bells are dedicated to the glory of God.

So often we read a footnote, 'First peal in the method,' etc., usually a 'Surprise' peal, agreed, a step further in our art, but without dedicating the peal to 'His Glory,' we must ask ourselves, 'Have we really taken a step in the right direction?'—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

NOTE.—It must not be assumed that the absence of an appropriate footnote means that the peal in question has no 'religious' significance. There was a time when all footnotes, unless a 'first,' were expunged on account of space. While of late the Editor has given a reasonable degree of latitude, circumstances might arise when abbreviation is necessary. Peals rung at Christmas and Easter are assumed to be in association with these festivals,

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. HARVEY

With deep regret we receive the news of the death of James Frederick Harvey, a highly respected member of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed away on November 17th at the age of 76. He commenced his ringing career at Hertford, but lived in Yorkshire for the greater portion of his life, where he rang, chiefly, at Bradford Cathedral. After retiring from his position in the County Court offices he came to reside in Birmingham with his daughter, and from the commencement closely identified himself with the St. Martin's Guild.

As a ringer Jim Harvey was a useful acquisition to any band; a good striker, and one who was always ready to try a new method. He derived much pleasure from constructing methods and proving them. Having time at his disposal, he would enjoy a five- or six-mile walk to a ringing practice.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will recall his well-written articles entitled 'A Ringer in the Cotswolds.'

Some twelve months ago Jim was warned by his medical practitioner to live a quieter life, so for some time his ringing activities had lessened, but the members of the Guild were very pleased to see him at their last meeting ringing Spliced Surprise Major.

His gentlemanly nature endeared him to all his friends. He passed away in a beautiful manner—he died in his sleep.

At the Crematorium the St. Martin's Guild were represented by the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) and Mr. Arthur Jones. G. E. F.

MR. F. J. LAMBERT

The death occurred on November 6th at his home in Horsmonden, Kent, of Mr. Frederick John Lambert, at the age of 86 years. The funeral was on November 12th at the Church of St. Margaret, Horsmonden, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. C. Barker), and the Rev. Mr. Peareth (Vicar of Lamberhurst) was at the organ. The Rector gave a short address and as the cortege left the church Psalm 23 was chanted.

At the end of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on the family handbells by H. R. French 1-2, A. Relfe 3-4, T. E. Sone 5-6, R. E. Lambert 7-8. During the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Margaret's by his three sons and three nephews to his memory.

By the death of Mr. F. J. Lambert the Kent County Association has lost one of its oldest and most valued members. He was captain of the Horsmonden ringers for 33 years, as was his father for 60 years before him. He was a keen ringer and good striker and in his young days walked many miles for service ringing, to say nothing of his adventures when out peal ringing. He was responsible for introducing change ringing at Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst and in the Brenchley district.

Besides his keenness for ringing, he was also in his young days a good cricketer and footballer and was a foundation member of the Horsmonden Gardeners' Society. He played the circular bass in the Horsmonden Brass Band and was also a good swimmer.

His motto in life was 'Keep Smiling,' and when ringing he never hesitated to call for good striking and 'Strike them, chaps' was often heard. He made many friends—Mr. F. White and Mr. S. H. Green were outstanding amongst them.

Mr. Lambert had rung 254 peals, chiefly in Kent and Sussex. His most treasured peals were the all-Lambert peal at Mitcham, Surrey, on November 2nd, 1921, also one at Tenterden, this being the first peal of Major on the bells, to which he rang the seventh. His list of peals is as follows:—

Doubles.—One method 2, three methods 1.

Minor.—One to seven methods 81, including London and Cambridge Surprise, 14 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 40, Stedman 6, Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 32, Double Bob 1, Oxford Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 11, Kent Treble Bob 19, Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 18, Cambridge 12, New Cambridge 1, Norfolk 4, Yorkshire 4, Ashtead 1, Bristol 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 3.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 5.

MR. ERNEST F. WHITE

By the passing of Mr. E. F. White, the Warminster band of ringers has lost one of its oldest members, and the Salisbury Guild a loyal and faithful member. He was a member of the tower at the time when to ring a six-score of Doubles was an achievement. Scores of ringers have passed through his hands to become members of towers throughout the country, and some still ringing with him until the last.

Mr. White was vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch in 1931, becoming chairman in 1934, a position he held for 12 years when he resigned and was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

He was not a great peal ringer but was always willing to take a rope if wanted. He 'completed the circle' of his tower and rang peals in all the standard methods. It was always a joy to him to pilot a ringer through his first peal. He was a man of exceptionally firm character, very quiet and unassuming, and it was a privilege to have him as a friend.

At his interment, which was in a corner of the churchyard, beneath the tower and bells which he loved so well, members of the Salisbury Branch joined with those of the Devizes Branch in homage to one who will be remembered whenever Warminster bells are rung.

Some well-struck muffled ringing took place immediately after the interment and an 'in memoriam' peal will be attempted in the near future. W. C. W.

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LOCALS CONQUER SOUTHWELL

The locals of Southwell Minster are justly proud of themselves by their peal on November 14th, which is believed to be the first to be rung on the bells by a local band from the Newark District.

Mr. F. Pickard has been a ringer at Southwell for nearly 50 years and this was his first peal on the bells after numerous attempts.

Fifteen-year-old Simon Barley now becomes the youngest person to ring a peal in this rather unusual tower

Mr. F. W. Midwinter has rung the tenor as a cover bell for over 11 hours on various occasions before finally hearing 'That's all.'

THE BELLS OF COBHAM, SURREY

The fine south doorway of St. Andrew's Church is Norman, so is the tower, built of rubble in pudding-stone with walls 3½ feet thick. The N.E. chantry, built about 1200, was probably the work of the monks of Chertsey Abbey for use in special Masses. In 1292 Pope Innocent ordered that all the tithes of Cobham Church were to be paid to the Abbey.

In 1552 Cobham had 'iij belles in the steple,' but there seems no record of when they were made a ring of five. Probably this was in 1687, when William Eldridge was entrusted with the work, but since then there has been some recasting, also a new tenor by Taylor's in 1902 to make the ring up to six, which are as follows:—

Treble. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1903.
2. T. Swain, 1767.
3. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1903.
4. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1910.
5. Pack and Chapman, 1773.
Tenor. Taylor, 1902. 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Ringing is done from the ground floor at the west end, and the ringers maintain Sunday service ringing, also a regular weekly practice. In addition, there is a tune-ringing team which actively supports events connected with the parish, and one of their special interests is to raise funds for the purpose of increasing the ring from six to eight. This will probably take years of hard work, but with keen teamwork and perseverance their efforts should meet with success, and it will be a great day for Cobham when the scheme reaches fruition.

At the outskirts of Cobham, by the side of the River Mole, is Stoke D'Abernon Church, one of the oldest in Surrey and well worth a visit, even though change ringing has never been a feature. History is silent regarding the bells of early days, but in 1552 the number was two. The same year (1687), when Eldridge aecast the bells of the Parish Church, he added a small bell at Stoke D'Abernon, which made the number up to three as follows:—

1. W. Eldridge, 1687.
2. Pre-Reformation. Recast, Warner, 1866.
3. Pre-Reformation, circa 1450.

The largest of the three has a diameter of 22 inches only, and the casting is ascribed to Joanna Sturdy, a unique bell foundress, who was not only the wife of two bell-founders, but mother-in-law of a third. She continued founding on her own account after the loss of each husband!

As we leave the ancient church and glance at its walls, still showing some Roman tiles of an early pagan temple, we realise that history can unfold much in this peaceful corner of Surrey. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A Half-Day in Leicestershire

On October 31st a very pleasant half-day was spent in Leicestershire by eight ringers representing counties of Berkshire, Northants, Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Towers visited were: Aylestone (8), Kirby Muxloe (5), Groby (6), Markfield (6), formerly a minor five, where a new tenor was added in 1948, and Copt Oak (6).

Tea at Loughborough was followed by visits to the Bell Foundry Campanile (where the party acquitted themselves well, especially on the front six), Mountsorrel (8), and All Saints', Leicester (8).

The party were met at the latter tower by Alan Cattell and an hour of good ringing was enjoyed, Alan demonstrating how to ring an inside pair to Cambridge and Stedman.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Miss W. Burton, and the party would like to express thanks to all concerned. K. R. H.

QUARTER PEALS

BORDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily B. P. Walker 1, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 2, D. Jarrett 3, T. Barton 4, A. J. Dunk 5, E. C. Barton 6, G. Kenward 7, J. Spice 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. First quarter for 3 and 4. For All Saints' Day, and to fulfil a wish for Violet McNaughton, an old Bordenian, on a visit from Canada after 44 years.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Latham 1, T. Norris (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Nash 3, A. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, N. Jenkins 6, L. North 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. Foskett.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Fountain (first quarter) 1, M. Legg 2, J. Weadon 3, S. Body 4, K. Medwey 5, E. C. Wickham 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, E. Hudson 8.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): C. Rouse (cond.) 1, Miss M. Drew 2, Miss J. Barbrook 3, H. Robinson 4, F. Roberts 5, R. Holpin 6. Rung for Evensong on the fifth anniversary of the bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bovce 1, G. Ashdowr (cond.) 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Daftus 4, G. Daynes 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Warner 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung on the occasion of the Woolwich Deanery Choir Festival, also for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, and a welcome to W. Daynes on joining the Eltham band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,680 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Conduct 1, Mrs. C. Silke 2, W. J. Meers (cond.) 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, G. N. Lane 7, W. T. Shelton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hailstone.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: C. Rigby 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Massingham 4, N. Cox 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: A. Booth 1, Betty Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, C. Massingham 4, A. Mansfield 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 8th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Copping 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant 4, V. Bottomley 5, K. Palmer 6, F. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, R. M. Mann 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3, and as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, B. W. Huntley 2, Miss M. C. Howe (first quarter) 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade 5, J. Schofield (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Spencer 1, N. Genna 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, F. Baldwin 4, P. J. Coles (first in the method) 5, A. W. Coles 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hart, mother of the tenor ringer.

HENDON, N.W.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, N. Fudge 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Arnold 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, also a birthday compliment to Miss Bernice Martin, a St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, ringer, and a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, R. G. Townsend 2, Miss P. Manning 3, D. Beacham 4, F. G. Wilton 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, S. H. Chivers 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Webb), who is leaving for Cold Aston, Glos. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Cheesley 1, J. T. Sawyer 2, L. Woodwards 3, H. Pope 4, T. Stone (cond.) 5, T. Boulton 6. A token of appreciation to the Rev. F. R. Webb after preaching his farewell sermon at the conclusion of 21 years as Vicar of this parish.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake 4, J. Salway 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. F. Mayne.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, J. Adams 2, H. Mair 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Rung by the Sunday service band for Confirmation service.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Lane (cond.) 1, L. Wood 2, W. G. Lane 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, D. K. Lane 5.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Bamber 1, F. Bishop 2, Miss R. Brown 3, H. Young 4, D. White 5, H. E. Flatters 6, R. Brown 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by 1 and 2.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Terry 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, R. Prior (first quarter) 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, Miss A. Boulden 8. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Terry 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. Boulden 3, R. Swift 4, J. R. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, Miss A. Boulden 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: H. G. Hart 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, A. King 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, M. Stacey 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, N. Genna 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, A. W. Coles 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. King.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, H. Mansfield 2, S. Linnett 3, F. Lewis 4, S. Easter 5, H. Appleton (first quarter in method) 6, A. Hubble (first as cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, G. Perrin 5, K. Ager 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung for the conductor's 80th birthday.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Simpson 1, A. E. Chilton 2, C. F. Briggs 3, N. Parker 4, F. W. Vernon 5, H. Stevenson 6, J. W. Raithby (cond.), W. L. Exton 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on front six: C. Barnes 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, B. Buswell 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, W. Nichols 6. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Delderfield 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3 Gillian Flitton (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Rootes 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6.

PADWORTH, BERKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Allen 1, W. J. Johnson 2, Mrs. G. Burgess 3, A. Atkins 4, J. Harmsworth 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the birthday of Prince Charles.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: B. Atkinson 1, P. S. Barrett 2, O. W. Barrett 3, J. K. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Day.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Patricia D. Prowse 1, A. Carveth 2, H. Harper 3, C. A. Wratten 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. H. Eplett 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, D. Burnett 8. Longest length of Plain Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Wratten 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Patricia D. Prowse (first 'inside') 4, D. Burnett 5, A. H. Eplett 6, H. Harper 7, C. W. Jose 8. Rung on the birthday of Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): F. V. Sinkins 1, W. Welling 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, W. E. Judd 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. For the funeral of Mr S. Symons, O.B.E. (churchwarden).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Double Norwich: S. Cox 1, H. Kilby 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, G. H. Bray 4, J. M. Jelley 5, B. G. Warwick 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, K. Clarke 3, R. Woodley 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Reeks 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 8th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Cookson 1, C. W. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. N. Layton 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung for Remembrance Sunday, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fellows for the gift of a son.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Rix 1, W. W. Cousins 2, W. Hammond 3, H. Follen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel, who were married at this church earlier in the day. Also at St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Spliced Plain and St. Clement's): C. Cousins, jun., 1, E. Barker 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Reed 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: E. H. Durrant 1, J. Schofield 2, R. Rowley 3, W. Wenban 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. G. Bell 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Pearson (first in method) 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, R. Allred 3, I. McEwan 4, G. Pearson 5, A. Pendlebury 6, F. Grundy (cond.) 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8. Farewell to the 6th ringer, who is going to Guildford for a six months' course.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov 8th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Munden and 576 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, M. Fuller 3, J. E. Cannell 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. First extent of Munden for all.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The annual district meeting was held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bexley, on October 31st, where 52 members attended.

Ringing during the afternoon preceded service held in church, at which the Vicar (Rev. S. Hooper) extended a warm welcome to Bexley. Mrs. A. Milne was the organist. The lesson was read by Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford). A collection was made to support the appeal for the restoration fund.

After the service, tea was taken in St. John's Hall, in the contiguous parish, the catering being excellently managed by St. Mary's ringers.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) presided at the business meeting.

One practising and one non-resident member were elected into the Association.

The district secretary's annual report was given a kind reception and provoked one or two questions and expressions of opinion on affairs in the district, whose membership has suffered a small nett decline during the past year.

The district secretary and representatives, Messrs. A. G. Hill, A. S. Richards and J. Dafters, were re-elected for another year. Mr. P. Brown (Sidcup and Bexley) was elected ringing master in succession to Mr. E. Jones, of Lewisham, who was cordially thanked for his services during his year of office.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen as the place for the January meeting, in response to an invitation from the Vicar and ringers of that tower. Unfortunately, this tower is not available for the annual meeting.

Motions submitted by other districts were then considered and the district representatives informed of the members' opinions.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed congratulations to Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley, on completing 66 years since his first ringing at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. This was cordially accorded.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and ringers of St. Mary's, to the Vicar of St. John's for the use of the hall, to the ladies for help at tea and to the chairman concluded the meeting. Further ringing followed.

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. F. GOBEY

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Also goes to New Cambridge and Superlative. Rung at Old Basford, Notts, Nov. 14th, 1953.

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ENGAGEMENT

HOOTON—FARMER.—The engagement is announced between Malcolm, youngest son of Mrs. R. and Mr. G. Hooton, of Walton, Bucks, and Lilian, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. and the late Mr. J. Farmer, of Wavenden, Bucks. 3535

DEATH

HARVEY.—Suddenly, at 6, Hazeloak Road, Shirley, Birmingham, James Frederick Harvey, aged 76, some time member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and of the Yorkshire Association. 3553

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter), November 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 3508

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3495

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. 3478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, November 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Albion Treble Bob.—E. Buck. Dis. Sec. 3480

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Narborough, November 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Rooms, 5. 3490

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Elmham, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3504

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 28th, 3.30 p.m. 3489

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8), 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Annual dinner at Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 6.30. Bells, Cathedral (12), 2 to 2.45, St. Maurice's (6), 3.30 to 5.15. Choral Evensong at St. Maurice's, 5.15. All tickets sold.—J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3499

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. All Saints', Fulham. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Southwark Cathedral. Everyone welcome. 3509

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Martock, December 5th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3501

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3486

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wrington, December 5th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3530

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedfordshire District.—Meeting, Cople, December 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Munden Surprise Minor. — Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 3517

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Clyst St. George, December 5th. Names for tea by December 1st to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 3496

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Netherton, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3510

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, December 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Stretham (6), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3547

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 5th, St. Mary, Redcliff (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3529

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, December 5th. Watermoor (8), from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Cirencester (12) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by December 3rd to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester, Glos. 3542

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Lydney, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3521

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by December 2nd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3531

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking, December 5th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5, followed by business meeting, including nomination of district officers for 1954. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 2nd. 3488

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination and tower captain's meetings at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meetings immediately after tea. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Major J. Bragg, 15, Ainger Close, Aldershot. 3514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, December 5th, Oxhey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District. — Meeting at St. John's Church, Knutsford, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Miss Doreen Edwards, 18, Acacia Avenue, Knutsford, Cheshire. 3549

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington, December 5th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea before Thursday, December 3rd, to Mr. R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Charge for tea 1s. No names, no tea. All ringers welcome to this new major ring dedicated a month ago.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Secretary. 3548

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting on December 5th at Lancaster (St. Peter's Cathedral, 10 bells). Ringing 2 to 5.30 and after tea at Lancaster Priory (8 bells). Tea at 5.30. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3524

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church on Sat., December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Names, please, to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan, before Dec. 3rd. Meeting to follow tea.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary. 3522

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, December 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by December 2nd to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe. 3526

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 5th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m., including nomination of officers. Further ringing after.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3545

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, December 5th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3513

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee, December 5th. Ringing, St. George's, Colegate, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich, 4. Agenda, Annual General Meeting. Names for tea by November 28th to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 67a, The Close, Norwich. 3485

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, December 5th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 30th to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxon. 3500

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by November 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3491

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on December 5th at 6.30. —B. C. Castle. 3516

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — Meeting at Shrivenham, Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks. 3519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, December 5th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before December 1st, please. Note: No name, no tea. 3518

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice, December 5th, Britford (6), 2.15 to 4.30, Downton (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Youth Club, Downton, 5 p.m., for those who send names by December 1st to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3481

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Practice meeting at Rowde (6), Saturday, December 5th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3532

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, December 5th, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30 to 5. Tea 5.15. Names, please. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7 to 9.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18, Hon. Secs. 3536

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), December 5th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 p.m., in Parish Room, adjoining church, but essential to notify by Tuesday, December 1st, Rev. A. Doxey, Greasley Vicarage, Newthorpe, Notts. 3479

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. — Quarterly meeting, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, December 5th. After tea and business, ringing at East Grinstead till 8 p.m. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3541

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Refreshments can be obtained at nearby cafes. 3515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Full attendance, please. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd. — A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3540

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Buriton (6), Dec. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The Five Bells. Numbers for tea by Dec. 2nd. — C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3554

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3543

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Timberscombe, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 5th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 3555

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Borcham. 3523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash please, to Mr. L. H. Bennett, 1, Box Tree Cottages, Bolts Hill, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 8th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3511

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting at Haverfordwest (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 3520

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, December 12th. Cafes close to church for own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 3544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. Names for tea, by December 9th, to A. K. Wood, Hughenden, Hickmans Road, Godstone. 3527

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—Dedication of two new trebles, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. Everyone welcome. 3537

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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — IV.

An Account of the Peal Records and Leading Conductors Since 1890

By H. V. FROST, the Hon. General Secretary

IN the field of five- and six-bell ringing, mention must first be made of the Little Munden band, who rang their first peal in 1897 (under the conductorship of W. H. Lawrence) and soon became prominent in Minor ringing. In 1902 they rang 6,480 in nine methods and 7,200 in ten methods in 1904. The first peal of Treble Bob Minor in the county and a peal in fourteen different 360's was rung at this tower in 1906, while in 1907 'Bill' Lawrence rang two bells to a peal and again in 1910, this time also conducting seven methods. He also took part in many peals on the higher numbers.

Walter H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, also conducted peals in seven methods, at St. Stephen's in 1894 and St. Michael's in 1898, also at Oxhey in 1898, while in 1901-02 George N. Price, of Oxhey, called similar peals at Elstree, Abbot's Langley, Langleybury and Apsley End with members of his band.

The Royston band rang their first peal in 1905, and the Great Wymondley band in 1906. Both towers possessed very active six-bell bands, while the five-bell band at Barley rang their first peal of Doubles in 1910 and went on to ring a peal in seven Doubles methods in 1921. On the addition of a new treble, Cambridge Minor was rung in 1923. Robert Howard, the conductor, also called other Surprise Minor peals, including the first in seven Surprise methods in the county, which was rung at Barley in 1927.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey, conducted the first peal of Cambridge Minor for the Association in April, 1922, at Oxhey, thus becoming the first ringer to have rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers. He also called the first peal of London Surprise Minor for the Association in July, 1922, at Elstree.

In recent years, method splicing has been developed at Apsley End under the conductorship of Walter Ayre, commencing with a peal in ten methods in 1933. The number of methods has gradually been increased in peals at Apsley and other towers until, in 1952, a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor was rung in 32 methods.

Other feats worthy of mention are the seven-method peal rung non-conducted at Great Munden in 1911, and four seven-method peals in one day by one set of men in 1934 at Anstey, Great Munden, Ardeley and Walkern.

The bells at Aldenham and Bushey were increased from six to eight in 1889, and change ringing was taken up with the assistance of H. G. Rowe, who was attached to Hatfield and, later to Hoddesdon and Cheshunt. He called the first peal at Aldenham in 1890, which was rung by the Hatfield College Youths. E. P. Debenham conducted the first peal at Bushey with a band from St. Albans, also in 1890. The Bushey band gained the services of W. H. L. Buckingham, who left St. Albans in 1896 and called a considerable number of peals for the Association on eight and ten bells, many being his own composition. Ernest E. Huntley, of Bushey, also called many peals, and was the first to conduct Lates' One Part peal of Stedman Triples from every bell.

George N. Price rang his first peal as conductor in 1897, and was the leader of the Oxhey band which became almost as famous as the old Benington band.

In 1900, peals of Superlative were again rung at various towers in the county by local men under the conductorship of William Pye, who also called the first peals of New Cambridge (1903) and London (1904) by the Association. Peals of Superlative became numerous in 1902, and were being conducted by G. N. Price, E. E. Huntley, B. Prewett. James Parker (Edmonton), and later by H. Baker and H. Eden.

THE OXHEY BAND

The first Association peal of Stedman Triples on handbells had been rung at Bushey in 1901 by H. P. Harman, W. H. L. Buckingham, G. N. Price and C. F. Winney (conductor). The composition was Thurstans' One-Part and a fortnight later the same band rang it 'silent' at Fulham. In 1904, the Oxhey band rang a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Taking part in this peal were Henry and William Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow and G. N. Price (conductor). These four men, with Hubert Eden, rang the first Stedman Caters peal in the county in 1905.

The first Surprise peals in the county by a local band since the days of the Benington band were rung in 1907 at Oxhey, being Superlative and Cambridge. The Oxhey band rang their first peal of London in 1908 at Harpenden, Double Norwich 'in hand' (1908), Superlative 'in hand' (1909) and the first peal of Bristol in the county at Oxhey in 1910, although the first peal of Bristol had been rung for the Association in 1907 by the Edmonton band at Waltham Abbey.

Miss E. K. Parker, of Edmonton (now Mrs. G. W. Fletcher), called a peal of Stedman Triples at Broxbourne in 1910, and thus became the first lady member of the Association to call a peal. Miss Parker also conducted peals of New Cambridge and London Surprise in 1911 for the Association, and became the first Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild in 1912.

The extent of Bristol Surprise with the tenors together (12,160 changes by Rev. H. L. James) was rung at Knebworth in 1912 in 7 hours and 18 minutes, with G. N. Price as conductor, but this record was beaten at Hornchurch with 15,264 changes a few weeks later.

The first twelve-bell peal in the county was Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Oxhey in 1912, conducted by G. N. Price, who became the first to call a different composition of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of handbells.

AFTER FIRST WORLD WAR

After the first World War, the rings of six at Bengeo, Royston and North Mymms were increased to eight, while Watford bells were recast and 'Simpson' tuned.

In 1920 Maurice F. R. Hibbert called a peal of Erin Triples and later Caters and Cinques in the method, also Original Triples and Major. John Thomas, of Edmonton, called 5,024 Forward Major, also the first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells for the Association in 1921 and Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' in 1923.

William Pye called the first peals for the Association of Kent Royal (1909), Kent Maximus (1921), Cambridge Royal (1921) and Cambridge Maximus (1922). The twelve-bell peals were rung at Waltham Abbey and the Cambridge Maximus peal, through the initiative of M. F. R. Hibbert, placed the Association in the position of being the first to have rung Cambridge on all numbers.

Peals of Little Bob Major and Single Oxford Major in 1927, Wellington Little Court (1929), Little Oxford Bob (1936) and Gonville Bob (1950) were rung at towers in the Western District, conducted by W. Ayre, who called the first spliced peal of Maximus on handbells (Plain and Little Bob) in 1931, also handbell peals of Double Bob Major and Richmond Bob in 1935.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county was rung at North Mymms in 1929, when William Pye called the original peal in four methods by Rev. H. Law James. Peals of Double Norwich Royal (1930) and Yorkshire Royal (1934) were conducted by W. H. Hewett at All Saints', Hertford.

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The long peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) was rung at Benington in ten hours and 52 minutes on Whit-Monday, 1933, by an East Herts band, under Sidney Carter, of Little Munden. This peal was the record length of Major rung by one set of men until 1950, when it was beaten by 21,600 changes at Over.

MR. H. G. CASHMORE'S CONTRIBUTION.

In 1930, a band drawn from various towers in the Watford area, under the conductorship of Harold G. Cashmore, rang peals in the standard Surprise methods and later Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, also Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, New Cambridge, and Rutland Surprise Major, the latter his own composition.

The first peals of Aldenham and Bushey Surprise Major were rung in 1933, both composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore, to be followed in the next year by peals of St. Albans, Ashtead, Pudsey, Oxhey, Hertfordshire and Elstree Surprise. In 1935, the first peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods by a resident band was rung, also peals of Eryri Major and Wembley Surprise.

By 1951, Mr. Cashmore had called peals in forty-three new Surprise Major methods, or methods new to the Association. Many were composed by him, and in many cases were rung without previous practice by his bands, which included F. W. Brinklow, H. Hodgetts, F. Kirk, W. Ayre, M. F. R. Hibbert, S. H. Hoare, C. W. Woolley, E. Jennings and many other well-known ringers.

On the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve in 1935, a peal of Stedman Cinques was conducted by H. E. C. Goodenough, being the first on tower bells in the county. This was followed by Erin Cinques and Bob Maximus in 1938, Cambridge Maximus in 1948, and Grandsire Cinques in 1950, also peals of Caters and Royal, including Albanian Surprise Royal in 1947, the first peal in the method which was rung by a band resident in the district, including the composer, D. A. Bayles, who rang the tenor.

Other notable peals rung by the Association include Spliced Surprise Major in four and five methods by the Watford Society, who also accomplished the first peal of Watford Surprise in 1937, under the conductorship of H. G. Cashmore, who called the first peal of Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples at Bushey in 1939.

In 1942, it was decided to make a collection of all compositions which have been rung by the Association, and this work is being done by Mr. Cashmore. A loose-leaf ledger was provided, and Mr. E. Jennings typed the peal figures. Mr. G. W. Seaman (Watford) has recently taken over this part of the work.

HANDBELL RECORD

The Association has been outstanding in its record of handbell peals in Surprise methods. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 1933 by H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) and F. W. Brinklow. This band rang London in 1934, Spliced London and Cambridge in 1935 (the first peal of Spliced Surprise 'in hand'), three and four Surprise methods in 1936, five and six methods in 1937, also peals of Bristol, Yorkshire, Felstead, Jersey and Superlative in later years.

During World War II. E. Jennings and E. C. S. Turner took part in several Surprise peals on handbells, including New Cambridge, Spliced Cambridge and Superlative and Spliced Surprise in five methods. Later, in 1948, Mr. Cashmore rang his 50th Surprise peal on handbells, and in 1950, with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley and F. W. Brinklow, called peals in six and eight methods, while in 1951, with C. W. Woolley, E. C. S. Turner and F. W. Brinklow, the number of methods was raised to twelve, and ultimately, in 1952, to sixteen methods.

Handbell peals of Reverse Bob, Highbury Bob, Lavenham Court, Cambridge Court, Avalon Court, Shipway's Court, and Double Oxford have been rung at Bushey and elsewhere, conducted by E. C. S. Turner, C. W. Woolley and W. H. J. Hooton.

The record peal of Major on handbells was rung in 1948 at Bushey, being 13,664 Double Norwich in six hours and four minutes by E. A. Barnett, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and E. C. S. Turner (conductor).

The total number of peals rung for the Association is now over 2,250, including peals in 55 different Surprise Major methods, many of which have been the first in the method.

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Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	PETER BORDER	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Scrivens.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
HARRY POYNER	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	2	†JOHN PEARSON	7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	3	†ALBERT W. BOND	8
*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	9
†SYDNEY H. BARRON	5	†ARNOLD ROTHERY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung following Confirmation service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	*HAROLD TAYLOR	6
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
*PHILIP H. WHITAKER	3	*GORDON A. HALLS	8
DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	*MARK J. BARKER	9
*SYDNEY J. MERRY	5	JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

Rung to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	2	HERBERT LOWMAN	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
*WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 100th peal. The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
CHARLES W. LEE	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
JOHN N. LINDON	5	*ALFRED E. OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on ten bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SUSAN JACKSON	2	ALLEN MORGAN	7
GERALD BOWEN	3	DAVID BEACHAM	8
*GEORGE E. LARGE	4	REGINALD WOODYATT	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	CYRIL TANSELL	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 200th peal together.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

PERCY H. HULL	*Treble*	*GWILYN SALMON	6
*RONALD H. GARDINER	2	VICTOR SAVAGE	7
GEORGE PRESCOTT	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	8
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	HENRY J. SANGER	9
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5	*HARRY SMITH	*Tenor*
		*VICTOR G. ROBERTS	

Composed by G. J. HAWKINS. Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.
In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SINGLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCES E. THRELFALL	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
GORDON P. T. SMITH	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	*EDWARD W. ROAST	5
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
†MARY DOWSETT	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
PETER J. CAME	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	PETER BORDER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
In the Worcester Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	HERBERT LEWIN	5
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*JAMES H. PAILING	3	JOHN B. GUY	7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	FRANCES A. THRELFALL	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 150th peal. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association. The conductor has now called a peal in a different Surprise Major method off each bell in the tower.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*DEREK E. SMITH	*Treble*	LESLIE H. SQUIRES	5
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN CRAGG	6
†LOUIS WILLDERS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEORGE SCOTT	4	*RALPH HEMPSALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	†HENRY O. BAKER	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	*WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
†WALTER ALLMAN	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
FRED JACKSON	4	SAM JONES, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Golding, a ringer at this tower.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
SHEILA PROCTOR	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
IRIS PROCTOR	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	7
NANCY E. MARKLEW	4	CURZON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Beatrice Seal, the donor of the bells, who passed away on November 17th, 1953.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part Reversed. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	WALTER J. LEMON	*Tenor*

Arranged by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
The conductor's 550th peal.
Rung to mark the sixth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty the Queen.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	*Treble*	*SIDNEY SKINNER	5
REGINALD WOODLEY	2	*ERNEST W. ROWE	6
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung on the Feast of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. S. Glanvill, of Woodbury, Exeter.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	*CHARLES HONE	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	*EDWARD MALIN	7
SHEILA R. COLLINS	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*MARION BRADLEY	3	*FRANK BRADLEY	7
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES R. GODFREY	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Creears, A.K.C., upon his induction as Vicar at this church. Also the quarterly peal for the Guild.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HERBERT PERRY	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCKE	5
FREDERICK WELCH	2	GEORGE HARTLAND	6
*HUBERT BURGE	3	JACK W. DREW	7
*JAMES C. TAYLOR	4	THOMAS J. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MORTIMER	*Treble*	†JOHN ROMAIN	5
SIDNEY G. GRANT	2	†HARRY HEATH	6
*STANLEY R. COCKELL	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

FRANK BARRACLOUGH	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
HARRY ANDERTON	2	JACK N. BROWN	6
EVEREST FORD	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
All are Master Masons.
Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday anniversary of Bro. Ernest Cutsforth, a Bolton and ex-Yorkshire ringer.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	REGINALD H. JARVIS	5
*MRS. G. F. BURTON	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	4	GEORGE F. BURTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER HUNT	*Treble*	BERNARD C. CASTLE	5
*WILLIAM J. PARKER	2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	6
CHARLES W. MORTIMER	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	4	†FREDERICK HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. HITCH	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	5
RONALD J. SHARPE	2	‡ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
†JOHN CHURCH	3	†JACK S. DEAR	7
†EDWARD G. BUCK	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal.
Rung to mark the occasion of the engagement of Miss Patricia L. Gilbert, late of Bromham, Beds.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. J. COPE	5
*CECIL T. CLARKE	2	EDWIN H. NASH	6
*MARJORIE LEGG	3	*RONALD D. SHORT	7
*WALTER STEPHENS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the sixth anniversary of the marriage of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*VICTOR NEAL	*Treble*	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	5
HENRY PARKER	2	JOHN SCOTT	6
*ETHEL WISE	3	CECIL RADDON	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
*First peal of Plain Bob Major.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5152 IMBERHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
This method is rung for the first time.
In memoriam Frederick J Lambert, sen., of Horsmonden, Kent, who was a member of the above Association.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*VICTOR J. A. JAMES	*Treble*	†PETER J. RYE	5
FREDERICK A. RYE	2	†THOMAS A. WICKENS	6
†JANET R. WELLS	3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	7
JOHN F. PENFOLD	4	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.
*First peal. †First peal of Major. First eight bell peal as conductor. Specially arranged for P. J. Rye, R.A.F., home on leave from Germany.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN NASH	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
JOHN JACKSON	2	†FRANK STEAD	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY, JUN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
*First peal. †First peal 'inside' in the method.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. J. L. Brooks.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	JEAN M. HARRIS	5
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	*JOE E. G. ROAST	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
*PETER J. CAME	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.



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TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE	*Treble*	ROY E. WOOD	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	*ERNEST J. LADD	6
*LUTHER J. HONESS	3	†WILLIAM R. MANSER	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band, for the Association and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID L. GULLICK	*Treble*	*ALFRED C. HARRIS	4
*MARION JACKSON	2	†PETER W. CROFT	5
*ALAN JACKSON	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal.
A loyal greeting to H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, on his fifth birthday.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents—C.C.C. 34, 50, 48, 29, 28 (3 versions).
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT T. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
P. JOHN WILKIN	2	FRED C. GIFFORD	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	FRANK PEARSON	4
*BETTY SYRETT	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. J. Arnold and Mrs. M. A. Phillippo, mother of the conductor.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variation of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

TONY OWEN	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
TOM GREENACRE	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
CHAS. F. TOVELL	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 24 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

AUDREY S. MOULE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	ARTHUR YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.
Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

VICTOR G. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
W. CHARLES GOUGH	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
*FELIX N. GREGORY	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Nov. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (C.C.C. 34, 35, 37, 39, 48, 50, 40).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DONALD PEACOCK	*Treble*	E. JACK PARISH	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	JOHN R. G. SPICER	5
FRANK ELSOM	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Derick Sanderson, married November 21st, 1953.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being a 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ALFRED J. BULL	*Treble*	*ERIC H. KNAPP	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 16, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

VINCENT W. RIGG	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
N. DAVID LANE	5—6		

Conducted by N. DAVID LANE.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.
Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
First peal in more than one method 'in hand' by all, and for the Society.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Smith 1, A. Ling 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. John Wright and Miss Thelma Block.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela Law (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes Millam, and a 21st birthday compliment to Beryl Patching, both ringers at Wivelsfield.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Nov. 18th, 780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Utting (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Broomhead 2, J. I. Smith (cond.) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D Chandler 5, H. Pike 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to H. Pike.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, G. Bird 2, Maurice Bagg 3, K. Prime 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of K. Brooks (14), a Wembdon ringer.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. H. Jones 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, C. G. Bryant (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Sims 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, Staff-Sergt. D. Holbrey (first on eight) 8. A welcome to Staff-Sergt. Donald Holbrey, who has joined the Army Apprentices School, Beachly.

COPLE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hartwell 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges 3, E. Izzard 4, B. F. Sims 5, W. Corn 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hartwell.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss Wilkinson 1, M. Kemp (first quarter) 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Webb 5, W. Coates (cond.) 6, K. Beardsall 7, H. Willows 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (first and last of Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, G. Ashdown 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, W. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong, also 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Wood.

QUARTER PEALS

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. S. M. Longhurst 1, E. Lish 2, A. Ryman 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, C. R. Longhurst 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. First of Oxford Bob Triples for 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Horton (first of Triples) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, Miss A. M. Trott 4, J. Smart 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. H. J. Body 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. R. Grimwood 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 3, N. Bagworth 4, F. Mead 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, W. Gates 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. W. Bond 1, D. Kaye 2, W. Dransfield 3, A. Hinchcliffe 4, H. H. Smith (cond.) 5, A. Rothery 6. Rung for Armistice anniversary with bells muffled.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wardle 1, K. Burdett 2, B. Bown 3, J. Wardle 4, M. D. Nixon 5, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 6. First quarter by 5. First quarter of Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Mr. M. D. Nixon, who is entering the Leicestershire County Police Force. The rest of the band and also other local ringers send their best wishes to their fellow-ringer of the past eight years.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Penfold 1, Miss J. R. Wells 2, T. A. Wickens 3, F. A. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all. Rung to commemorate the completion of the new Parish Hall.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Taysom 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. Carveth 4, C. A. Wratton 5, H. Miles (cond.) 6. First for 1, 3 and 4.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. Diserens 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, R. Tomlin 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, C. Lewington 6, R. F. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8. Rung for Confirmation, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. G. Symonds 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, R. M. Foreman 3, B. Mayers 4, C. S. Hoad 5, F. B. Jeal 6, F. T. Hoad 7, L. W. Penfold (first quarter Caters) 8, A. T. Shelton 9, W. H. Inwood 10.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. E. Boam 1, J. Lilleker 2, I. M. Holland 3, W. Holland 4, D. Holland (cond.) 5, H. D. Holland 6. Rung for the patronal festival, and as a farewell to H. D. Holland on joining H.M. Forces.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Kent (first quarter) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, L. Tuffrey 2, Mrs. K. Watts 3, M. T. Bartlett (first quarter 'inside') 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect on the passing of James F. Harvey.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Ann's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Parry 1, Miss M. Tomlin 2, W. Coleman 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Riddleston (first quarter) 6. A 10th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howson.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carey 1, Mrs. J. Barton 2, T. Barton 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward (cond.) 5, F. Scoones 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of D. A. Sydenham to Miss E. June Gibson, of Singapore, which took place the previous day. Also on Nov. 22nd., 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. First of Triples in the method by all the band.

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The Rev. C. G. Pearson, who preached at a Guildford district meeting last Saturday, told of an interesting war-time experience. He was in charge of a London church, and on New Year's Eve was approached by a number of American troops who wanted to ring in the New Year. With difficulty he dissuaded them, owing to the ban on ringing. The incident is surprising to English ringers, as it doubtful if there are more than 50 Americans who can ring changes as we understand them.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In connection with the ringing at Westminster Abbey for the 'Save the Abbey' week a quarter peal was rung each evening—five of Stedman and one of Grandsire. The conducting was shared by Messrs. R. F. Deal, H. Langdon, A. B. Peck, J. Phillips and H. N. Pitstow. The ringers taking part, in addition to the above named, were Messrs. H. Belcher, W. S. Langdon, W. H. Pasmore, C. J. Watts and J. A. Waugh.

Mr. H. V. Frost hopes to publish 'Ringing in Hertfordshire' in booklet form if sufficient support is forthcoming. Any profits would go to the Association's funds.

The peal of Imberhorne Surprise Major rung for the first time at Turners Hill, Sussex, on November 2nd is A. G. Driver's No. 1 in Corrigan's unnamed collection.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Kirtlington on November 7th was Cyril H. Kinch and not Finch as printed. The conductor apologises for the error.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Erith on November 20th was, in all probability, the first time a true reversal of Thurstans' Four-part has been rung. The peal starts with a Quick Six, and the course ends come after Slow. The sixth is the half hunt and the fifth is home at the quarter peal ends. Many years ago Washbrook frequently called a peal he described as 'Thurstans' Reversed.' Mr. A. N. Woods has taken great pains to discover what the peal actually was. There is little doubt Washbrook used the term 'reversal' very loosely, and the peal was a transposition of his which appears in the 'Oxford Diocesan Peal Book,' 1895, page 156.

Eccles is being regarded by Masonic ringers of Lancashire and Cheshire as their headquarters. The bells are of excellent tone, and the 'go' is all that is desired. Previously to the successful peal attempt at this tower on November 21st by a band of Masonic ringers a framed illuminated record of a peal rung at this church was presented to the Vicar, R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. T. Taylor, Prov. Grand Mark Mason. The peal commemorated recorded that rung to celebrate the inauguration of Masonic ringers meeting. W. Bro. Peter Crook made the presentation, which was the gift of W. Bro. Fred Dunkerley. In thanking the donor, the Vicar expressed the hope that many more peals of such a nature would be rung there.

The ringers who rang in the peal at Mells, Somerset, on November 21st would like to record their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Nash for their hospitality after the peal.

Congratulations to Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock, who has called his first peal of Stedman Cinques. This was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe on November 21st.

We hope the initiative of the Essex Association in arranging with the County Education Committee a week-end course on bells and ringing will be followed by other Guilds and Associations. County Education Committees are anxious to stimulate youth activities of a novel kind, and there is every reason if an approach is made, with useful suggestions, it would be favourably received. We are indebted to our correspondent for a full report of the Essex proceedings, which should be helpful to those approaching County Youth Committees and similar bodies on the establishment of these courses.

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ESSEX EXPERIMENT A GREAT SUCCESS

In agreement with the Further Education Committee of the Essex County Council, the Essex Association of Change Ringers held a week-end course on churches and bell ringing at the Residential Hostel, Clarance House, Thaxted, on November 21st and November 22nd. The course was a great success; there were 14 students in residence for the week-end and 12 day students on the Saturday.

ON the day and at the appointed hour the student pioneers arrived at the School, and true to time, with very few minutes between first and last, we gathered together, the majority of us being strangers to one another. Mrs. Jones, the hostess, had everything ready, and we were welcomed with hot drinks and supper. Having satisfied the inner man, we toured the house, and were shown to our respective rooms. We were surprised at the place, a lovely old house which is unspoiled inside and out, and is furnished where possible to match its period. The bedrooms are set out with single beds in accordance with the size of the room—a real home from home. But we had come back to school, and the syllabus set one brief talk before retiring.

Gathering round the common room or drawing room fire the fourteen students settled back in their arm-chairs, while the leader set out the aims and objects of the course. The programme was duly discussed, and it was agreed that the subjects provided material for many lectures. Following the introductory talk, a slight diversion was noted when one of the travelling parties stated they had seen a steam ploughing tackle at work—there were in this very small party two steam tractor enthusiasts, who appeared to know the name, registration number, age, type of valve, etc., etc., of every steam tractor in the Eastern Counties. It was mooted by certain members that the leader should next time include a short talk (if this is possible) on this very interesting subject, and provide a tractor for practical demonstrations.

As the fire died down, we gradually faded away to settle in the snug little beds.

We rose early in the morning, ready to look around the gardens before breakfast and to get a newspaper. After breakfast, at which we united with a small class of Drama Students, our day students and lecturers began to arrive, and everything was ready to start the real business at ten o'clock.

CHURCHES AND THEIR TOWERS

Mr. L. E. Last gave the first lecture, under the heading 'Churches and their Towers.'

He commenced from the beginning of the Christian era and carried the sequence and variation in architecture through the centuries up to the present day. He set out the reasons why towers were built in the early days, the reason for their many differences, the reason why certain types of towers were built in different parts of the country, and the bearing that the geological structure of the subsoil had on the materials which could be used. He dealt with the cost of materials and the methods of transport that were available when certain of the early churches were built.

Having disposed of the subject in a general manner, the lecturer then spoke on individual churches and their development. He gave as an example the fine Parish Church at Grantham and produced a series of large scale plans to illustrate the stages of development. These plans proved a source of great interest and were the subject of many questions.

The next section of this lecture applied to towers and campaniles, and were illustrated by a film strip which the lecturer had prepared himself. He then traced the construction of the towers from early Saxon times through the whole of the different types of architecture up to the modern towers of the twentieth century with a view of the example tower or section to illustrate the point raised. This great and interesting subject had to be brought to a close to allow for questions to be asked on many of the very interesting towers that had been pictured.

Owing to the nearness of lunch it was decided to break off and resume the course with the second lecture early after lunch. It was a jolly party, 25 ringers and nine drama students, which gathered round the two great tables, and there were many happy exchanges about towers where certain members had rung and many more suggestions about visits to others which had been portrayed in the lecture.

CHANGE RINGING

Mr. F. V. Gant, Hon. General Secretary of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, gave the second lecture on 'The Art and Science of Change Ringing.' This, as the lecturer explained, was a very big subject to discuss in a short time, and it was therefore necessary to take a very limited number of minor parts to explain and illustrate.

The lecturer dealt first with the history of change ringing, the early discoveries, and the people who were reputed to have made these discoveries. He then turned to the early books of the Exercise, and gave illustrations from them, ably connecting them up with the practice to-day. The lecturer proved a real genius with the chalk on the blackboard, the speed with which he produced courses, lead and course ends bringing forth applause. He dealt with method constructions, building up from the very simple methods to the more advanced sections. The lecturer then dealt briefly with conducting, and gave many varied and useful illustrations. He also spoke on proof of touches, and gave some wise advice on how to use the various proof scales which have been produced. Time again intervened and the lecture stopped in order that questions could be answered. These proved to be many and varied, and the lecturer dealt with them in an expert way.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHURCH BELLS

Mr. H. M. Howard, M.A., Director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., gave the third lecture, entitled 'The History and Construction of Church Bells.'

Mr. Howard commenced his lecture by showing a slide of a very early bell, and referred to the Chinese art of making bells 4,000 years B.C., and traced the historic development of bells up to the Middle Ages, when St. Dunstan is mentioned as having made bells. Passing through the centuries, slides were shown of many famous bells and peals. The founders' marks and the signs on many of the bells proved very interesting. The lecturer showed how the founders' marks gave the age and often the thoughts and aspirations of the residents at the time. He then spoke of the three great founders, their early work, and the famous bells they had made.

The lecturer then came to the actual work before a bell came into being: the preparation of the core, how it was made and shaped, the forming of the cope and the inscriptions that were worked on to the inside of the cope. The composition of the metal was the source of many questions; the addition of precious metals did not improve the bell, and is, generally speaking, not true, although the price the lecturer quoted for the base metals appeared to make them very precious.

The Liberty Bell which has been hung in Berlin was followed through the works, slides showing the preparation of core and cope and the actual casting. The lecturer spoke of the hopes that a successful cast had been made, and how they were never certain until the bell had cooled and cope and core had been removed. Then came the tuning, and comparisons were made of the early methods and the modern day tuning. A slide showed the lecturer, tuning fork in hand, testing the Liberty Bell.

The hanging of the bells is divided into three sections — ringing bells, swinging bells and carillons. Various types of frames for ringing peals were mentioned, wood, iron, and steel, and their uses and their virtues.

The frames and mechanism for swinging bells were shown and described, including the great 18¼ ton Bourdon bell for Riverside Church, New York. The various types of mechanism for the playing of carillons, both hand and automatic, proved that this was a science on its own. The lecturer also spoke on the music which could be rendered on a carillon and of the noted carillonneurs throughout the world.

When Mr. Howard had completed his lecture he was besieged with questions from all angles, and these he was able to answer to the entire satisfaction of the questioners. Time again had to intervene and bring this section to a close.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

The Rev. J. Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, had offered the use of the Parish Church bells for practical demonstrations, and a move was made to the church, which is directly opposite Clarance House. Here several good touches and courses in various methods were rung, and would have continued had not the dinner gong intervened. Following dinner a social had been arranged, everyone having a go at something or other. The Drama Students again joined with us, and I am sure they found the bell-ringers were not so dull. The Warden was greatly surprised when she came to join in a cup of tea before retiring to find the Drama Students, handbells in hand, 'having a go.'

Sunday morning arrangements had been made for the bells of the Parish Church to be rung before the early service, and following this ringing a very representative number attended the Communion service. After breakfast the bells were again available up to the time of morning service. This being the feast of St. Cecilia the extra ringing and the special orchestra for the service were most appropriate.

After lunch the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) gave a talk entitled 'My Ringing Experiences,' tracing his ringing career from the time he was first invited to come into the tower and try a rope. He dwelt on the many Essex and national occasions when great gatherings of ringers had come together, and of the part he had taken in these gatherings. Many amusing stories were told arising from his travels, and many of the lessons learnt were discussed.

Following this talk the whole gathering was asked to join in a general discussion, and many suggestions were made, including items which could well be added to the agenda of the next course.

At tea our hostess was thanked for a very happy week-end. The thanks of all were expressed to the lecturers for the way they had dealt with their subjects and the interesting way they had put them over.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A Visit to Acle

For their winter meeting the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association visited Acle on November 14th, where the ring of six was soon ringing to suit all tastes and talents.

The Association's president and general secretary (Revs. A. St. J. Heard and A. G. G. Thurlow) attended; the former conducted the service, whilst the organ was played by the Rector (Rev. H. R. Chisnell), who also presided at the business meeting, held after tea in the Parish Hall.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. George Steward, of Gorleston, who died a few days previously after a long illness, prior to which he had been a staunch Sunday service ringer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood. Ratification of belfry elections was effected in respect of Miss Margaret Lewis and Mr. Alan Lever.

It was unanimously decided, subject to permission being obtained, to hold the branch annual meeting at Loddon on February 20th.

The meeting warmly congratulated Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of the Acle company, on ringing a peal recently in celebration of his 81st birthday.

A collection for the Association Bell Fund realised £1. The meeting ended with hearty votes to thanks to Rev. H. R. Chisnell for his interest and help, and to Mr. Lidbetter, who, with several lady helpers, made excellent arrangements for tea.

An international note was struck by the fact that three ladies attended from Switzerland, France and Spain, and whilst, of course, non-ringers, they expressed great interest in the service, the handbell ringing and the bells themselves swinging in their frame.

The meeting also witnessed very remarkable high pressure sales technique from a certain Norwich cleric, not, for a change, in respect of a book of which he is the author, but of some excellent Christmas cards which he was selling in aid of St. Andrew's, Norwich, Bell Restoration Fund. It is pleasant to record the cards sold well, the salesman's stock being cleared, but he has plenty more at home.'

Week-end Course on Ringing—Cont.

The students then dispersed, the members travelling to their homes in Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Kent.

The conclusions that were arrived at come under the following headings: That the course was a great success; that the Education Authority, in their support, have given the art of campanology a standing among the other recognised arts; that there is no short cut to good ringing; that there will never be too many ringers. Ringing calls for so many of the qualities which are not too evident in certain walks of life — physical and mental stability, religious conviction, coupled with moral strength and courage, team spirit, the spirit of meekness which allows persons to be told where they are wrong without loss of temper, the spirit to persevere when things are not too rosy, and the spirit of brotherly love not to dwell upon the failings of others, but to see only the good motives in their actions. When all these qualities become the rule rather than the exception I am sure our bellringing will be of service to the Church and to the glory of our God.

A STUDENT.

BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. Albert T. Scrivens and Mrs. Scrivens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, November 9th, with a party held in their son's home at Little Bromwich, attended by their five children, in laws, six grandchildren and a few close friends of the family.

Among the many congratulations was one sent on behalf of St. Martin's Guild with best wishes for many more happy days.

In honour of the event, a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, was rung at Birmingham Cathedral on November 12th. A few members of the family heard part of the ringing and, after the peal, hospitably entertained the band, where the health of Mr. and Mrs. Scrivens was duly honoured.

Mr. Scrivens is a native of the Cotswolds, and his first interest in bells was as a youth at the village church of Longborough, near Moreton-in-Marsh. In 1899 he came to reside in Birmingham, and took up ringing seriously, and eventually joined the St. Martin's Guild. For some years he was a member of St. Martin's Church Sunday service band.

His first peal, Grandsire Caters, was at Aston November 5th, 1910, and his peals total 149, rung on 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

For some years past Mr. Scrivens has not enjoyed the best of health, and has had to give up active ringing, although his interest in bells, ringers and ringing still continues.

A. W.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON, SUFFOLK

Presentation to Mr. F. Day

The St. Mary's, Preston, ringers held their annual gathering on Saturday, November 14th. During the afternoon many short touches were rung in various Minor methods, after which, with their wives, friends and ringing guests, they adjourned to the Six Bells Inn and partook of an excellent supper.

During the social that followed Mr. W. Shorter, on behalf of the St. Mary's company, presented Mr. F. Day, their Ringing Master, with a barometer in recognition of all he had done for their advancement. Mr. Day suitably replied with deep thanks for their kind expression of gratitude.

Mr. S. H. Symonds, on behalf of the Lavenham guests, thanked the Preston band for inviting them there, and said that in Mr. Day the St. Mary's company had a leader to be proud of. He (Mr. Symonds) was proud of the fact that his father (Arthur), 1858, his grandfather (Henry), 1838, and his great-grandfather (Jesse), 1800, had all been conductors of former St. Mary's bands of ringers.

Entertainment was provided by Miss June Rudd (vocal), Messrs. R. Hollocks (piano), E. Martin (piano and vocal) and 'The Bell-Chords Trio.'

HANDBELL CLASS FOR THE BLIND AT CHICHESTER

Mr. Norman Smith, ringing master at Chichester Cathedral, is acting as tutor to a handbell class for the blind at Chichester. The class is looking forward to Christmas, when it can entertain others at public or private gatherings.

Music books in braille have been provided by Miss Downer, of Chichester, with the tunes set to numbers. 'O Come All Ye Faithful' thus reading:—

558548
343234

The class has a set of 12 bells.

HONGKONG CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The service of dedication and the inauguration of the Coronation chime of bells at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hongkong, took place on November 22nd. The bells are the gift of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Details of the chime are as follows:—

Treble: E flat, weight 4 cwt. 7 lb. 2: D, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. 3: C, 6 cwt. 4 lb. 4: B flat, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. 5: A flat, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. 6: G, 13 cwt. 13 lb. 7: F, 19 cwt. 5 lb. Bourdon: E flat, 28 cwt. 15 lb.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The Bourdon bell was cast with due ceremony on July 17th, when a five-shilling Coronation piece and a silver Hongkong dollar were dropped into the molten metal. On the Bourdon bell is the following inscription:—

'This Chime was presented by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 2nd June, 1953, to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.'

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. J. G. Clay of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the advice and assistance he has so willingly given, and to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. and the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., who have generously associated themselves with the donors in the matter of transportation and insurance of the chime. The services given without charge by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., and the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., in connection with the installation of the chime are also acknowledged with appreciation.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 5th, 1913

HINTON, EVESHAM
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, November 30th, 1913, in 2 hours and 39 minutes.

At the residence of F. J. Johnson.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5,040 CHANGES.

Being 42 six-scores, comprising one each of Stedman's Slow Course and St. Simon's, four of College Single, six each of Stedman, Canterbury and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

Miss Ellen M. Johnson	1—2
Joseph D. Johnson	3—4
Miss Ruth Johnson	5—6

Conducted by J. D. Johnson.

First peal in eight methods by all and rung at the first attempt, to commemorate the anniversary of the first peal by the three children, on December 1st, 1912. The ages of the ringers are 13 years 3 months, 14 years 8 months, 11 years 6 months.

The Bells of Buckfast Abbey

The half-muffled peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Buckfast Abbey in March last, has not, as yet, passed into the annals of history.

Records of the peal were made by the B.B.C., and used in their 'Faith in the West' series; they were also used on overseas programmes during the week in which H.M. Queen Mary was laid to rest. And the latest information is that the records are again being used in special overseas broadcasts.

A photographic record of the peal was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, who, in a reply to the organiser of the peal, said it was most interesting reading, and expressed her appreciation of the kind thoughts of those taking part.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW MASTER EACH YEAR

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse what Mr. C. Cullen said in his letter on November 13th about the desirability of electing a new officer for the highest post in an Association each year. It is a great mistake to continue to re-elect the Master of an Association year after year, for this often leads to a slowing down of progress and ultimately results in stagnation.

I have known of instances where, when a ringer has continued in office for a long period, the submission of another name for that office has been taken as a personal affront by the holder. Such unpleasantness would be avoided if it were normal to elect a new Master every year.

If the Mastership is held for one year only, it is highly probable that the holder, knowing that it is for a limited period only, will carry out his duties with great energy and enthusiasm.

For many years the Oxford (City) Society restricted the service of its Master to one year. Twice I held that office—once before the First World War and once a few years after that war. I always considered that it was an excellent arrangement which gave keen young ringers an opportunity of holding high office, and I was very sorry when this rule was rescinded.

On the agenda of any Association's annual meeting one usually finds the item, 'Election of Officers,' but if the same ones are simply re-elected year after year the whole thing becomes farcical. Why pretend to have elections?

At a recent annual meeting of a branch down here the chairman at one point rose and, to my great astonishment, said: 'The next item on the agenda is the re-election of officers,' thus inadvertently voicing the thought that was evidently in the mind.

It is almost axiomatic that the flourishing condition of an Association—or any of the branches—is due to a large extent to the enthusiasm and the efficiency of its officers, and if a high standard is to be maintained, fresh blood—in the shape of new officers—should be introduced fairly frequently.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, New Zealand, send greetings to fellow-ringers in the Old Country this Christmastide.

We have recently completed our third year of ringing 'from scratch' and are now ringing passable touches of Bob Triples and are practising Bob Major.

A Coronation peal attempt broke down at about half-way.

Had it been successful it would probably have been the first in the world for this occasion, as it was begun at 6 a.m. on the morning of the Coronation and N.Z. time is 11½ hours ahead of Greenwich.

Although we have kept faithfully to 'Ropesight' as our text-book, we have rung both Stedman and Grandsire Doubles as relaxation, and attempted Grandsire Triples.

A recent welcome addition to our numbers has been Mr. R. C. Gifford, late of Yate, Bristol. Mr. R. G. Bennett from Christchurch, N.Z., and Mr. T. J. Maeder, from Durban, South Africa, have been welcomed as visitors, and rang with us. Mr. A. J. White, of Auckland, N.Z., still visits us whenever he is able.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. A. CALDWELL,
Captain, St. Peter's Cathedral Ringers,
Hamilton, New Zealand.

350 CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Barnett's letter regarding Mr. P. J. Johnson's speech at the Snowdon Dinner, I think Mr. Johnson was wrongly reported, although perhaps inadvertently, as he did not mention Mr. George Bolland as being the owner of the clocks. He had mentioned Mr. Bolland and then he passed on to this owner of so many clocks, but he did not, I believe, mention Mr. West by name, which may have led to the confusion in the report. Most people present, of course, knew that he was referring to 'Clocky' West, as he was known, but this point was evidently missed in the write-up of the dinner.

Mr. West, incidentally, died in 1938, half-muffled peals to his memory being rung at Sutton-on-Hull (his tower) and at Howden, on June 8th and 11th respectively of that year.

Mr. Barnett may also be interested to know that Derek Sharp rang 15 peals for the Y.A.C.R., all of which are recorded in two annual reports: 1934–35 and 1935–36. Ten of these included Mr. West, who rang 25 over a greater number of years. One of the ten they rang together was a peal of Stedman here at Scarborough on August 31st, 1935, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.—Yours faithfully,

BERT SUTTON.

Scarborough.

MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 6th, there is a reference to a remark credited to myself concerning Mr. G. B. Bolland and Mr. A. G. West, both past officers of the Yorkshire Association, at the recent dinner held at Sheffield in honour of the past officers of the Association.

After making reference to Mr. G. B. Bolland, I then stated that another deceased vice-president, whom I did not name, had the huge number of clocks as stated, and also mentioned the late hours kept by visitors who were privileged to pay visits.

I can understand your reporter making the slip, but anyone knowing Mr. Bolland will be highly amused at the idea of him keeping a vast collection of clocks.

Apologising for unwittingly being the cause of the confusion.—Yours sincerely,

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Leeds.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND A LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' one of your correspondents wrote at considerable length about Hertfordshire ringing and the organisation of the County Association. He spoke of a collection of books and, if I remember rightly, of the assembling of a library. He did not appear to be aware of a good number of books which should be still with Mrs. Ferguson, wife of the Vicar of St. Peter's at St. Albans, which I donated to the Association a good many years ago, including a number of bound annual issues of 'Bell News.' If there is to be an assemblage of books these surely should be collected.

I have not heard of them since I sent them to Mrs. Ferguson, except that she kindly sent me a list of my own peals from 1886-1891. Unfortunately, I have no record of a number of others which were rung after that date.—Yours faithfully,

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

Canterbury Grove, S.E.27.

THE LATE WILLIAM SHORT'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Ernest Morris' inquiry, I have now been able to obtain a sight of the late Mr. William Short's peal book and hope the following will be of assistance:—

Doubles.—One method 12; two, three, four and five methods 50 (conducted 43).

Minor.—One method 15, three to seven methods 82 (55).

Triples 254 (107).

Plain Major methods 136; Treble Bob and Surprise 221 (81).

Caters 63 (20); Royal 24 (5); Cinques 54 (17); Maximus 12 (1).

Total 923 (329).

The Surprise total included the 14,112 London at King's Norton in 1903, 9,728 Superlative at Clent in 1911, and spliced in 4, 5 and 6 methods.

The Caters included 8,888 Stedman Caters at Aston on handbells and the Cinques included the 11,111 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Dec. 26th, 1901.

Twenty-two of the above were rung on handbells and included Minor in seven methods, Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Caters and Cinques.

During the Irish tour of 1899, he took part in 5,017 Stedman Caters on May 20th and 5,040 Bob Royal on May 21st. In 1901 he was again a member of a touring band in Ireland when the following were rung:—

May 24th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, 5,000 Kent Royal.

May 25th, at the R.C. Cathedral, 5,004 Stedman Caters.

May 25th, at St. Patrick's tower (on handbells), 5,017 Stedman Caters.

May 28th, at Bray, Co. Wicklow, 5,088 Superlative.

May 28th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, 5,017 Stedman Caters.

May 29th, on the Irish Sea (handbells, conducted), 5,173 Stedman Caters.

May 29th, at Bangor, North Wales (for good measure and to round off the tour), 5,056 New Cambridge.

Unfortunately, the peal book consists of bare records of date, place, method and time taken, whether tower or handbells, with a note if conducted, and nothing else.

I happen to know that a number of these peals created personal records as, for example, a 'William' peal at Handsworth, Birmingham, on December 12th, 1896, of which he sometimes spoke, and a peal at Badsey, Worcestershire, Stedman Triples, July 22nd, 1939, which completed a peal in every 6, 8, 10 and 12 bell tower in the county. This was his last peal, the war putting a stop to his activities.

He took part in a large number of tours, including many of those organised by the late William H. Fussell, but he also had to work and there are many places in his book which show gaps of months between records of peals. There is no doubt that but for the outbreak of the war in 1939 he would have got well beyond his thousand. However, by 1944 he was suffering from arthritis, which prevented his getting about very much, while standing through a peal would have been out of the question.—Yours faithfully. BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query of Mr. E. Morris in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' on the above mentioned and the letter following from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the Biographies Committee may be correct in stating Mr. Short's peal total was 892, but a paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' appeared on March 5th, 1937, as follows:—

'To record a ringer's 900th peal is a rare occurrence, yet this week we publish the fact that two ringers have reached this large total—Mr. James Bennett, at Crayford last Friday, and Mr. William Short, at Cheltenham on Saturday.'—Yours sincerely, J. BENNETT.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

LETTERS—Continued

IRREGULAR METHODS AND SPLICING

Dear Sir,—Several months ago it was suggested in 'The Ringing World' that so-called irregular Minor methods may perhaps prove useful in spliced ringing, and that composers could find in them a useful field of activity.

These so-called irregular methods will, of course, splice with each other in a manner similar to the regular ones. To splice them with regular methods, if rather more complicated, produces interesting results, and certainly enlarges the scope of spliced Minor ringing.

The following 720 in 22 methods is an example of this. I wonder: what is the maximum number of methods spliced in one treble bob extent? The greatest I have among my records is one by A. G. Driver in 13 methods, but, of course, I have been out of touch with spliced Minor ringing for several years.

The six irregular methods employed in this 720 are: Campanulla, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, York Minster and Hemsworth. As the last method had no name, so far as I know, I have taken the liberty of supplying one.

Royston, Penistone and York Minster have the same lead end as Skipton (the old 'New London'), with London Scholars, Kingstone and Sandal respectively for the two middle sections. Gladstone, Hemsworth and Campanulla substitute 2nds for 6ths at the lead end (the old 'Tulip'), but are otherwise identical with the previous three methods.

Perhaps a future Central Council, realising the shortsightedness of their predecessors, may reverse the puerile decision taken at the last Central Council meeting, and Minor ringing may again move forward unhampered by such stupid restrictions.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

720 IN 22 METHODS

23456	London Scholars.
— 56423	London Scholars
23645	Skipton
45362	Sandal
62534	Campanulla
35426	College Exercise
64235	Bogedone
52364	Ockley
43652	Knutsford
26543	Royston
34256	Fotheringay
— 56234	Fotheringay
34625	Chepstow
25463	Kingstone
63524	Gladstone
45236	Knutsford
62345	College Exercise
53462	Norbury
24653	Rostherne
36524	Penistone
42356	Capel
— 56342	Capel
42635	Balmoral
35264	Balmoral
64523	Hemsworth
25346	Duke of Norfolk
63425	Duke of Norfolk
54263	Wilmslow
32654	Wilmslow
46532	York Minster
23456	

Contains at least one plain lead of each method included.

16 regular methods. 6 (so-called) irregular methods.

'PROGRESS THROUGH CRITICISM'

Dear Sir,—Reiterated expressions of regret are, of course, of little value while misrepresentation continues. One would have credited a would-be critic with deeper knowledge of his subject than Mr. Speed's letter on page 760 surprisingly shows. However, he raises points and asks questions, the answers to which may serve to remove a number of obvious misconceptions.

'Pots and kettles.' His reference to these is entirely irrelevant. Criticism, if informed, is everyone's right, and it was not any criticism of Mr. Speed's that I deprecated, but his 'arbitration' on the quality or status and outlook (his attempted appraisement if you like) of those deriving the findings and conclusions; and while complaining that THEY were arbitrary. Criticism, IF INFORMED, can be an avenue of progress. Any serious investigator welcomes it.

'Expected answer.' I did, indeed, indicate the answer. It is too lengthy for these columns, but the Memorandum, in the C.C. Library, to which I referred, supplies it. His misguided reference to 'Stat,' discussed below, shows he has not examined that thesis. Yet he ventures to castigate it.

'Axioms based on custom and usage.' Mr. Speed (and he is not alone in this) has apparently not appreciated that the subject matter of Grid Analysis is, properly, Method Structure, rather than what he calls 'extension.' In this, Mr. Speed still holds to the outmoded concept of 'extending' (verb) methods. An extension (noun) of a method can now be shown to have been inherent in the basic form ab initio, and no 'operator' can do otherwise about it. For the study of this subject of method structure there are methods, not 'few' as he says, but galore. The fact that until recent years few extensions had been set out is beside the point. All these methods conform with principles established by custom and usage, now expressed as axioms. These are of two main kinds—basic or fundamental, and consequent or incidental. I previously referred to the former, which include such as the mirror reflection of the method pattern about the half-lead, no penultimate place-making unless the treble lies behind (calls excepted), etc. An example of the latter (consequent or incidental type) is to be found at the end of the article recently published on the new method 'REGINA.' And, of course, London Major is not the extension of the Minor stage, simply because the Minor is not the basic form of London. Extensions are only those stages of a method-family that are higher than the basic. Those below it are contractions.

On convincing others, with different 'answers.' Mr. Speed will surely agree that without full and unbiased study of a thesis there can be little 'convincing.' As far as I know Mr. Baker has not seen the Memorandum. This thesis was prepared and placed at the disposal of all in 1951. It may be of some significance that some recommendations and conclusions therein appeared (though in not quite the same form) in subsequently-issued reports of the Methods Committee. But the main difference in the conclusions of the latter is this, as internal evidence of their report shows: Their method was to take a large number of methods, examine the 'extensions' published of those methods, and find a 'formula' to fit the majority of such extensions. The branch of Grid Analysis dealing with stage-variation (i.e., extensions and contractions of methods) begins another way, as any science begins fundamentally. It examines a method to determine whether or not its form is basic, i.e., what are its inherent characteristics; then proceeding to determine the form of the method on other stages, in which those characteristics are preserved. (Some alleged 'extensions' are demonstrably lacking in this.) In all cases a number of structural features emerge, such as 'constant' and 'varying' areas of grid-pattern, cyclics, and the like, and from these a process of 'stage-variation' ensues, which is applicable not only to even-bell hunt-controlled methods as dealt with in the M.C. Report, but to all methods of all types. Moreover, it can be expressed far more briefly, in generic form. (See Memorandum—Art. 107, et alia.) It is important to note also that Grid analysis insists on an approach to Method Structure that has not previously been given to it, i.e., by defining terms and stating the premises or basic concepts. Is it any wonder that 'others' get different answers? This approach Mr. Speed seemingly decries, for example, in his erroneous reference to 'stat.' (See below.) But there is, it appears, considerable body of comment on the lack of definitions and premises prefacing the M.C.'s Report.

'Calling a spade a spade.' Contrary to Mr. Speed's notion, this is, in fact, the main plank in the platform of Grid Analysis. The few publications of ringing theory are not free of the use of terms which are ambiguous. The principle followed in G.A. (where there is certainly no 'excess verbiage' as Mr. Speed claims) is 'one word one meaning.' No new term is to be introduced unless—

(a) there is none existing to express the precise concept;

(b) any existing cognate term is ambiguous. Mr. Speed wants us to call a 'stat' a 'place.' How little has he appreciated the difference! Apart from this, the word 'place' already has three separate concepts in ringing. One of these, 'making a place,' is already implied in the term 'stat' which means much more than the place made. (Otherwise the term would never have been introduced.) It is explained in the Memorandum that any variating of hunting by place-making causes dodging of all bells 'beyond' the place-making. (Unless an opposing place is made in the same row-interval when the consequential dodgings may be cancelled out.) The term 'stat' is necessarily introduced to convey the concept (and take it into account) of not only the place-making but also the consequential dodging in conjunction with it. This is of vital importance in studying the rows and columns because dodging reverses the mode of hunting. The term 'place' is used in its original concept.

(Mr. Speed might have realised that to one accustomed to critical analysis of technical matters in more fields than one, anything redundant or tautologous is mere anathema.)—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District at Queensbury

The last and most successful meeting of the year was held at Queensbury, near Bradford, on November 14th. Members attended from Bradford Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley, Pudsey, Armley, Halifax and Sheffield.

The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and most requests were met before tea, several ringers managing more advanced methods for the first time.

Queensbury was that day literally up in a cloud, so that tea, laid in the vestry, was very convenient indeed.

Three new members were welcomed to the Guild, and the next meeting arranged to take place at Whiston, near Rotherham. The ladies passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Ridings for permission to ring the bells, to Miss Bickerdike for the local arrangements, and to the ladies and gentlemen who prepared and served a very good tea.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

St. Donard's Bell-ringers' Service

St. Donard's Society of Bellringers held a special bellringers' service on November 22nd when visitors from Holywood, Lurgan, Hillsborough, Ballymena, Bangor and Rostrevor were present. The bells were available from 4.30 p.m. and ringing ranged from call changes to London Surprise Minor until tea was served at 5.30, at which the Rector of St. Donard's (the Rev. A. McKelvie, M.A.) presided. After welcoming the visitors the Rector cut the cake, which had the badge of the Irish Association iced on it, assisted by the local tower secretary, Miss Wilma Hoey. Messrs. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, and J. E. Dunwoody, Northern District Secretary, suitably replied for the visitors and wished the St. Donard's Society every success in the future.

After tea the local ringers rang touches of Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor for the evening service, at which all visiting ringers attended. The lessons were read by Messrs. William Pratt and J. T. Dunwoody, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Barry, M.A., Rector of Hillsborough and vice-president of the Irish Association. At supper, after the service, a very happy spirit prevailed.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the Rev. A. McKelvie, the Rev. J. Barry, Dr. Magginess, Messrs. William Pratt, J. T. Dunwoody, A. Wylie and V. C. Patterson. The local tower secretary, Miss Wilma Hoey, suitably replied.

To round off the evening touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the handbells by Miss Jean Stewart and Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody and William Hall.

MITCHAM BELL-RINGERS' SERVICE

The annual bell-ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday evening, November 15th, was very well attended. The seating capacity of the recently-restored church was almost filled and in the congregation were the Mayor of Mitcham and a number of ringers and friends from other towers, some of whom were at one time members of the Christ Church band.

Ringing for the service commenced at 5.30 p.m., in which most of the visitors took part.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston) who thanked the local ringers for their very regular services throughout the year and extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and said he thought bellringing must be a wonderful exercise for mind and body because the old members seemed to get more sprightly each year. The lessons were read by Mr. G. Pidwell and Mr. J. Parslow, both former members of the Christ Church band. The course of Bob Major which was rung on the handbells during the service by four members from St. Luke's, Chelsea, was a joy to listen to.

The special preacher was the Rev. D. L. Gardner, of St. Lawrence's, Morden, who said he knew very little of bellringing until he looked up the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' a week before, and the handbell ringing had interested him very much. His text was: 'This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.' The preacher pointed out that by His death and resurrection Christ had overcome death and sin.

A very full choir led the singing of Psalm 150 and special hymns and carols.

After the service the tower bells rang out for about ten minutes and several ringers and friends accepted the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston to partake of light refreshments in the Vicarage.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The meeting held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on November 21st was the first to be held here since 1944.

Good use of the bells was made during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from Grandsire Caters to a half-course of Cambridge Maximus.

The members were welcomed in the Church Hall of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by Preb. H. H. Treacher. As is known to many ringers, this hall is sumptuously decorated and used by the Company of Fanmakers for their meetings.

In the absence of the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) through illness, the chair at the business meeting was taken by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (senior steward).

The following new members were elected:—Mrs. M. P. Mayell, Bentley Common; Miss Jane Coates, Havant; P. A. Sadler, Rochford; B. C. Sadler, Prittlewell; G. Frost, Battlebridge; F. C. May, Wickford; B. J. Howard, Westcliff-on-Sea; J. W. Binks, Prittlewell.

It was announced that the next meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, would be joint with the Middlesex Association on December 5th, and it was hoped that this would be well supported. The annual meeting would be on January 23rd at St. Martin's.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Shoreditch, Rev. Meredith Davies, unfortunately unable to be at the meeting, for the use of the bells, the Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for the use of the hall, and Mrs. E. E. Davis for the ample tea provided.

K. M.

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OBITUARY

MR. SAMUEL BRAGG

The death of Mr. Samuel Bragg, of Solihull, at the age of 73, breaks another link in the chain of ringers who brought about a ringing revival in the parish early in this century. The reorganisation of the band by Geoffrey Martineau in 1891 was followed by the teaching of a number of young men, and a large proportion of these beginners came from the Bragg family.

Samuel Bragg was a very capable ringer of the standard methods on six, eight and ten bells. He was an excellent striker and never failed to insist that learners handled their bells correctly, laying great stress on the importance of the position of the arms at backstroke. Round about 1906 he was tower keeper for a time, and he carried out the duties of this office with the care and thoroughness that distinguished all his activities. By trade he was a bricklayer and he was known far and wide for the meticulous accuracy of his work and his intolerance of any form of inferior building.

Samuel Bragg served in the Royal Engineers in Flanders during much of the 1914-18 war and he retained clear recollections of all his movements and adventures during that period. Indeed, his memory was remarkably encyclopædic. All events in his experience seemed to make deep impressions and he could recall with complete detail the particulars of long-past football matches, race meetings, incidents in working life and the belfry and especially of his war service.

He was a splendid servant of the belfry of St. Alphege's Church, and although of recent years ill-health had prevented his ringing, he still took a keen and critical interest in all that was rung.

The funeral at Solihull Church on November 21st was attended by a large gathering of old friends and workmates, together with directors of the firm of Bragg Bros. On Sunday evening, November 22nd, the bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute to his memory.

E. C. S.

MR. J. W. MUSSON

Mr. James H. Musson has been bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. Joseph Walter Musson, of 13, Jermyn Street, Sleaford, Lincs, on November 23rd, at the age of 81 years.

Although not a ringer, he was a great lover of bells and bellringers. For over nine years he had been totally blind, but, nevertheless, remained happy and cheerful, and always contrived to find his way into the street to listen to any ringing. Musically inclined, he would praise good ringing, and was never slow to criticise the bad. He would have been 82 on December 1st, and a peal attempt had been arranged in honour of the event and also a party, but this was not to be. An old soldier, he fought with Kitchener and was at the battle of Omdurman.

MRS. BEATRICE SEAL

The death took place on November 17th of Mrs. Beatrice Seal, late of Ullesthorpe (in the parish of Claybrooke). It was in 1929 that Mrs. Seal generously gave to St. Peter's Church, Claybrooke, four new trebles and had three of the four old bells recast in a steel frame (the tenor being a pre-Reformation bell).

A wreath was sent from St. Peter's ringers, and a half-muffled peal was rung on the evening of the funeral.

5,000 STEDMAN CATERS

By W. T. ELSON

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354261			16	362451
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451263			16	261453
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5,024 RUTLAND SURPRISE

BY G. FREEBREY

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34625	x	—	3
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BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The November meeting was held at Cawthorne, and members attended from Barnsley, Crofton, Dronfield, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Shelley, Leeds Parish, Thorner, with a good muster of the local company.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and a very hearty welcome awaited the ringers. A very enjoyable meal had been prepared by the ringers' wives and friends and, to the surprise of all, this was free of charge.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Meanley, acting as chairman. The Vicar said he would soon be leaving Cawthorne to take up new work at St. George's Church, Barnsley. He felt rather sorry about this, as it would be the last opportunity he would have of entertaining the ringers. Although he would still be in Barnsley, his new church only possessed one bell. He recalled the many times he had met the ringers; he had always enjoyed their company, and asked to be notified of the future meetings of the Society.

The usual vote of thanks to all concerned for making the arrangements which ensured success brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m., methods ranging from the Original to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The next meeting will be held at Darfield on December 12th.

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JENNEY—LAWRENCE. — At St. John's Church on the 2nd December, 1903, by the late Canon C. H. Hamilton, Harold George Jenney to Ada Mary Lawrence, now of Leicester.

We thank God for His many mercies. 3565

DEATHS

FORD. — At home, 83, Oregon Square, Orpington, Kent, on November 24th, 1953, after a long illness, bravely borne, Ada Constance, beloved wife of Dennis Ford and mother of David. 3575

JACKSON.—P.O. Martin Jackson, R.A.F., N.S., was killed whilst flying on Thursday, November 19th, 1953. Aged 20. His passing is a great loss to the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Kingswood, Surrey. 3559

MUSSON. — On Monday, November 23rd, 1953, at 13, Jermyn Street, Sleaford, Lincs, Joseph Walter, beloved father of James H. Musson, aged 81 years. Rest in peace. 3574

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Clyst St. George, December 5th. Names for tea to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 3496

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Stretham (6), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3547

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 5th. St. Mary, Redcliff (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3529

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination and tower captain's meetings at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meetings immediately after tea. 3514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, December 5th. Oxhey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District. — Meeting at St. John's Church, Knutsford, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Miss Doreen Edwards, 18, Acacia Avenue, Knutsford, Cheshire. 3549

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 5th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m., including nomination of officers. Further ringing after.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3545

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual general business meeting at Beaminster on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Netherbury (6) and Stoke Abbott (5) towers open. Names for tea to Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3884

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, December 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members, please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3558

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting. December 5th, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30 to 5. Tea 5.15. Names, please. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7 to 9.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18, Hon. Secs. 3536

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District. — Meeting, Newmarket, St. Mary's Church, Saturday, December 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3546

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. — Quarterly meeting, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, December 5th. After tea and business, ringing at East Grinstead till 8 p.m. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3541

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Refreshments can be obtained at nearby cafes. 3515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Full attendance, please. 3540

BARNSLEY DISTRICT MEETING.—Meeting at Darfield, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Hilton, 61, Nanny Marr Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, not later than December 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3583

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3543

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Beverley St. Mary's, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in King's Head Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, December 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 3584

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Wilfred's, Grappenhall, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Mr. J. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, near Warrington. 3571

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3585

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 12th, St. Mark's Church, Exeter. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Manston Road Hall. Names, please, by December 8th certain. Ringing, St. Mark's, 3-4.15; Heavitree and St. David's after tea. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter, Hon. Sec. 3564

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), December 12th. Names to Mr. Dukes, Telephone Exchange, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note, annual district meeting, Huntingdon, January 16th, 1954. —H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8572

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Tilney, All Saints', Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3573

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 3523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church (10), Swindon, December 12th. For tea advise Mr. W. Daniell, 58, Brunswick Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3562

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, Dec. 12th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Dec. 8th.—J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Tel. 3244. 3589

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 9th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. 3538

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash please, to Mr. L. H. Bennett, 1, Box Tree Cottages, Bolts Hill, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 8th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. Please note change of place. 3578

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on December 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at White Cat Cafe.—M. J. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3567

Christmas Greetings

This annual feature of 'The Ringing World' will appear in the issue of Dec. 18th. Greetings up to 30 words for 3s. Longer messages 1d. a word.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3580

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Pierhead, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Further ringing from 6 p.m. Tea, at 2s. per head, will be provided, but only for those who notify me before Wednesday, December 9th. — P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyton, Liverpool. 3582

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — The annual branch meeting and party will be held at St. James', East Crompton, on December 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6.30. Election of branch ringing master and secretary. Social evening from 7.30, including whist drive and dance. Tickets, 6s. inclusive, from the Vicar, East Crompton, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 3581

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch — Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, December 12th. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 8th, to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley. 3556

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, St. Modwen's, Burton, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m. — J. Cotton. 3586

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch — Quarterly meeting at East Claydon, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (5) at 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3576

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Beenham (6), Saturday, December 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, Reading, by Wednesday, December 9th. 3560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Practice meeting at Greens-Norton, Saturday, December 12th, 5.30 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 3579

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting at Mere, Saturday, December 12th. Guild Office 4.30. Welcome to visitors. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 3551

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, December 12th. Cafes close to church for own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 3544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. Names for tea, by December 9th, to A. K. Wood, Hughenden, Hickmans Road, Godstone. 3527

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—Dedication of two new trebles to complete the octave on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds, by Tuesday, 8th. Everyone welcome. 3537

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, December 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's, Bow Road, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3568

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3588

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Hunslet on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. J. Hogg, 1, Woodhouse Hill Mount, Leeds, 10, not later than Thursday, December 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3561

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CALLING INTO ROUNDS

WHEN, a few years ago, Mr. Ernest Turner and Mr. Wilfrid Wilson were completing and preparing for publication the work on Grandsire, left unfinished at the death of that great student, J. Armiger Trollope, they considered, among other matters, the question of including in the book some notes on the calling round of Grandsire Caters. They finally decided not to attempt to go into the matter, on the grounds that the instructions that could be given would be of very little practical value. In a letter to a correspondent Mr. Turner recollected what must have been an amusing incident at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, when a well-known ringer attempted to call into rounds a touch of Grandsire Caters that had gone wrong. The details are not available, but the proceedings seem to have terminated when one of the ringers set his bell and murmured what might have been 'Ars longa, sed brevis vita'!

It is not, of course, by any means difficult to call Grandsire Caters into rounds. It can be done even if the three back bells are completely astray; but in the latter case a lengthy period of time would undoubtedly be needed, and the setting of the bells would be the sensible procedure. Where 7, 8, 9 are together in the Tittums or Handstroke Home the problem is fairly simple, provided the conductor knows his transposition tables reasonably well; but, even so, the amount of time available must be the determining factor.

The question we may ask ourselves is to what extent is it worth studying the method of calling Grandsire Caters into rounds. As far as can be recollected, the only writer to describe the process is Shipway. He deals with the matter at great length and in so many words that the argument, although quite logical, is apt to be lost sight of before the student arrives at the end of the passage. There is, in fact, a multitude of instructions and methods of procedure falling over each other in a small space of print, so that a sense of confusion pervades what is intended to be lucid instruction. It is doubtful if anyone would commit this passage to memory with any real profit, for although Shipway hints at the reasons for various steps, yet he does not make clear the principles underlying the directing of the bells into certain channels.

The secret of calling Grandsire Caters round from Tittums or Handstroke lies first in the knowledge of, and ready manipulation of, simple Turning Courses, and, secondly, in the technique of placing the 6th and 5th where they must be. Bare lists of instructions are of little value and may after all be forgotten; but basic principles can be studied on paper, practised on paper and afterwards put into operation in the tower. It is no difficult matter, as experienced Grandsire Caters conductors know, to start from rounds, put the bells into the Tittums, and then call them home, within a reasonable space of time.

It will be recognised that there is nothing novel in the principles referred to above. Indeed, what applies to Grandsire Caters applies equally to all methods, and in all cases the principles underlying the process, and not a string of rules, are of the most importance.

The bringing home of 5, 6 in Plain Bob Minor, the gathering of 5, 6, 7 in Grandsire Triples and the manipulation of the working bells in Stedman Caters and Cinques all depend upon the fundamental principle of keeping a bell, or bells, in one position until its movement agrees with that of its partners and brings it into the desired coursing order. In Plain Bob this 'holding' of a bell is achieved by keeping it plain hunting, in Grandsire by putting it into the hunt, in Stedman by keeping it behind with calls. For the interested student here is the very beginning of his study.

Mr. Albert Walker, whose mastery of Stedman Caters and Cinques is well known, hands to the aspiring Stedman conductor a few notes of his own compiling. These notes contain no long and involved instructions and no long list of touches. They provide, instead, three well-known opening courses, a homing course to bring the bells round at backstroke and a specimen turning course or two that may be used for coming round at handstroke. Together with these are one or two simple short touches illustrative of the use of the opening and turning courses. The emphasis is, as will be realised, on general principles and, given an understanding of these principles, the conductor should, Mr. Walker holds, be able to enlarge his knowledge and increase his command of the method by means of his own private study and experiment.

This brings us, then, to where we started and to the question of the value of discussing bringing Grandsire Caters into rounds. Mr. Turner and Mr. Wilson did well to avoid long and useless lists of instructions. It may be, however, that a short thesis on the general principles underlying calling into rounds would not have been out of place, nor without value for the conductor wishing to study the construction of touches.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	GILBERT H. HARDING	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	10
ARTHUR H. REED	5	NORMAN H. COOMBS	11
*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
* 25th peal. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 4 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

*FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	6
*ELIZABETH BROWN	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
*JEAN M. HARRIS	3	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	8
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	9
†FREDERICK WREFORD	5	*JACK MUSSELL	*Tenor*
		REV. JOHN M. G. SCOTT	

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

FULHAM, S.W.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	CYRIL J. WATTS	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
JOHN B. SANSOM	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh M. Page.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*DOREEN DUTTON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	6
RONALD KENRICK	2	JACK ASHCROFT	7
*PETER COXALL	3	WALTER ALLMAN	8
JOHN BIBBY	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and on the bells.
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	3	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE	7
JOHN B. BENNETT	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

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

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

A. JOHN HOBLEY	*Treble*	*A. ROY BARRETT	5
*A. CHARLES MORRIS	2	*HARRY M. WINDSOR	6
*GORDON SMITH	3	*DOUGLAS HARRISON	7
*ANTHONY A. UPTON	4	J. THOMAS GWILT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor on joining H.M. Forces.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

HERBERT COLCOMBE	*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL	5
JOHN W. EUSTON	2	*JAMES F. DODSON	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
ROLAND W. MORANT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*G. STANLEY BREWIN	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
JOHN B. BENNETT	4	†PETER F. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.
Specially arranged for the ringers of 3rd and tenor, members of the local band.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	RICHARD GRANT	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	*A. HARRY MEASURES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal on eight bells.
A wedding compliment to Miss Norma Ansell, niece of Mr. E. C. Turner, and Mr. Ivan Hemmings.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28. 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
*REGINALD ROWLEY	2	*WILLIAM WENBAN	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
*D. KAY ADKINS	4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13⅓ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

THOMAS COOKE	*Treble*	*DENNIS R. AIREY	5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	2	W. NORMAN PARK ..	6
ROLAND PARK	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN W. THORN	*Treble*	†JOHN M. KEMP	5
†JOHN H. PHILLIPS ..	2	SIDNEY F. CARTER	6
†EDWARD J. PHILLIPS ..	3	‡J. MARTIN PAGE	7
REGINALD DORE	4	PERCY W. SAUNDERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples in method. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on bells since restoration.
Rung for St. Andrewstide.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	*DAVID W. BEARD	5
*RAYMOND OVERY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*WILLIAM ROGERS	3	*FRANK V. GANT	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to David W. Beard, and a fifth birthday compliment to Andrew John Corby, son of Philip A. Corby.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. BURTON.. ..	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
*NANCIE E. SWANN	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
*WILLIAM BUTLER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS ..	*Treble*	GRAHAM R. EYLES	5
WILLIAM F. J. COPE ..	2	†PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	3	STANLEY M. EVANS ..	7
*EDWARD F. CONNOCK ..	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H MARTIN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 100th peal for the Guild.
In memoriam Ernest F. White.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*SYDNEY A. PAICE	5
*AUDREY M. TROTT ..	2	LEONARD STILWELL ..	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) York and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	*LEONARD C. BLANCHARD..	5
CECIL WADE	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*GEORGE COUZENS	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
DAVID EMERSON	2	ROBERT ALLCOCK	5
ROY OWEN	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	*ALAN G. FEVER	4
RONALD W. STEWARD ..	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
*JOHN S. WYBREW	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cracknell, of Buxhall.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 50th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Richard E. Manton, Leicester, and Miss Iris M. King, Blankney, both ringers, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Brian Martin	*Treble*	S. A. Martin	4
L. Woodburn	2	H. Hill	5
W. Martin	3	A. E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. Rowley.

Specially arranged as a three generation peal for 1 (junior), 3 (senior) and 4.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
*Marie K. Roberts	2	*William T. Cook	5
Michael N. Bland	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Brian R. Myles	*Treble*	‡Brian W. Hall	4
Joyce Morse	2	Ralph E. W. Wenban	5
†Mrs. W. A. Godwin	3	William A. Godwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Godwin.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

S. Philip Eastland	*Treble*	Doreen Armstrong	4
Marion Bradley	2	E. Glyn Holdgate	5
Sam Scattergood	3	Frank Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.

A birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cumberland Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Janet E. Mitchell	*Treble*	George N. Orman	4
Anne V. Lewis	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 extents of Grandsire and two each of Pitman's and Morris' 240's. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John A. Martin	*Treble*	Eileen M. Turner	3
Ann M. Cox	2	Roland W. Morant	4
E. John Wells	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in eight methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Fastest peal on the bells.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Percy Reeves	*Treble*	*William C. Marshall	4
Wilfred W. Ring	2	Thomas Cullingworth	5
Albert J. Lancefield	3	†Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Ernest F. Shearn	*Treble*	John Ferris	4
Michael J. Horseman	2	Herbert T. Ferris	5
*David G. Yeo	3	Leonard F. Derrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard F. Derrick.

* First six-bell peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
George E. Feirn	3—4	*C. Aubrey Harrison	7—8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 68, Newfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret E. L. Beamish	1—2	Hubert E. Ashley	5—6
Frank E. Pervin	3—4	*H. Ernest Sibley	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
Conducted by Margaret E. L. Beamish.

* First peal in the method.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At 42, North Walls,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 22. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young	1—2	*Daniel T. Matkin	5—6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3—4	Michael J. E. Best	7—8
Kathleen E. Fletcher	9—10		

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

* 300th peal together on handbells. Believed to be the first handbell peal ever rung in Winchester.

A compliment to William G. Young upon his engagement, and to Michael Best on his birthday.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN SEXTUPLES
Tenor size 19 in F.

Terence A. Thornber	1—2	*Peter J. Staniforth	7—8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3—4	Alfred Ballard	9—10
Harold J. Poole	5—6	Harry Poyner	11—12
Brian G. Warwick	13—14		

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

* 400th peal. First peal of Sextuples by all the band and rung at the first attempt.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): S. Hall 1, Miss K. M. Cowley 2, G. Webb 3, W. Yates 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Webb.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, R. Felce 2, F. Stonton 3, R. Cadamy 4, D. J. Meager 5, W. Daniells 6, H. Sear (cond.) 7, R. Howson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alice Sear, sister to Harry and Walter Sear, interred earlier in the day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (1 extent each of Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and Stedman, 4½ extents of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): T. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Heather Tesson 2, M. Sprackling (first in more than one method) 3, I. Truman 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5. Enid Roberts 6.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. W. T. Daniell 1, W. Sidwell (first of Stedman Doubles) 2, C. J. Gardner 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. J. Berry 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. E. Hart 1, S. Osborne 2, E. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan 4, A. Sweetzer 5, H. Osborne 6, R. Vaughan (cond.) 7, E. Busby (first quarter) 8, Rung half-muffled on the death of Mr. J. Batty, verger at St. Peter's.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Nov. 14th. 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): F. Watson 1, P. J. Thomas 2, W. Thornley (cond.) 3, E. J. Jelley 4, J. Vernon 5, J. M. Jelley 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar of Croft and his wife.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, M. Mackenzie 3, P. K. Waterman 4, J. Mussell (cond.) 5, C. Foot 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Gray, vice-captain of this tower.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Dalingwater 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, D. A. Chapman 6, A. Hill 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by all the band. Rung for Advent.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. Bishop 2, M. Bishop (cond.) 3, D. Jordan 4, A. Woodley 5, J. Gordon 6, G. Bishop 7, J. Napper 8.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Wallis 1, Brian Nichols (first quarter) 2, C. H. Harding 3, W. J. Athow 4, F. W. Lack 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6, R. V. Beldom 7. Rung after meeting short for peal attempt.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Tinbury (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, E. Winters 6.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. P. Aldhause (12, first quarter) 1, A. R. Barrett 2, A. J. Barrett 3, G. Smith 4, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the Remembrance Day service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Albanian Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Miss E. Farrell (first quarter in method) 4, T. E. Davies 5, S. Croft 6, W. G. Wilson 7, F. D. Bishop 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Corney (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. R. Smith 2, J. H. Crampion 3, C. E. Willmington 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Groves 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Haysom 8.

MALDON, ESSEX. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mary Hubble (first quarter) 1, A. Hubble 2, S. Linnett 3, F. White 4, H. Mansfield 5, S. Easter (first as cond.) 6. J. Clarke tenor cover.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. G. Pidoux (first quarter peal) 1, M. H. R. Glover (first on tower bells) 2, G. Harper 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, J. H. Smart 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of St. Hugh by the Oxford University Society.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss A. S. Noble 2, G. Hair 3, Miss R. Hemmings 4, S. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. S. H. Jones 6, J. H. Brittan 7, W. E. Minor 8.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, T. H. Francis 3, W. R. Winterton 4, P. J. Coward 5, G. W. Slack 6, J. R. Leeming (first quarter Stedman Caters) 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8. T. W. Sheppard 9, A. House 10. By the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew on Nov. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J Hales 4, R K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7 (covering). A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet R. French 1, S. Peiler 2, F. Cherryman 3, Joyce B. Short 4, Ann M. Cox 5, Eileen M. Turner (first quarter as cond.) 6, R. Tickner 7, G. Enever 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.



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RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 707)

FROM SCOTLAND

'General Regulations for the Government of the Company of Ringers at Dundee.'

'1. It is expected that every care will be taken for the prevention of injury to the bells, bell frames, chiming apparatus, belfry, and appurtenances thereto; and that under no circumstances shall the bells be clocked or clappered.

2. No person except the ringers shall be allowed to be present during the ringing, without leave of the steeplekeeper, who shall be responsible for their good behaviour, and for the belfry doors being locked during the ringing.

3. There shall be no smoking in the belfry or its purlieus, nor shall ale, beer or liquor of any kind, other than water, be brought into the steeple on any pretence whatever.

4. If any ringer or probationer wilfully and persistently, after warning from the steeplekeeper, violate these rules, be guilty of drunkenness, swearing, or any other immoral, irreligious, or offensive conduct in the belfry or its neighbourhood, he shall be liable to dismissal by the committee, on the representation of the steeple-keeper, with the approval of the magistrates in the case of the steeple, and of the Vestry in the case of St. Paul's, and of the proper authorities of any other church or public building.

5. There shall be one regular practice-night every week, on such a day and at such an hour as the steeplekeeper, with the consent of the authorities of his church or tower, may appoint. If in his judgment more practice be desirable, he must exercise a wise discretion, inasmuch as every resident is not a lover of bell-ringing, and the tongues of the bells should be tied, if there be more than one practice-night each week. In fixing practice-nights, due regard must be had to the church service and choir practice, those times the belfry shall be closed to all. Also the feelings and wishes of any sick person in the neighbourhood must be tenderly considered.'

FROM LANCASHIRE

These 'Rules for Ringers' are painted on a large tablet in the ringing room of the Parish Church of Burnley, Lancs (1).

'i. That the ringers begin twenty minutes before Ten, and be ready for chiming fifteen minutes after Ten, and chime five minutes, or forfeit 6d.

ii. In the afternoon to begin twenty minutes after Two, and chime for five minutes before three, or forfeit 6d.

N.B. The above forfeits shall be paid to the churchwardens.

iii. Any person attempting to ring with spurs on to forfeit 6d.

iv. For not attending to practice on Monday and Tuesday evenings at ten minutes past eight to forfeit 3d.

v. For swearing, or telling a lie in the steeple, to forfeit 3d.

vi. For a ringer coming into the steeple intoxicated to forfeit 3d.

vii. For divulging anything out of the steeple which may tend to produce mischief to forfeit 3d.

N.B. Also to the informer 3d.

viii. For overthrowing a bell to forfeit 2d.

ix. For ringing with the hat on to forfeit 2d.

June 9th, 1804.'

(1) Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part iii., p. 20.

NEWARK, NOTTS

In the ringing chamber of Newark Parish Church, Notts:—

'If you a hindrance to ye ringers be,
Twopence for it must be ye Sexton's fee;
With hat or spurs on dont begin to ring,
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string:
Dont swear nor curse: shun these stumbling blocks,
The law gives twelvepence, or else go to the stocks.
Who brawls or wrangles, whom ye major part
Finds to be guilty shall pay his quart;
Who rings an hour bell, be it night or day.
If he o'erthrows, he shall his sixpence pay.'

WOBURN, BUCKS

I am indebted to Mr. H. Douglas Harris for the loan of a little booklet containing the original rules of the Woburn, Bucks, Company of Change Ringers, formed in 1867.

I. We resolve to be a respectable body of men as well as good Ringers, and to give no occasion to any person to speak against us or bring disgrace on the Church. We will not take into our Company any person of low character, for the Belfry is part of the Church, and the ringers should bear a good character.

II. We agree to have a Foreman of our Company who shall see the rules enforced, forfeits paid, and all moneys which shall come into his hands shall be regularly entered in a book kept by him and all necessary expenses shall be paid out of such moneys.

III. That Mr. C. Herbert shall be Foreman, and Mr. W. S. Smith our deputy foreman.

IV. Each member of the Company shall pay twopence per week into a Common Fund whether he be present or not: all arrears shall be paid up quarterly, when the accounts of the Company shall be inspected (by two or more of the ringers selected for the purpose) on the first Saturday on or after the 1st day of January, the 1st day of April, the 1st day of July: and the 1st day of October in every year at 7.30 p.m., at a place to be appointed by the foreman: all arrears for fines and subscriptions shall be stopped out of the profits.

V. Notice of special ringing shall be given by the foreman.

VI. Any ringer who shall not attend at all on receiving such notice, without giving sufficient reason, shall forfeit sixpence.

VII. Any ringer absent three months is considered to have left the Company unless his subscriptions are paid.

VIII. For practising we agree to meet every Monday in the year at 7.30 p.m. in the winter, and at 8.30 p.m. in the summer, except when any person is sick in the parish at the friends' desire the bells shall be silent, and from Ash Wednesday to Easter, but we will meet on the evening of Shrove Tuesday instead of the practice night in that week.

IX. Any ringer late by fifteen minutes shall forfeit twopence, and if he leave before the bells are down he shall forfeit one penny, on same condition as contained in Rule 6 hereto.

X. At the funeral of any of our Company we will ring a muffled peal.

XI. We will neither do nor suffer to be done any damage to the Church: if anyone is wilfully guilty of it he shall pay for it or leave the Company.

XII. The ringer who fetches the keys is answerable for taking them back.

XIII. As a body we agree not to spend our money in drinking, and any member drunk on a ringing day, or in the belfry, shall forfeit two shillings and sixpence, and shall be in danger of being turned out of the Company.

XIV. Any member guilty of fighting, quarrelling, swearing, drinking or smoking in the belfry shall forfeit sixpence.

XV. None but the ringers shall handle the bells: no idle persons shall be in the belfry during the ringing: the foreman is responsible for the conduct of the Company, and shall report any misconduct to the Minister.

XVI. Any dispute shall be referred to the Minister, and we agree to abide by his decision.

Other rules refer to the handbells and their use, and concludes:—

XXII. And lastly, we agree to live as far as we can as good Christian men, and to be regular attendants at some parish church. Witness our hands this twenty-first day of November, 1867.

Charles Herbert.
William J. Smith.
William Gilby,
George Archer.
Charles Hill.
Alfred Green.

S. F. Cumberledge, Incumbent.

Tho. Bennett, John Gilby } Churchwardens.

Four 'Probationary' ringers' names are given, one of which is Fredk. Tho. Tanqueray, who called the first 720 rung for the Bedfordshire Association, while Charles Herbert was the founder and first secretary in 1882. Mr. Douglas Harris also tells me that William Gilby mentioned above was his wife's father, and the churchwarden, John Gilby, her grandfather.

FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE

'Belfry Reform' in 1793.—Found during the alterations made to the belfry at Bourton-on-the-Water.

'Whosoever will practice to play on these Strings,
Must these orders observe amongst other things;
He that rings with his hat, boots, spurs on likewise,
To the Sexton shall pay a twopence excise:
For smoking tobacco, and drinking of drink,
To the Sexton shall pay a sixpence in chink;
He that is heard to curse, or to swear,
Shall twelvepence among the company share:
He also that doth a Bell overthrow,
A Groat to the Sexton shall pay ere he go.
And he that will not to these orders attain.
Let him never come hither to practice again.'

FROM RUTLAND

At Ryhall, Rutland, the old rules of 1715 were restored in 1857 thus:—

'Whoever. Comes into. This Place
His. Pleasure. For. To Take.
And. Rings. A. Bell. To Him. We. Tell.
This. Law. With. Him. We. Make.
That. Every. Time He Turns. A. Bell
In. The Light Or. Dark.
He. Then. Shall. Pay. Without. Delay.
Two. Pence. Unto. The. Clark.
August 31st, 1857. Cris. Holmes, 1715.'

(To be continued)

BILTON, RUGY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. Johnson 3, P. Barnwell 4, W. J. Vann (cond.) 5, P. C. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Canon W. O. Assheton. Canon Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral, Rector of Bilton from 1895 to 1935, aged 87 years. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 420 Grandsire): Miss P. Burnell 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. Johnson 3, Miss R. M. Cooper 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor 6. For the dedication service of a model treble bell in memory of Hilary Donald Leach, a former ringer.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss T. Rose 1, A. Ballard 2, O. Ballard 3, Miss R. Seabrook (first as cond.) 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, S. Honeyball 6, P. Mayle 7, K. Kemp 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. Sargeant, a former ringer at this tower.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Weeks 1, H. Gummer 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. Potter 5, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. A. L. Nind and Miss A. C. Plaxton (daughter of the Archdeacon of Wiltshire), who were married at Pewsey on November 12th.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Janet S. Bailey 2, J. Chilcott (cond.) 3, J. Waters (first quarter on ten bells) 4, J. B. Sansom 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, H. Belcher 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, J. Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss B. Harris 2, G. Parsons 3, Dr. W. R. Winterton 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, R. Grimwood 6, R. Story 7, C. Nichols 8, G. Peters 9, E. Talbot 10.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. C. Noon 1, L. Copnall 2, E. Pimlott 3, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 4 S. Sage 5, R. C. Noon 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. B. J. Ongley to Miss J. M. S. Cooke, both local ringers.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Heaton (first quarter) 1, J. Cooper 2, E. H. Simpson 3, J. Armitage 4, G. Dixon 5, P. Whittaker 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Patricia Downs and Mr. Philip H. M. Bailey.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kewell 1, P. E. Dodd 2, K. Purse 3, D. A. Theedom 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, R. Evans 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Cox (first in method) 1, A. Holway 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, E. E. Retter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. H. Eveleigh 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Miss G. Davies 2, W. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (first as cond.) 4, B. Shedell 5. First in method by all. Also on Nov. 22nd, 480 Plain Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Miss G. Davies 2, B. Shedell (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. Shedell 5.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Higham 1, L. Walmsley 2, J. Robinson 3, S. Walmsley 4, P. Barrand 5, G. Meadows 6, A. Meadows (first as cond.) 7, K. Ainsworth 8. Rung by Sunday service band for evening service on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, A. J. Slade 2, G. J. W Abbott (first of Doubles) 3, C. H. Smart 4, H. J. Ford 5, I. Coombes 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all and on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Day (first away from tenor) 1, J. Stimson 2, A. E. Hinman (first on eight) 3, J. Fenton 4, F. Shepherd 5, H. Clayton 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, Mrs. J. Day 8.

PAUL, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, T. B. Rodda (first 'inside') 2, Elizabeth Ford (first quarter as cond., aged 17) 3, Decima Carne 4, R. Curtis 5, J. Ladner 6.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Barrett (first as cond.) 1, B. Atkinson (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell 5, B. Hall 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Bartholomew (first as cond.) 1, F. W. Elliott 2, H. Bradbury 3, T. Clark 4, Miss Mary Delderfield 5, J. Lloyd 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung on the front six in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, J. Kerry (first of Minor) 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Perrin 1, Miss M. Tomlin 2, W. T. Forrester 3, I. M. Parry 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Scales.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, R. Charge 2, June Clements 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Welbourne 5, G. Peters 6, C. Nichols (cond.) 7, R. Story 8. A birthday compliment to the father of the 3rd ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, R. G. Townsend 4, F. G. Wilton 5, G. Wells 6, T. Townsend (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung prior to the induction service of the Rev. F. W. Thomas, M.A., as Vicar.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, R. Rowley 2, A. W. Dix 3, D. K. Adkins 4, S. H. Hoare 5, W. Wenban 6, G. W. Seaman 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WATTON-AT-STONE, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Milton (local captain, first quarter since 1931). R. Dixon 2, M. Collings 3, P Mchew 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells for over 22 years.

WESTMILL, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): A. Tuttle (first quarter, aged 13) 1, D. Jones (cond.) 2, H. Werrett 3, M. Orme 4, M. Collings 5. For Advent Sunday Evensong. First quarter on the bells for over 21 years.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. S. Payne 1, J. G. Underwood 2, M. J. Chown 3, R. S. Holland 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5, M. R. Tomlin 6. Rung, after a peal attempt had failed, as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Hancock, of the local band (average age 16½ years).

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Newing 1, Susan Jackson 2, G. Bowen 3, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 4, J. N. Diserens 5, P. L. Blissett 6, D. R. Morris 7, C. Tansell 8, G. Ambler 9, F. Pugh and J. J. Stanier 10.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Kingcott 1, W. H. Kingcott 2, T. Ferris 3, S. Clark 4, R. Clark 5, M. Collins 6, H. W. Knight (cond.) 7, H. Vowles 8. For evening service. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

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In the 'Round the World' broadcast which precedes the Queen's Christmas message on December 25th, South Africa will be represented by a recording of the Coronation Day broadcast from St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Cape Town. Mr. R. H. Stickley, of Johannesburg, is hoping to fly down to Cape Town (956 miles) in order to take part in the Christmas ringing. He concludes his letter by adding: 'I hope my fellow-ringers in U.K., who hear the broadcast, won't judge the striking too harshly.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

A remarkable record has Mr. Job Burley, who has rung twice every Sunday at Fletching Church, Sussex, since 1880. Now, at the age of 88 years, he has, through doctor's orders, to cease ringing. Seventy-three years an active ringer is a grand record. Job joined the Sussex County Association on January 5th, 1880.

A conductor sending in a peal report states so-and-so rang 'the tremble.' As it was a first peal for the treble ringer we trust there was no trembling.

The quarter peal that we record this week from Leyland, Lancs, is the first by a Sunday service band for over 25 years. Hopes are entertained of a peal attempt shortly.

Stedman Cinques was rung half-muffled for two-and-a-half hours on the bells of Birmingham Cathedral on the evening of Thursday, December 3rd, for the Rt. Rev. Dr. E. W. Barnes, formerly Bishop of Birmingham, whose funeral had taken place earlier in the day. Owing to a service it was not possible to ring the last twelve courses in handstroke position and complete a full peal. At the funeral service the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. A. Walker (Master), W. T. Froggatt and F. E. Haynes.

An interesting ceremony took place on Advent Sunday at Bilton, Warwickshire, when at evensong a working model of a treble bell (one-fifth actual size) was dedicated by the Rector (the Ven. L. J. Stanford, Archdeacon of Coventry), in memory of Hilary Ronald Leach, a former ringer, who died two years ago. The model will be most useful for showing beginners and interested members of the congregation how a bell actually works. A quarter peal of Doubles was rung in connection with the service.

On Advent Sunday the Vicar of Warmley, Bristol. Preb. C. W. Francis, dedicated a portrait of Charles Harnell, late captain of the ringers for forty years and churchwarden for 28 years, to hang in the ringing chamber. Charles Harnell was known and respected by many friends and ringers around the Bristol area, and when they visit the tower at Warmley they will still see that welcome smile that always greeted them.

Leicester handbell ringers have rung their first peal of Sextuples. This feat was accomplished at the first attempt.

Mr. Stafford H. Green offers his congratulations to Miss Hilda Snowden on her wonderful feat at Exeter Cathedral on November 28th. He writes: 'Turning a 33-cwt. bell in changes and for a whole peal of Grandsire Caters by a man is no mean feat—by a woman something really outstanding.'

When Cclr. H. Weston was Mayor of Coventry he presented to the Coventry Diocesan Guild a peal book. Recently he had an opportunity of inspecting the book and was greatly delighted with the artistic manner with which the peals had been written and illuminated by Mr. C. H. Webb. The book contains a complete record since January, 1950.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jenney, of Leicester, on their golden wedding anniversary. A peal was rung at Leicester Cathedral for the occasion. It was Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and Harold rang in it. In spite of his years—he has passed the allotted three score years and ten—he acquitted himself remarkably well in his usual steady and reliable manner, which confirms beyond doubt the advice he has so frequently received, 'Keep with the kids and you will never grow old.' He has been a member of the Leicester Cathedral band for the past 42 years.

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VIGOROUS PROTESTS BY RINGERS

The statement in 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle' that 'synthetic bells get N.E. approval' has brought forth vigorous protests from Mr. K. Arthur, vice-president of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, and from Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

The article states: 'Synthetic church bells, which were criticised in the Church Assembly, have met with favourable comments in the North-East.'

The criticisms in the Church Assembly, reports 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle,' are described as 'Victorian sentimentalism and reaction' by the Vicar of Earsdon, the Rev. C. Garrett Udy, who says the modern cost of new bells is prohibitive for scores of country parishes.

Standing in a commanding position, Earsdon church has three cracked bells, installed in 1860, but not rung since the relief of Mafeking.

CHANCELLOR SAID 'NO'

Experts told the Vicar that as the church stood over mine workings, the installation and use of a ring of new bells was impossible because of the danger from vibration.

The idea of broadcast bells, costing £160 to install, was accepted by the Church Council and the Bishop's Advisory Committee, but the Chancellor of the Diocese, sitting at a Consistory Court in January, said 'No.'

'I have a parish of 8,000 but I doubt if I could find sufficient skilled men to make a pulling team,' said Mr. Udy.

But south of the Tyne, in Felling, Christ Church has broadcast bells and, says the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Lindsay: 'There is no adverse criticism of them at all. In fact, after they were installed we got some donations towards the cost.'

The broadcast bells at Christ Church, part of a war memorial scheme, are linked up with a deaf aid system and a pulpit microphone.

BROADCAST FROM ROOF

Durham Road Baptist Church has a system of broadcasting bells from the roof, played from a recording inside the church.

'I think ours are very effective and sound very good indeed,' comments the minister, the Rev. C. E. G. Swift. 'We have always found them quite successful and generally favourably commented upon by people who heard them.'

When the Queen Mother visited Gateshead four or five years ago, the Corporation asked Durham Road Baptist Church to play the bells—a recording of St. Margaret's, Westminster—in honour of the occasion.

RINGERS' OPINIONS

Canon H. Stephenson, who until recently was chairman of Durham and Newcastle Association of Change Ringers, says the question of synthetic bells has never been discussed at meetings of the Association.

He thinks ringers who have made an art of ringing—an art not easily acquired—feel a little 'put aside' when it is simply reproduced through the waves of sound.

A member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers commented: 'It would mean the ending of the art if it became universal.'

While agreeing that the shortage of ringers was a reason for synthetic bells, he added: 'It is not going to ease the situation. The more you bring in these artificial aids the more the art of bellringing will die out.

'There are more people ringing since the war than pre-war, but there are still not enough.'

'INCONGRUOUS AND LUDICROUS'

The statement was challenged by Mr. Harold Walker, who wrote the following letter to the Editor, 'Evening Chronicle,' Friday, November 20th, 1953:—

'I spend a lot of time in Newcastle and at the risk of being described as a "Victorian sentimentalist" I must make a stand against "synthetic" bells.

'A recording of York Minster bells is sometimes used for this purpose. The record was made 25 years ago following the restoration of the bells, and some years before "canned campanology" was conceived. The total weight of the bells recorded was 24 tons and it seems rather incongruous and ludicrous to hear the sound of this majestic ring, together with the deep boom of Great Peter coming from some slender tower not strong enough to carry even the lightest ring of bells. Had the ringers been able to foresee how this recording was to be exploited in later years, I doubt whether it would ever have been made.

'The Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee has taken a firm stand again "synthetic" installations, one of its reasons being:—

> "Nothing faked should be used in God's service. We rightly dislike artificial candles, flowers, ornaments, etc. To hear a 'ring' of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth."

'Parsons who encourage this sort of thing, to say the least, are very misguided, and they would be the first to protest against the use of recorded services and sermons in church. Still, in this age of progress one thing leads to another, and it may well be that having installed "synthetic" bells, it may be found cheaper to buy gramophone records rather than spend money on an organ which has fallen into disrepair. Then again it might be found easier to use records rather than train a choir. Finally a shortage of parsons could be overcome by the use of recordings.

'BELLS ARE PART OF WORSHIP'

The assertion was also vigorously answered by Mr. K. Arthur in the following letter:—

'Your report in the "Chronicle" that "synthetic bells get North-East approval" does not "ring true" to me. These reproduced or "canned" bells are an abomination and it is much to be deprecated that any church should have such an installation. The ringing of church bells is, or should be, as much a part of the worship of Almighty God as are the parts played by the choir and the organ, and I wonder who would approve of the substitution of these latter elements by a radiogram or relay system?

'Where the worship of God is genuine it cannot be secondhand and that is simply what "canned" bells imply.

'This primary consideration of divine worship is, of course, quite apart from the secondary consideration of the effects on the art of ringing, which is one of the few English crafts left to us where we are still the masters of the world.

'Another point in conclusion: What, I wonder, is the position regarding the performing rights of those ubiquitous ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, who so kindly officiate at "canned" performances?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bells to Scare Away Devils

In an address to members of the Guildford District at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, on November 28th, the Rev. C. G. Pearson said in non-Christian countries they did not ring bells as in England, but clashed pieces of iron and other metal before worship to scare away devils.

The same idea prevailed in mediæval England; the gargoyles of the cathedrals were in the form of devils flying out of church, being driven away by the bells.

The custom of ringing for a funeral was originally to scare away devils. There were attempts to stop it by the Puritans, but it had now come back again in the form of a muffled bell, although its purpose now was not the same.

The art of change ringing started in the 17th century, and it was purely English. Electronic bells were now being introduced whereby a man, woman or child sitting at a console could play them. He understood that many of the younger churches were having such contrivances fitted, and to him it was most deplorable. 'I hope while I last there will always be men and women coming forward to ring the bells and maintain the art of change ringing.'

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Following tea at S. Nicolas' Hall a District meeting was held, Mr. T. W. White presiding, supported by Mr. R. Kenward (hon. secretary). He extended a welcome to Mr. Alan Pendlebury, of Worsley, and to visitors from Henfield.

Nominations were received for the following District officers for next year:—Ringing Master, Mr W. J. Robinson: Deputy Master, Mr. R. W. Morant: hon. secretary, Mr. R. Kenward; assistant secretary, Mr. R. W. Morant: hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horseman; Executive Committee, Mr. F. A. Munday.

A vote of thanks was moved from the chair to the Rev. C. G. Pearson for conducting the service, to Mrs. Gray for her services as organist, and to Mrs. Collings and her helpers for the excellent tea.

Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Mary's Church and in the evening at Shalford.

Christmas Greetings

This annual feature of 'The Ringing World' will appear in the issue of Dec. 18th. Greetings up to 30 words for 3s. Longer messages 1d. a word.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at Ossett

On November 28th the Leeds and District Society held a successful meeting at Ossett. The back eight were raised in peal, quickly followed by the two trebles, and kept going in Triples, Major, Caters and Royal methods till 5 p.m. when a halt was called to satisfy the needs of the inner man and to transact the usual routine business of the Society.

The president was in the chair and members were present from Armley, Batley, East Ardsley, Headingley St. Michael's, Halifax, Horbury, Elland, Leeds Parish Church, Keighley, Rothwell, Thorner, Wakefield, Northowram and the local company.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and the ladies was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, seconded by Mr. J. Roberts and carried. Mr. F. Bennett replied for the local company.

The next meeting will be held on January 16th and it was left to the secretary to make the necessary arrangements with a hope that it will be at Wakefield.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT HOLD SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

ON November 28th, under the auspices of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, a dinner was organised in Winchester for the second year in succession. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's were available during the afternoon when most of the standard methods were rung.

A fully choral evensong was held in St. Maurice's Church conducted by the Rector, the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield. Mr. J. A. C. King, Winchester District secretary, read the lesson, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, District chairman, gave an address. A feature of the service was the Te Deum which was sung at the end of the service. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, in his sermon, spoke of a personal experience of his when a finely-painted door of his house suddenly fell off its hinges. It was found that the door was rotten inside in spite of its having a fine coat of paint. He then suggested that ringers should ask themselves if they were coat-of-paint ringers. What was the quality of their ringing? He was not now talking of the number of methods they could ring but their striking.

The dinner was at the Westgate Lodge Hotel under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. He was supported by the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn, Dean of Winchester, the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield, Rector of St. Maurice's, and Canon C. P. Cowley, Vice-Dean of Winchester.

After the chairman had submitted the toast of 'H.M. The Queen,' he extended a very happy welcome to the company remarking that he thought that the dinner was even more successful than last year. Continuing with the toast he said that this week the Queen was in the thoughts and prayers of everybody during her travels. The tour had caught the public's imagination for it was like a romance and an adventure.

Mr. S. J. Sanders, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' thanked the clergy for their support of and attention to the Guild. He said that it was the ringing of bells that brought people to church and good ringing was a great encouragement. He also thanked the clergy for the very nice services they conducted at the meetings, which he considered very helpful.

COULD MANAGE THE SURPRISE PART!

Canon C. P. Cowley replied and said he wanted to stress the vital importance of the link between bells and the services which should be fostered and strengthened. He himself had never been able to ring although he thought if he took hold of a bellrope he could manage the surprise part all right! He always enjoyed going to the Cathedral belfry, however, and talking to the ringers there. They always opened with a ringers' prayer even on a practice night. This he considered to be a glorious thing and, as a result, the ringing was very good.

Mr. R. Smith, District Ringing Master, proposed the toast of 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild,' and recalled that it was about 44 years ago that he first came in contact with the Guild. Their church had been damaged by fire and when it was restored they needed ringers for the new ring of bells. The late Mr. W. Andrews came out and taught them, and so they joined the Guild. Since those days he considered that whilst the Guild had progressed in many ways, in one way it had not. In his own tower, and a few others in his District, the bells were not rung—not for lack of ringers but lack of enthusiasm. He had tried all ways of raising a band, even approaching the president of the Women's Institute. He had rung his first peal with the present and late Masters. He supposed he wasn't very good—at any rate they hadn't asked him since!

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN WINCHESTER

Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary, replied for the Guild. He said they were meeting on the eve of the 75th anniversary of the Guild's formation and mentioned several of the old stalwarts of the Guild who had travelled 20 to 30 miles for a change-ringing practice. That evening they had with them the handbell ringers from Bournemouth who that afternoon had rung a peal of Grandsire Caters. This was believed to be the first handbell peal in Winchester.

Mr. J. Bullen submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' He extended them a hearty welcome to the dinner which he hoped would be followed by many others. There were visitors with them from Southampton, Bournemouth and Portsmouth.

The chairman, in calling upon Mr. N. Andrews to reply, said he remembered that in his early days as a ringer when he had been ringing the treble to Bob Major, Mr. Andrews had put him in great fear when he (Mr. Andrews) was ringing the tenor. He was happy to say he no longer feared him as he could now ring Bob Major without making too many mistakes.

Mr. Andrews said it was always a pleasure to come to Winchester. He wondered how such an atmosphere existed and thought it was due to the members' wisdom in choosing their officers. He always had an awful shock when coming to a Winchester meeting in his car and the chairman nipped past on his 'jallopy.' He considered the chairman a very good organiser. He always managed to avoid having a funeral or a wedding on the same day as a meeting. He then passed on to Mr. King, the District secretary, whom he thought was another good organiser, and then to Mr. Smith, District Ringing Master, who saw that all had a ring.

The evening concluded with a variety concert by various local artistes, followed by vocal efforts by certain ringers present who formed a choir. There was also some excellent handbell ringing on eight and ten bells by the Bournemouth contingent.

IRISH BELLS IN CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

THE bells of Christ Church, Shankill Parish, Lurgan, will represent Northern Ireland in the Christmas morning broadcast. The following notes on the bells by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody will be of interest to our readers:—

The first mention on record of a bell in connection with Shankill Parish, Lurgan, is in the vestry minute (now hanging in the ringing chamber), dated January 18th, 1675, which states:—

'Agreed by the Curate and Parishioners of ye Parish of Shankill, at a meeting of ye Parishioners this present day. We consider a bell more decent and fit for calling together ye Parishioners for Divine service, than a drum which has hitherto been used, that the sum of eight pounds be equally and indifferently applotted on the inhabitants of this Parish, by distress or otherwise, by the churchwardens of this Parish, and that the sum be placed in the hands of Arthur Brownlow who is desired to lay out the same for one bell of about one hundred pounds weight, which bell we likewise agree, shall be hung in the Market House of Lurgan till a convenient steeple be erected for containing the said bell. Mr. Brownlow having consented thereto, provide the bell be always rung for market and town use.

'We likewise agree that the salary heretofore paid by ye Parish for beating the drum shall hereafter be paid to some fit person to be appointed to ring the bell, to begin from Easter next, if ye said bell be got up by ye first of May next.'

The bell mentioned above seems never to have hung in the present tower, as when it was built in 1737, and before its completion, a vestry minute dated July 5th, 1738, states:—

'That the sum of thirty one pounds be duly applotted towards the discharging of one hundred pounds (Advanced by Wm. Brownlow, Esq.) as executor of the will of the late Jean Brownlow, in order to carry out the building of the new church the 100 pounds was bequeaved by the said Mrs. Brownlow to buy a bell for the said church, when finished.'

Another minute, dated April 28th, 1739, added a further £62 to former total, then states: 'And particularly for paying dept due Mr. Brownlow for getting bell.'

The above bell (no founder mentioned) did duty until 1845, when it had become cracked. The minutes of a meeting dated September 4th, 1844, state: 'Taking into consideration the bad state of the bell which has become cracked was deemed unserviceable, it was resolved that collectors be appointed to make collection for new bell.'

A meeting of the subscribers and collectors was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, January 1st, 1845, when the sum of £104 13s. was reported to have been collected towards the new bell. Several bellfounders in Dublin and London having submitted, it was resolved that a preference should be given to Messrs. Sheridan, Dublin, and Mears, of London, and it was resolved that Mr. Oulton should personally inspect the bells of these founders and choose the best to be got of about 25 cwt. weight.

Messrs. Mears, of London, got the contract and this bell was broken as scrap probably to add to the metal of the present ring in 1877; the clapper belonging to it is still in the tower.

The present ring of eight bells, paid for by public subscription collected mainly by the late James Ussher, who also procured the clock, was cast in 1877 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The tenor was recast by the same firm in 1886. The bells were rehung in an all-steel frame, quarter-turned, tuned and provided with new headstocks, ball bearings, wheels, etc., in 1937 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the work being again paid for by public subscription, the money being collected by the late C. W. Neill and the ringers. Mr. Neill was tower captain, and a ringer for over sixty years.

A carillon machine was installed in 1951 by Messrs. John Smith and Son, Derby, the gift of J. D. Kyle, Esq., in memory of his wife.

The weights and inscriptions of the bells are as follows, that of the tenor being after its recasting in 1886:—

Treble.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. 'Presented By The Children of Shankill Parish.'

2nd.—6 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. 'Presented By The Ladies of Shankill Parish.'

3rd.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

4th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

5th.—9 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

6th.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

7th.—13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.'

Tenor.—21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. 'Theophilus Campbell, D.D., Rector. James Malcolm, J.P., Courtney Johnston, Churchwardens.

All the bells are inscribed with founders' name.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNDER-INSURANCE OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—It is, of course, usual for insurance offices to include in their fire, etc., policies the condition of average mentioned by Mr. Levett in your issue of November 20th, and if this is so in the case where bells valued at £2,000 and insured for £400 are damaged then only 20 per cent. of the loss would be covered and the office could, if it wished, settle on that basis. However, I believe that the office which probably transacts the bulk of church insurances (The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd.) does not include this condition of average in its policies for fire, etc. Therefore any damage up to £400 to the above bells would be covered and not 20 per cent. of the loss only. It is advisable for all Church Councils to ascertain from their insurance offices if this 'condition of average' applies to their policies. We, at Northfleet, inquired and found that it did not apply in our case. Some Parochial Church Councils do not feel it necessary to insure their churches for full value as they would not rebuild to original size in event of total loss.—Yours faithfully,

E. PEARTREE.

Northfleet.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of the peal-ringing section of our ringing community felt any sense of guilt on reading Mr. E. Nobles' letter expressing his surprise at the lack of footnotes to many of the peals displayed in 'The Ringing World.' Very few, I would suggest.

Surely it is hypocritical to try to convince oneself that the majority of peals we ring are not rung for our own personal pleasure.

It causes me much amusement to read through the peal columns and try to imagine how much thought and discussion has gone into the 'problem' of finding a suitable footnote for a peal. 'The treble ringer's aunt's birthday' is, without doubt, very popular, but we must give it to the select few who take infinite trouble in wading through a calendar of saints' days to find the right one for the day.

It goes without saying that all ringing is, or should be, dedicated to the glory of God; but surely, if everyone realises this, as they should do, is it necessary to take up valuable space in its explanation?—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—As courses of Grandsire, Double Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire are interchangeable, every composition of Grandsire can be used for three methods provided there are bobs at five. Holt's ten-part has plenty of bobs at five and is obviously a peal in three methods but seldom rung in more than one. I think it has not been explained that this ten-part composition can include St. Clement's and College, making a total of five methods. When the second is in the hunt for one lead ring St. Clement's, and for five leads ring College. This does not alter the calling but the parts will be in this order:—3, 1, 4, 2, 5, 8, 6, 9, 7, 10. Other variations with better distribution of the methods will be sent to all inquirers.

Similarly, some compositions of Oxford Bob can be used for any number of methods up to six..

I should like to join Mr. A. J. Pitman in congratulating Mr. C. Skidmore and his band and hope their success will create a greater interest in Spliced Triples.—Yours faithfully,

J. SEGAR.

71, London Road, Retford, Notts.

SYNTHETIC BELLS—A SHAM

Dear Sir,—A surprising fact is the number of clergy and others who condemn a person for staying away from church to hear a service over the radio, yet tolerate synthetic bells, bells hung stationary and a variety of forms of sham. It might reasonably be asked—where is their consistency?

I well remember one vicar at a church in Northampton, where I belonged (true it was during the war years), putting over in the church one Christmastide a full series of gramophone recordings of Handel's 'Messiah' in place of a trained choir.

Later, at a Parochial Church Council meeting I politely drew his attention to his gramophone recordings and his oft-heard utterances from his pulpit that 'nothing but the best was good enough in the service of Christ and the Church.'

With no disrespect to those clerics and laity who are sometimes adverse to, and would reduce our art to a mere sham, I believe no good is done by anyone constituting themselves 'yes men' to these people merely because they hold the position of some office bearer or don the clerical collar.

Are ringers ready to defend their art, fully alert to point out these inconsistencies, armed with the answers ready to give and the type of questions to expect?

An interesting place to meet these people is at a 'men's circle,' 'fireside' or similar meeting group. I have in the past given a number of talks to such bodies, and there must be many more who are quite capable of doing the same. Many of the misunderstandings and misgivings could be cleared up with greater ease were more ringers prepared to come out into the open and sacrifice an occasional hour to this end.

It might well be worth giving up some peal attempt or a night at a theatre to watch the reaction and the knowledge thus gained. And it does not require a person to have rung a peal of Cambridge Maximus to do it, either! Such a contention is, to say the least, absurd.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

THE TREBLE AND THE METHOD

Dear Sir,—Without belittling in any way the ringing of the treble to a peal of, say, Cambridge Surprise Royal for the first time, I do feel that a footnote to the effect what was the ringer's first peal of what particular method is a little misleading. In such cases, would it not be as well if the actual method were unnamed?

A question will probably be asked: How is a ringer, in publishing his list of peals on reaching a milestone, to describe the accomplishment of taking part in 100 peals of Double Norwich, all on the treble?—Yours faithfully,

D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

Southampton.

PEAL AT MUCH BANGHAM

Sir,—I think every one of our readers should thank Miss Oliver for her very real peal report.

The answer to Mr. Pitman's letter re more Triples being rung is that there are no methods of Much Bangham Surprise Triples. Good ringing in any method to a peal is to the glory of God and the pleasure of the inhabitants and ringers also.

In most cases where ringing is limited or peals forbidden it is due to fast-rung Much Bangham Surprise. Now for the brickbats.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—The proposal made at Halesworth to alter the date of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday seems to lack thought for others. This suggestion has been put forward by other Associations but let us think of those keen members who are in business and therefore denied the sociability of meetings, peal attempts, etc., which are usually held on a Saturday afternoon. Bank Holidays are their only chance.

The root of the trouble seems to be other attractions and finances. There are quite a number who attend a football match in the afternoon and turn up to ring in the evening, thereby not taking part in the business meeting. Others find it a strain to pay their transport costs with the expense of meals on top, so they just come in for a ring in the evenings.

If the subscription is raised my own District will be short of about 20 members, who are purely service ringers whose height of ambition is a few well-struck courses.

Obviously the committee's headache is the cost of printing peals. I will make a suggestion that only those peals which contain a 'first' or 'first in the method' or rung for a special purpose, either for the Church or nationally, be printed. Those rung for personal totals to be entered with a number unless the band pay the cost of printing.

Mr. Nobles objects to some of the peal footnotes but surely, sir, if we ring regularly for service, we are entitled to ring a peal purely for our own personal pleasure now and again. Plenty of musicians use a church organ to play marches, etc., which can only be personal pleasure. I was always taught that Christianity was the real foundation of happiness. Incidentally my next peal attempt, on December 12th, is by invitation of the Vicar, who says, 'I shall be delighted to welcome you and listen for three hours, I hope.'—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

THE MEN WERE LOST IN ADMIRATION

Dear Sir,—I feel certain that the whole Exercise should congratulate Miss Hilda Snowden on ringing the tenth at Exeter Cathedral, a bell of 33 cwt., to a peal of Grandsire Caters on November 28th.

It was truly an amazing performance on her part, for not only did she ring the bell beautifully, but she seemed as fresh as a daisy at the end. The rest of the band were lost in admiration. What a woman!—Yours sincerely,

F. L. HARRIS.

Chelmsford, Essex.

'CONFUSED AND UNWIELDY'

Dear Sir,—Whereas I have no doubts as to Mr. D. V. Moreton's ability as a physicist, I find his mathematics somewhat confused and unwieldy.

Surely when dealing with such a confusing subject as Extended Grandsire, it is far easier to use the system introduced by Herr Doktor Grosserkopf, of the University of Nebel.

Thus we Differentiate Mr. Moreton's equation, $m = A\sin(A/j)\pi$

to obtain, $T = A\pi/j.\cos(L/j)\pi$

where T is the time of the peal and, as before, A and j are constants.

We then substitute this in the equation,

$$\int_0^n A\pi/j\,(n+m).dt. = dT/dt$$

whence, $1/2n^2 = \sin(L/j)\pi$

where n is the number of bells and j is a constant given by the equation

$$3j^2 + 26j - n + W = O$$

where W is the weight of the tenor, in lbs.

We can thus calculate the number of changes rung.—Mathematically yours,

ALLEN TWYMAN.

Hale, Cheshire.

LETTERS—Continued

THE MASTERSHIP OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Dear Sir,—I do not think my old friend, Mr. Miles, is making a fair comparison. Mr. Cullen's letter was really a matter of the mastership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Both the Cumberlands and the College Youths hold a remarkable position in the Exercise. Years ago, no doubt, the Master was a first-class conductor in the true sense of the word, but in these days the mastership is an honour, or should be. Now the College Youths, to their credit, have recognised that and appointed one as an honour. We have seen one who lived miles from London yet visited all the meetings (to his credit) during his year of office. But the Cumberlands still maintain the idea that the Master must be the conductor at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. For years some have struggled at the annual meeting to alter it but the idea is still buried in their minds that St. Martin's should be as St. Paul's, a company of its own with its own conductor. Each Guild or Association has to choose a Master to suit the whole of its own Guild with the means of visiting its Districts and supporting the meetings.—Yours, etc., A. H. PULLING.
Guildford.

GUILD'S RINGING BADGE

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' with reference to the Girl Guide Association badge may I ask whether this refers to the Guide badge which has been available for many years, or the Ranger badge (for those over 15)? As one who was instrumental in getting the Ranger badge incorporated in the Guide Handbook (P.O.R.), I should be interested to know, because a Ranger member of St. Mary's tower at Swanage, Miss Ruth Morgan (Swanage District Rangers' G.G.), obtained her Ranger badge for bell ringing under the new syllabus, 1953, on July 25th, 1953. I have not got a copy of 'The Ringing World' by me at the moment, but should be glad to know how this compares with the other dates.—Yours sincerely, JOAN DUNSFORD.
Swanage.

MR. STAFFORD GREEN AND AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir.—Mr. W. Smith, of Turramurra, New South Wales, asks me to redeem my promise to write more of my ringing experiences down under.

Beyond the ringing I had in Sydney and one visit to Melbourne I cannot do so. Joan Hills has since written from a much wider and longer stay there and I can find nothing to add to that—to my great disappointment.

My one visit to Melbourne in a temperature of some 90 degrees—up many steep steps and on heavy bells—completely beat me.

The frequent performances since I left, and published in your columns are, I think, sufficient evidence of the growth of our art there.

I could wish nothing better for Australia than a bell foundry, hangers and clock builders by a consortium of our three great firms here and I believe there is scope there for such an undertaking.—Yours truly,
STAFFORD H. GREEN.
Sampford Peverell, Devon.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Irish Association was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus, on November 28th. It was attended by between 30 and 40 ringers from Hillsborough, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, Holywood and Carrickfergus.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. Barry (chairman), and the visitors were welcomed by Canon F. C. Rutherford, the local Rector. Nine new members were elected to the Association and tribute was paid to the memory of Richie W. Adamson, first treasurer of the District, who died a few months ago. Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association, was warmly congratulated on reaching the age of 70 recently.

Before and after tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers in their usual hospitable manner, the bells were put to good use in ringing various methods and in assisting those learning change ringing. At the close Mr. John T. Dunwoody, the District secretary, thanked the local ringers, particularly Mr. John Milliken and Miss Young, the local secretary, for their hospitality. J. T. D.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a by-meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, when, favoured with fine weather, the event was well attended.

The fine ring of twelve bells was utilised during the afternoon, everyone having an opportunity to have a pull.

After an excellent tea at a local cafe, thanks were expressed to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Dean Prior for the use of their bells, the visitors fully appreciating all the arrangements that were made.

Ringing took place at Dean Prior Church in the evening, this being another popular tower in the Branch. A. L. B.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'The Ringing World' December 12th, 1913

Rung at Guildford, Surrey, on Saturday, December 6th, 1913:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
In 2 hours and 24 minutes
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES
Pitstow's Variation

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
In 2 hours and 10 minutes
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES
Holt's Original

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
In 2 hours and 17 minutes
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Miss Elsie Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

This is the first time three peals have been rung on handbells in one day, and the first time a lady has rung three peals in a day.

[For good measure, all except the tenor man rang in another peal of Stedman Triples on the following day.]

In St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, appears the following peal board:—

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES
On Monday, December 8th, 1913, in 2 hours and 38 minutes. Being 2 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 3 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Alfred Howell	1
*Alfred W. Grimes	2
William T. Kemp	3
Richard N. Runham	4
Thomas King	5
William J. Nudds	6

Conducted by William J. Nudds.
* A. W. Grimes' 100th peal on tower bells this year.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In very poor weather the November meeting was held at Hedon on November 14th. Only 25 members attended and rang standard methods during the afternoon.

A service was held in St. Augustine's Church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Dann, who gave the Society a hearty welcome and preached an excellent sermon.

Tea was taken in the local tea rooms followed by the business meeting. One new member was elected from the Hedon band and the Vicar has now become an active ringing member.

At the end of the meeting a silver cup was shown to the members. It is known as the 'Captain's Cup.' It is inscribed as belonging to the Hedon ringers, dated 1687, and is decorated with a good-shaped bell.

Further ringing took place after the meeting until 8.30 p.m.

[We hope next week to give an historical note on Hedon Church and ringers' cup.]

LEICESTER GUILD FESTIVAL HELD IN THE SHIRES

Melton Mowbray a Success

THE autumn festival of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held, this year, at Melton Mowbray. This was the first time the function had been held in this district and members and friends from a large area made good use of the ringing facilities available. In addition to the grand ten of Melton the towers of Kirby Bellars and Asfordby were open for ringing.

At Asfordby the newly rehung ring of six was in demand. Formerly, visitors to this tower found the long unguided pull a little difficult. Now, the 'go' is excellent and each ringer can now concentrate on the method instead of, frequently, having to walk after the sally or 'sally' for someone else, a courtesy that was often returned. Needless to say, the locals had no difficulty—after all, some of them have been ringing these bells for up to 60 years.

Near the church was the old baker's shop, now closed, where the older inhabitants used to bring their Sunday dinners to be cooked while they attended service. The old baker also used to provide transport for weddings and, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, his carrier's cart jogged into Melton market saving the villagers a three mile walk.

Near Kirby Bellars is Kirby Gate, a meeting place for the Quorn Hunt which this year celebrates its bi-centenary. Melton Mowbray is situated in the heart of the hunting country known as the Shires (other parts of the country are merely the 'Provinces') and, in past years, was often the scene of considerable excitement when the town was literally painted red by the young bucks. One minor escapade was the famed steeplechase when the riders were dressed in their lady friends' nightdresses and which took place in moonlight. Melton is also famed for pork pies and Stilton cheese. A noted purchaser of the former commodity was, recently, Philip Harben, of television fame.

The company of ringers and friends, just over 100 in number, finally assembled for dinner at the Harborough Hotel where the dinner and social which followed had been arranged by the local District. After justice had been done to an excellent repast, the loyal toast was submitted by the Guild President (Mr. H. J. Poole). This was followed by a short speech by Mr. Poole in which he congratulated the District chairman (Mr. F. J. Williams), the District secretary (Mr. J. H. Cook) and other District members on the way they had organised the dinner and ringing arrangements. Unfortunately, Mr. Cook was unable to be present and the wish was expressed for his early recovery. Mr. Cook was the 'live wire' of the Melton District.

Continuing, Mr. Poole said there had been some discussion whether it was a good thing to hold these functions outside Leicester. He thought everyone that night would agree that results were very good. By holding the festival in the Districts an opportunity was presented for the local ringers to meet ringers from other Districts and from other parts of the country.

Mr. Poole paid tribute to the good work done in the District by Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby since their residence in the area. Mr. Corby had done a great deal to increase the enthusiasm in the District.

LEFT FOR MISSION SERVICE

The president said that, no doubt, many of the diners had noticed some of their colleagues had quietly 'slipped out.' All week Melton bells had been rung prior to missionary services held at the Parish Church and the final service was being held that night. He had felt that it would be wrong to have so many bellringers in Melton that night with the bells silent for this service. Reference was made by Mr. Poole to the Rev. Mr. Jackson, who was present. He appreciated the work Mr. Jackson had done in Leicester while Youth Chaplain and the work he had done at Asfordby since taking up work there.

Replying, Mr. Jackson spoke of the great vitality of the ringers' organisation, the way they carried out their duties as ringers and as churchmen and of their services to the Church.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, vice-president, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and said how pleased he was to welcome them from places all over the country. Among those specially mentioned were Mr. Millat (Colchester), Mr. A .P. Cannon (Dorking), Miss Hilda Snowden (Halstead), Mr. Keith Holtham (Byfield), Mr. Eric Dench (Waltham Abbey), Mr. Richards (Kent), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. C. H. Harding (Bedford), Mr. R. G. Edwards (Birmingham), Mr. John Hill (Ewell), Mr. Ronald Sharp (Bedford), Mr. G. Vickers (Ancaster), Mr. F. W. Pinchbeck (Grantham), Mr. John Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson (Derby) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Milner (Southwell). Many of these, said Mr. Turner, were regular and very welcome visitors. He asked all to drink to the health of all visitors present.

Mr. R. G. Edwards replied to the toast and gently chided the president for, at the time, throwing out one of his peals, and recalled some of his pleasant recollections of peals and of his associations with Melton during the war years. He said Leicester was one of the high spots in the ringing world and commented on the high quality of bells made in the county. He expressed thanks on behalf of the visitors and particularly appreciated Mr. Turner mentioning them by name.

A social evening followed, the games, dancing and handbell ringing being much appreciated. Not the least enjoyable part of the evening was the opportunity of meeting and conversing with long-standing friends. All good things have to end, so, with 'See you next year,' the visitors wended their various ways home. W. A. W.

CHIMES AT COVENTRY

Through the generosity of Mrs. J. G. Gray, a chiming apparatus has been installed in the wooden belfry adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Coventry. The eight bells, which weigh a total of five tons, were taken down from Trinity tower during restoration 100 years ago. Because it was believed that the tower and spire were unsafe as a belfry, the present wooden belfry was erected in Priory Row and the bells were hung there.

But hopes that it would be possible to ring the bells in their new loft were disappointed. The ringers found that the belfry would not be safe either.

As a result, the bells, which have been described as magnificent, hang motionless and muted in the wooden belfry to-day as they have through the century. Chiming has been the limit of their voice.

Unless the church tower and spire can be made perfectly safe to take the bells once more —an undertaking that would mean great expense—the ring of eight is unlikely to be heard in its full glory again.

Central Coventry is particularly unfortunate regarding bells as the ring of bells in the Cathedral can only be chimed because of the state of the spire. There are, however, rings of bells at Allesley and Stoke.

Mr. C. H. Webb, of the Allesley band, has promised to chime the bells of Holy Trinity in the future.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Baldock

A most successful meeting was held at Baldock on November 28th, where ringing commenced just after 3 o'clock and most of the standard methods were practised. Members had a chance to see the local band's Coronation peal board, which was very much admired by all.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon L. P. Smith) with Miss D. Bate at the organ. The Rector welcomed the members to Baldock but was sorry not to be able to join them at tea as he had been ordered to rest as much as possible after a nervous breakdown. Tea was provided at Allnutt's Cafe, 34 members and friends doing justice to eggs and chips.

The business meeting was held in the tower with Mr. T. J. Southam, assistant general secretary, in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Dear, District Ringing Master, and Mr. E. Buck, District secretary.

Miss D. Bate was elected an honorary member and the election of Mr. C. H. Harding was confirmed.

The place of the annual District meeting will be at Hitchin on January 23rd, with a District meeting at Stevenage in February; special method, Oxford Bob Triples. A report was given on the committee meeting held at St. Albans on October 31st.

At the invitation of Mr. Geoffrey Carter, the District was invited to go on a 'slumming' tour in London. It was proposed to make it a half-day trip on February 6th. Mr. J. Dear consented to take on the job of organising. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

Further ringing continued until 8.45, the bells being left up for Sunday morning service ringing.

Towers represented were Clifton, Great Wymondley, Hatfield, Harpenden, Henlow, Hitchin, Knebworth, Norton, Royston, St. Albans, St. Ippolyts, Stevenage, Stotfold, Welwyn and the local tower. E. G. B.

AN UNUSUAL AFTERNOON IN EAST DEVON

A party of ringers spent a day among old bells in East Devon on November 25th. The first tower, Gittesham (3) ,tenor 15 cwt., had a sentimental attraction for Mr. A. Tapley (Sowton) and Mr. W. Eveleigh (Kilburn) as there they had learned to handle a bell. The tone of the Bilbie tenor was of very high quality but six changes were enough for the writer.

At Farway (3), tenor 12 cwt., the visitors were met by Mr. Hurford, of the local band. It was discovered that the second was up, back clapper; it went fairly well, however, when the bell was put right to ring rounds. The second had to be pulled out in front of the treble at hand, and behind of tenor at back.

The next tower was Northleigh with a complete pre-Reformation four, tenor 8 cwt., which were excellent and went very well. At Southleigh (4), tenor 7 cwt., there is a long draught and no guides. Here Mr. Hurford hunted the treble at second attempt very well but the bells were not up to Northleigh.

Lastly, Branscombe (6), tenor 14 cwt., which did not go too well. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Doubles, Bob Minimus and Stedman Minimus (false) and Bob Singles. An excellent time was had, especially on some of the bells where visitors are rare.

Thanks are given to the incumbents for the use of the bells. W. C. P.

5,067 STEDMAN SEXTUPLES

By C. W. ROBERTS

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Rung on November 29th, 1953, at Leicester, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

WEDDING BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

The wedding on November 21st at St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell, of Richard Herbert Luck to Sheila Joy Law, recalls memories of families with a long history as bellringers, churchwardens, and other office bearers at Weston Favell.

William Law, Reuben Law, Thomas Law, Peter Law, besides other relatives of the bride, all served in one capacity or another. But, perhaps none was better known than Sheila's grandfather (the late Thomas Law, who died during the early war years), who was belfry captain over a considerable period until his removal to Overstone in 1938, which ultimately spelt the breaking up of a band which, in its day, made ringing history in Northants, and at all times could be relied upon to ring anything from Plain Bob to Doubles on the Carter principle, besides ringing many peals elsewhere on all numbers up to ten bells.

Many ringers from towers in the neighbourhood owe their grounding to members of the band. It was as long ago as 1923 that the late Thomas Law conducted the writer's first quarter peal. Weston Favell, in those days, was a regular training place for recruits from far and near. Besides the late Thomas Law, most of the old band are now a past memory.

Although retired from active ringing, it was, however, a pleasure to include in the band ringing for Sheila's wedding one, in the person of Mr. Frank Rollings, who had not rung a quarter peal for 15 years and had seldom touched a bell rope during that time.

A framed peal card in the belfry for a peal rung on the day of the funeral of King Edward VII. shows that George Luck participated. He is believed to be a distant relative of the bridegroom.

The wedding couple left for their honeymoon to the tune of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. P. A.

A WEEK-END IN EAST DEVON

Five ringers from the Swindon area, together with one each from Bristol, East Budleigh, Exeter, Long Ashton, Nailsea and Withycombe Raleigh, met together for a ringing week-end on November 21st.

Sidbury, where there is a good octave restored and augmented by Taylors in 1947, was the first call, followed by a ring on the eight at St. Gregory's, Seaton, where the original scaffolding holes are still to be seen all over the outside of the tower.

After coffee and a short gambol on the beach, a move was made to Colyton, where the Mothers' Union banner proclaimed the patron saint to be St. Andrea, while all other sources of information (including the 'Ringers' Bible') called it St. Andrew. The party found a good heavy six (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.) in a central tower with an octagonal lantern storey above the bells.

Next came the run to Axminster for an excellent lunch and ringing on the fine octave at the Parish Church and then Awliscombe (a lumpy six rung from a gallery) and Buckerell, a light ring in a small tower reached by an outside stairway. A very fast course of St. Clement's Minor here was brought to an abrupt conclusion when the fifth rope came off the wheel.

After tea at Honiton came the run to Talaton, reputed to be anything between four and twenty miles apart, and a short touch was enjoyed on this mixed ring with a 12½ cwt. tenor.

Some very skilful map reading by the organiser-navigator brought the party to Broadclyst, where a full hour's ringing was enjoyed on these mellow-toned bells. Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round here.

Clyst St. George bells, which were restored by Mears and Stainbank a few weeks before, were pronounced a good job, and the rebuilt church and diffused lighting installation were favourably commented on. Although this concluded official operations for the day, the midnight wayfarer at East Budleigh might have heard the strains of 'lapped' Maximus emanating from the local hotel!

Sunday morning at 7.15 found some of the party ringing for early service at East Budleigh, while the lady members are reported to have stayed in bed and criticised the striking! Due to a faulty car battery, the start at Heavitree was delayed until 10.30, which prevented full appreciation of this glorious Taylor eight.

After lunch the sixes at Rewe and Stoke Cannon were visited, and at the latter place a short wait was necessary while the Sunday School sang (in a key estimated by one musical member to be K. blunt) 'Now the day is over,' which, indeed, after some half-hour's ringing on the single rope ends of these bells, it was.

On the way home the Swindon party visited Lyme Regis, and those returning to Bristol called at Lympstone, to ring for evening service.

Methods rung included:—

Major: Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Triples: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's.

Minor: Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Doubles: Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, the people who met and welcomed them at the towers, and to Cyril Deem for making such excellent arrangements.

M. J. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division at Hailsham

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hailsham on November 28th, when about 34 members attended from Burwash, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), Hailsham, Hellingly, Heathfield, Mayfield, St. Leonards-on-Sea and Wadhurst, and visitors from Hawkhurst and Tunbridge Wells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. C. Chapman, who welcomed the members to Hailsham.

Tea was served at the Coffee House, followed by a business meeting, Mr. R. Percy, secretary of the Association, presiding.

Arising from the minutes, regarding the resignation of Battle from the Association, the Divisional Secretary, Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, said how pleased he was to inform the members that Battle P.C.C. had reconsidered their decision, and now wished to remain affiliated to the Association. This information was warmly received by the members present.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. Pankhurst) also explained that he had sent out 30 notices of the Hailsham meeting to affiliated and unaffiliated towers, as agreed at the last business meeting, but had received only one reply from the unaffiliated towers.

The chairman made reference to the death of Mr. William Erridge, for many years a regular and faithful ringer at Christ Church, Eastbourne. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The following were elected members of the Association: Jean Baldock and Catherine Yeo, of Hailsham; Mrs. O'Dwyer, of All Saints', Eastbourne; Dorothy Matthews, of Heathfield; Daphne Lester and Margaret Parker, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings.

A prepared list of towers for 1954-55 meetings was presented to the meeting and, after some discussion, was adopted. It was proposed to hold the annual meeting in February at Eastbourne.

Mr. Downing proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and to those responsible for making the meeting a success.

There was no further business, and the members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.15 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, P. W. Tompkins 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, G. Mayes 5, J. Church 6, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Nicholls 3, R. Pye 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, C. Button 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Burton, the conductor's mother.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barrance (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, J. M. Aspinall 7, D. W. Cowper 8. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, Dec. 19th, at St. James', Benwell, has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 30th. Details later. 3617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting at Manchester Cathedral on Dec. 19th. Ringing for service 3 to 3.30 p.m. Bells 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cafes nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3618

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Dec. 19th, Foxton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton. Annual meeting, Kibworth, Jan. 16th, 1954.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 3620

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JENNEY—LAWRENCE. — At St. John's Church, Derby, on the 2nd December, 1903, by the late Canon C. H. Hamilton, Harold George Jenney to Ada Mary Lawrence, now of Leicester.

We thank God for His many mercies. 3565

DEATH

BOYLE.—Winifred, on November 28th, after a year in hospital. Beloved mother of Beatrice and honorary member Devon Guild, Combe Martin. 3608

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Leamington Hastings (between Southam and Dunchurch), Saturday, December 12th. All welcome.—R. J. E. 3607

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3585

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 12th, St. Mark's Church, Exeter. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Manston Road Hall. Ringing, St. Mark's, 3-4.15; Heavitree and St. David's after tea.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 3564

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), December 12th. Names to Mr. Dukes, Telephone Exchange, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note, annual district meeting, Huntingdon, January 16th, 1954. —H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8572

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Tilney, All Saints', Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3573

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 3523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, St. Modwen's, Burton, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m. — J. Cotton. 3586

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Beenham (6), Saturday, December 12th. Usual arrangements. 3560

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—The meeting that should have taken place at Haverfordwest on Saturday, Dec. 12th, **is cancelled.**—C. H. Hawkins, Sec. 3601

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. 3527

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice, Westbourne (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3603

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel December 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's, Bow Road, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3568

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cannington, Dec. 19th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3613

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy, Dec. 19th, in conjunction with the rededication of the ring of six bells recently retuned and rehung. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3587

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 16th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3615

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Port Sunlight (8), Dec. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided **only** for those notifying by 15th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3614

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's, Derby (8). Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 16th, to F. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 3612

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Dec. 19th. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notify for tea, by Dec. 15th, Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 3594

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2.30-7.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 3595

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam. 3605

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Chilvers Coton on Dec. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening to be followed by a social. Owing to catering difficulties **all** names for tea must be sent, by Dec. 16th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton.—Audrey A. Timms. 3609

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea at 5. Business 6. —Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 3593

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Bell Inn 4.30. Strictly—no names no tea. Please notify by Dec. 15th.—Mr. N. Walker, 92, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. 3599

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, Dec. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5. Names, by Dec. 16th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 3600

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Farnham Royal, Saturday, Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. Diaries should be available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3606

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Dec. 19th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Dec. 16th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3596

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3588

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Dec. 19th . Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, Dec. 15th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3616

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Hunslet on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. J. Hogg, 1, Woodhouse Hill Mount, Leeds, 10, not later than Thursday, December 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3561

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Friday, January 1st, 1954. Members who have not received circulars and any prospective members should get in touch with B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 3557

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1954. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 28th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3590

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — The annual ringing day and dinner will take place on Saturday Jan. 30th. Will all old members of the Society who do not receive a circular about this please contact me.—The Hon. Sec., Change Ringers, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8. 3597

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MENACE OF SYNTHETIC BELLS AND BELL RECORDINGS

MORE and more we hear of installations of synthetic bells and bell recordings, and a few months ago one such scheme in the writer's district was rapidly over-subscribed, proving the parishioners' love of bell sounds. Properly guided they would, no doubt, make the effort necessary to possess bells of their own to be rung by an active group of members of their own church, instead of putting up with an inferior sham deceiving only themselves.

Unfortunately, ringing organisations seldom know of these schemes until they are too far advanced, hence we should persuade Diocesan Advisory Committees to invite a representative of the appropriate Ringing Association to attend any meeting considering the granting of a faculty to install synthetic bell apparatus.

Setting ethical and religious considerations on one side, if the process goes on at the present rate and one or two firms start competing in production, and in gullible sales talk to parochial church councils and clergymen uneducated in church bells and ringing, only churches with magnificent rings of bells, well rung, will be tolerated in the not too distant future. Others will have been forced 'out of business,' so to speak.

Where does the blame lie for this growing tendency affecting ancient as well as modern churches? Quite obviously a great deal of blame rests on ringers themselves in not ensuring that all bells are properly rung for services and for making insufficient effort to fill the gaps in our ranks.

There is need for more 'missionary' work in aiding undermanned towers and struggling bands. If all Sunday service bands are in a 'healthy' state, so will all the various ringing activities of the Exercise be healthy. Somehow we must make membership of a band and regular attendance for service ringing and practice attractive and enjoyable, and be loyal to each other and our service.

A great deal of blame must also attach to the Church authorities who, at their recent Assembly, failed to put to the vote Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas' worthy resolution 'deprecating the use of synthetic bell sounds.'

Mr. Thomas' resolution is an encouraging sign. It is less encouraging that Mrs. W. L. Miller (Southwark) opposed his motion by speaking favourably of St. Bride's synthetic bell apparatus and unfavourably of prolonged ringing in her own parish. Here is evidence of the harm that may be done to our cause by prolonged ringing where there is *genuine* cause for complaint. Even so, the clergy are partly to blame in such cases as they have control over the bells.

The Ven. A. S. Bean's suggestion that the need for a faculty provided a check on such schemes is not borne out by events and is just one of those devices which give conferences the excuse to do precisely nothing. Fortunately, some Diocesan Chancellors, like the one at Newcastle, have the foresight to reject schemes for 'canned bells,' thus preventing the 'thin end of the wedge' which will undermine a worthy form of praise and worship.

All priests in training should be tutored in matters concerning bells and their great part in English church life.

The Central Council could help in this by arranging for competent lecturers (themselves ringers) to visit all ecclesiastical training colleges and give a brief series of talks and demonstrations at regular intervals so that, in time, no priest would be ignorant on these matters. Detailed arrangements could be delegated to the various Associations, but a committee of the Central Council would need to outline a syllabus, contact the colleges and perhaps, with the help of bell founders, provide visual aids, etc., which could be loaned out to the Association lecturers in turn and as required. Much will be gained if we can obtain the almost unanimous co-operation of the clergy and church authorities.

There is need for the ringers to associate themselves more closely and actively within the Church and for clergy and church officials to take more interest in their ringers so that each can depend on the other's sympathy and loyalty.

How else can we combat this menace? It might be worth while investigating the question of copyright of recordings made. There is a body known as 'The Mechanical Copyright Protection Society' which prevents the unauthorised reproduction, mechanically, of any performance of music, speech, etc.

Possibly, control over bell recordings could be exercised through the Central Council becoming subscribers to some such body. Ringers should control the disposal of any recordings made and prevent their use except by express permission in particular instances.

Tape recorders, unlike gramophone records, provide good reproduction and, being very portable, can make recordings without the performers' knowledge and so are a danger to ringing.

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There is also the legal aspect as regards creating a public nuisance. Have bell recordings the same privilege in the eyes of the law as real bells? If so, the 'plugging' of York Minster and St. Margaret's bells far and wide may eventually prove a danger to this privilege.

The events in N.E. England reported recently in 'The Ringing World' emphasise the need for individual ringers, associations and the Central Council energetically to do all in their power to restrict and limit the spread of this menace.

Those wishing to take the cheap and easy course of installing 'canned bells' will find ready excuses for doing so. It might be worth while drawing the attention of the Vicar of Earsdon to Bolsover (Derbyshire) and Warsop (N. Notts), churches both on land severely subject to subsidence, but both with recently restored rings (the latter by the addition of two tenors to make six). At both these towers (and no doubt many others) the high principles of the vicar and the enthusiasm of the ringers combine to overcome difficulties.

The proper ringing of church bells is a form of praise, a preparation for and an act of worship. We should always bear this in mind when ringing and use this fact as our main argument against 'canned bells,' which degrade bell sounds into a cheap advertisement, and which ultimately can do nothing but harm to the Church itself.

The greatest danger is apathy, and 'Eternal Vigilance and Action' should be our watchword. N. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
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ANTHONY AGER	6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of James F. Harvey.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*ERNEST MORRIS	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	8
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Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
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TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*SAMELA THOMAS	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	†GORDON HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.
With the bells half-muffled as token of respect to the late Christopher Hick, a former ringer and father-in-law of the conductor.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28. 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	6
*STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
*BETTY BROWN	3	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
*GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
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BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	6
*WILFRED W. RING	2	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
†JOHN R. COOPER	4	HARRY PARKES	9
PERCY PAGE	5	*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The conductor's 500th peal.

CREWE, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5. 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

*MALCOLM S. OWEN	*Treble*	†E. JOHN HOLLOWAY	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
†STEVEN LAYLAND	3	IVOR R. NICHOLS	8
G. HERBERT EDGE	4	WILFRED KERR	9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	5	W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
* First peal (15 years). † First peal 'inside.'
Rung by the full Sunday service band to the glory of God and in memoriam Richard T. Holding, Harry Overton and Jack Price, all former Sunday service ringers at Christ Church, Crewe.

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LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*WILFRED W. RING	2	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	*DAVID BEACHAM	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
*GERALD BOWEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
*JOHN N. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 21 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PHILIP H. SPECK	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	PETER BORDER	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method. (No. 13 in Corrigan's Collection.)

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*ALLEN TWYMAN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
†RUTH M. JACKSON	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
ALLAN A. POTTS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*MARGARET SWANN	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	NORMAN MALLETT	7
*JOHN HOMFRAY	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative in Cambridge.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 34¾ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*HOWARD SCOTT	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. MOODY	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	†PHILIP BARNES	7
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LEONARD W. CONDUCT	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
*MRS. CHRISTINE SILKE	2	*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	6
FREDERICK W. BIRD	3	†GORDON H. LANE	7
LATIMER O. WILLIAMS	4	*WILLIAM T. SHELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam Dr. E. W. Barnes, the late Bishop of Birmingham.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Harold G. and Mrs. Jenney, of Leicester, on their golden wedding day.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT G. FREEMAN	5
MRS. P. HARRIS	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th on his return from R.A.F. service and rung as the branch quarterly peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. BURTON	*Treble*	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*CYRIL H. KINCH	6
*HARRY P. FLOYD	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	*HARRY J. HATFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Triples in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, and in thankfulness for his 17 years of faithful ministry in this parish.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK E. WALKER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*ROBERT COLLINS	6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*DORIS E. COLEGATE	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by G BAKER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
100th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ALEC RICHARDSON	5
DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	SYDNEY MERRY	6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Rung for the wedding on this day of Miss Winnie Hodgkinson and Mr. Walter G. Soar.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH	*Treble*	*SIDNEY PENFOLD	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD	3	†BERTRAM C. HINES	7
ALBERT PRYKE	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside.'

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD C. INGRAM	5
*RONALD W. ADAMS	2	ROGER HAWKESWORTH	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
EDMUND MALIN	4	C. SANDFORD DUMBELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHRISTLETON BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	PEROY SWINDLEY	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 108).

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. NURDEN	5
ALLAN MORGAN	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	6
*GERALD C. HEMMING	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE BARNES	5
ANNE V. LEWIS	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
EDWARD B. SMITH	4	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY NEWTON	*Treble*	PETER BALDWIN	5
DOREEN COKER	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
WALTER LEE	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
*NORMAN CORNWALL	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
CECIL W. PIPE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	JOHN F. TILLETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 45).

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* Has now 'circled' this tower to peals.
A compliment to Mr. Walter G. Soar and Miss Winnie Hodgkinson, of Ticknall, who were married this day.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH A. FENTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*HARRY CLAYTON	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung to commemorate 60 years' service ringing at Melton by Mr. J. R. Gilson.

PLYMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*FREDERICK E. DAY	*Treble*	DAVID J. GAY	5
JOHN P. SIMS	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
ALLEN WARD	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
ALBERT F. W. BURBIDGE	4	†ALBERT E. PERKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN P. SIMS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	2	*LESLIE D. DUGUID	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Superlative.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MARION JACKSON	*Treble*	PETER CROFT	5
†DAVID GULLICK	2	†WALTER BROWN	6
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	3	GEORGE CHERRY	7
†GEORGE JOHNSON	4	FRANK CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by DAVID GULLICK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of St. Nicholas, on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

SIX BELL PEALS

FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. C. S. DUMBELL	*Treble*	R. ADAMS	4
C. S. DUMBELL	2	R. L. HAWKSWORTH	5
R. W. G. BROUGHTON	3	*F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. L. HAWKSWORTH.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MAVIS WILSON	*Treble*	J. EDMUND HENDERSON	4
†JOHN CARPENTER	2	WILLIAM TYSON	5
ROBERT B. SKELTON	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Oliver and Miss Gwen Pierson, whose marriage took place the same day.



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GOLDINGTON, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	BRYAN S. DOPE	4
CHARLES H. HARDING	2	PATRICK CHAPMAN	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal on the bells.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick, (3) London, Wells, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Primrose, Hull, (5) Carlisle, (6) Chester, (7) Munden. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	2	*LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal 'inside' in 21 methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for Richard E. Manton and Iris King, who were married this day at Blankney.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN P. MORRIS	4
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JOSEPH W. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. BAILEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

RONALD F. BOYKETT	*Treble*	SHIRLEY A. BARRINGER	4
PETER L. WOOD	2	WALTER LITTLE	5
FRANK HARRINGTON	3	ALFRED H. LITTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. LITTLE.

First peal as conductor. First peal to be rung by a complete Stebbing band since 1905. A 69th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 29. 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT C. HALES	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
ANNE V. LEWIS	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a compliment to Charles Marven, a ringer at this church, on the completion of 50 years' service as church clerk.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

*BERNARD HAWKINS	*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
†ROLAND W. MORANT	3	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*AUDREY M. LOOK	*Treble*	†MICHAEL SPRACKLING	4
†MAVIS M. POLKINGHORNE	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
*SHIRLEY P. DRAKE	3	ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal by the Society in its home tower and rung by an all-resident band.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	*BERT GOGLE	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* 200th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS B. M. J. HOLM	*Treble*	HARRY COLE	4
*MRS. W. HOLM	2	*W. HOLM	5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	3	FRED HYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS.

* First peal.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	*DAVID BRAND	4
ALAN G. FEVER	2	JOHN W. BANKS	5
ARTHUR F. BALLAAM	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal 'inside' of Bob Minor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	†FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	*PETER J. RYE	5
FREDERICK A. RYE	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal of Minor in two methods 'inside.' Fastest peal by the band and on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Peter J. Rye, R.A.F., who returns to Germany, and the conductor, who leaves the district to commence his National Service.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	*REGINALD J. DARCH	4
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	C. JACK GIBSON	5
*RICHARD S. PAYNE	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.'

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. MURFIN (age 12)	*Treble*	SAMPSON WALKLATE ..	4
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	KENNETH TUNNICLIFF ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all except 3rd.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*GILLIAN E. BROWN	*Treble*	GERALD B. EVANS	4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ..	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	5
†FRANK W. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM KEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th on his joining the Navy.

LANTEGLOS-BY-FOWEY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYLLOW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA D. PROWSE ..	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS BURNETT ..	4
ALAN CARVETH	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE ..	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT ..	3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
IN COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON ..	7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to William J. Thyng, 81 on the above date.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ..	3—4
		*WILLIAM HALL	5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in four Minor methods 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Crewe ringers — and 'The Ringing World'—wish to thank one of the band for 'the spirit' of his hospitality, 22s. 6d. to 'Gratefully Acknowledged' in lieu of filling the 11-quart jug. 'It will do "The Ringing World" more good, and I am sure the ringers won't mind.' They would like to congratulate Malcolm Owen (15 years) on the way he rang the treble in his first peal—without a look from anyone. Thanks also to the Vicar, the Rev. Francis Gentry, for his thoughtful consideration in coming down to congratulate his ringers —and see they were all right for Sunday, he said.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the grave illness of Mrs. Walter Wolstencroft at her home at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Bristol University Society have their home tower at St. Michael's. The peal the Society rang there on December 2nd was the first on the bells since October 22nd, 1922, when a peal of Plain Bob was rung. The peal was by an all-resident band and enabled two members to ring their first peal, two others their first of Minor and one, the tenor ringer, to get 15 blisters!

Mrs. Jean Causley, of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, writes of a visit to one of the nearest towers, St. Paul's, Durban (a matter of 1,800 miles away), in October. She states: 'We received a very warm welcome from Mr. McGarr and his band there. It was a great delight to be in a belfry again after a year's absence, and we joined in ringing call changes for evensong. Even at 6.30 p.m. it was still very hot work! We were told that owing to the ever-shifting population, efforts to retain a change ringing band were unsuccessful, but it was good to hear that with call changes they are able to maintain regular Sunday service ringing. We understand this also applies to the other Durban tower, St. Mary's, Greyville.'

The Christmas morning service this year will be broadcast from Chilvers Coton Church, Nuneaton, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby (president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), with Canon Moore Darling as the preacher. The resident band of ringers hope to ring a short touch of Grandsire Caters prior to the service at 9.30.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at Ewell on November 14th was Gordon P. T. Peters, and not as printed.

We are now enrolling new postal subscribers for 1954. Send order and remittance to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

The Church of St. Andrew, Hampton, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on December 5th, was the 50th tower in Worcestershire in which Mr. Reginald Woodyatt has rung a peal.

A correspondent from the Midlands writes after reading a report in the issue of November 28th of 'The Ringing World': 'A band of Grandsire Triples ringers were attacking, rather furiously at times, for upwards of three hours before the order came for evacuation. Readers will no doubt feel assured to know that this Norman stronghold, and the bells, withstood the assault and are apparently no worse for the invasion.'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holm and Beryl on ringing their first peal together, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Holm on their first peal. With very little outside help, but with great enthusiasm and perseverance, the family have now achieved their great ambition to ring a peal together and to ring the bells for Sunday services at Wychbold, Worcestershire.

Mr. Bert Gogle, one of the regular Sunday service ringers at Norwich, has rung his 200th peal.

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Middlesex and Cumberlands Fraternise

This does not concern your M.P. being unable to do his duty in the House, but relates to one of the most successful ringing meetings held in London recently. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild joined forces on December 5th and met at St. Martin-in-the-Field's, the famous church at Trafalgar Square, known to millions by its broadcast services and beloved vicars, among whom, perhaps 'Dick' Sheppard is remembered most. St. Martin's and the 'Cumberlands' have been associated in ringers' minds since the beginning of time, or thereabouts.

The popularity of the two Societies was demonstrated by a gathering of ringers of all ages, from London and the provinces, numbering nearly a hundred. The commodious ringing room was crammed to capacity, and the temporary Master for the afternoon, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, had to clear space for the ropes each time the bells rang. Every endeavour to meet all tastes was made, and rounds on twelve to Cambridge Maximus was rung in styles—good, bad and indifferent!

Tea time arrived with unpleasant news for many. The limited accommodation in the Crypt necessitated the application of 'no names no tea,' and the failure to render this little act of courtesy to the organisers of the meeting was brought home to the defaulters in no uncertain way. (Perhaps we secretaries ought to be hard-hearted and catch 'em out more often!) After tea, taken under the chairmanship of Mr. C. J. Matthews, Mr. G. H. Cross expressed the pleasure of the Cumberland Youths at being able to welcome the Middlesex Association to St. Martin's. The Middlesex Association Master, Mr. T. Price, suitably responded and thanked the Society for the arrangements made, and also thanked Mr. W. H. Hewett, who was later to invite the visitors to ring at St. Margaret's. (Bill Hewett and St. Margaret's have been together now for 40 years.)

Shortly before seven, the precincts of the Palace of Westminster resounded to the bells of St. Margaret's. Numerous methods were rung on the whole in very fair style having regard to the mixed bands taking part. Two tries for London Royal came to naught and were finally brought to grief by one of the culprits setting his bells, and giving as fine a display of belfrymanship as one could expect to see! But we couldn't let you get away with it, Frank.

And so ended a very pleasant meeting with many old friendships renewed and new ones made. Some had their aspirations on twelve bells realised, but some did not. To the latter we say, 'Why not come back sometime?'

Our thanks to the incumbents of both churches, the steeplekeepers and the helpers of St. Martin's canteen, and to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the secretary of the Society, for making the necessary arrangements. G.

THAXTED'S VICAR AND BELL OPPONENTS

In his parish magazine, the Vicar of Thaxted (the Rev. Jack Putterill) condemns those people who complain of bell ringing.

Commenting on the revival of bell ringing in Essex generally, the Vicar says, 'Bellringing is one of our special national arts and we should cherish it as English people.'

To those who complain of the bells he offers the solution — 'In the Sahara desert there are no bells and so there is plenty of room for those who prefer quietness.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch

The seventh annual social was held this year at St. Hilary's Parish Hall, Wallasey, on November 28th from 7 p.m. to midnight and, as on previous occasions, there was a full house—over 200 ringers, relatives and friends attending. Ringers were present from Birkenhead, Bebington, Bidstone, Bromborough, Eastham, Moreton, Neston, Oxton, Port Sunlight, Upton, Wallasey (St. Hilary's and St. Nicholas') and West Kirby.

A mixed programme of games, dances and novelty items had been arranged and was thoroughly enjoyed in the gaily-decorated hall. A further touch of gaiety was added by the novel carnival hats worn by many of those present, more particularly as their makers had not been restrained in choice of materials or ideas in their attempt to carry off a prize in the novel hat competition. There were watering cans, vases of flowers, bell towers and steeples in the variety presented, whilst the first prize was awarded to the wearer of a creation depicting a bonfire complete with Guy Fawkes.

The first break of the evening came for refreshments, and those whose flesh was willing but whose breath was short were glad of the respite to recover their composure.

Advantage was taken of the interval to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webster and Miss Marjorie Webster, of Wallasey, in appreciation of their services rendered as Social Committee members during the past six years. Their enthusiasm and willingness to co-operate and work hard has in no small measure contributed to the success of functions organised.

During the second part of the programme the tempo of the enjoyment tended to increase and midnight came all too quickly. Buses were awaiting (or should have been!) to transport the revellers homewards. The Deesiders got away promptly in their double-decker, and finally the other bus for Birkenhead and district arrived and conveyed the remaining, by this time apprehensive, revellers homewards, it is hoped in time for Sunday morning ringing.

PEAL RAISES £47 FOR BELL RESTORATION

There is an interesting story behind the peal published in this issue which was rung at the Church of St. Andrew, Cambridge. Mr. W. J. Ridgman writes:—

'The reason for ringing this peal may be of some interest to readers who, like us, need to raise money for church purposes from sources outside the usual congregation.

'The Fellowship of St. Andrew's, Cambridge, is a small one of some hundred or so, and yet we have embarked on a restoration programme which includes recasting and rehanging the bells, and requires a total of some £7,000. This we hope to complete in seven years.

'Among our many ways of raising money the interesting one from a ringer's point of view is to display our church flag on a table at the entrance to the church and invite passers-by to cover it with pennies. This we do twice a year, ringing the bells for as long as possible while the flag is displayed, in the hope and belief that people shopping nearby hear the bells and come round to the church to see if a wedding is in progress. In spite of their disappointment at finding an offertory plate instead of a blushing bride, they usually contribute quite cheerfully.

'We find a highly significant positive correlation, between the money received and the length of time that the bells are rung during the day. (For the benefit of our Manchester friends I might add that $r = +0.9909$ with 5 d.f. after making due allowance for changes in spending power of the populace.) This year the peal reported, plus twenty minutes of Superlative, which would not settle down, plus one and a quarter hours of Stedman Triples, which ended in the same way as many other attempts at Stedman Triples, brought in £47 16s. 8d.

'If there are any organisers of peals who would like to attempt some long lengths on very "rough-going" and odd-struck bells, their requests for making use of these occasions would be considered most sympathetically.'

Norwich Association Against Easter Monday Meeting

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on December 5th in St. Clement's Parish Hall, Colegate, Norwich, preceded and followed by ringing at St. George's, Colegate. The president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was in the chair, and 15 members were present from all four Branches.

The main item on the agenda was whether to change the date of the annual general meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday. It was agreed that this would be likely to produce a much larger attendance. It was agreed that it would be practicable with a timetable as follows: Ringing at Mancroft from 3.15 to 4, in all other Norwich towers from 1.30 to 4, ringing in the morning by arrangement with the general secretary, service at Mancroft at 4, tea at 4.45, business meeting at 5.30, ringing in all Norwich towers from 7 to 9 p.m. It was felt that this would work well if only members would be co-operative enough to keep to the timetable, not hang about, and thus help to secure a fully active and pleasant day for everyone.

On the question whether this change is desirable it was noted that all the Branch meetings except that of West Norfolk were unanimous in preferring the change, whilst West Norfolk was definitely against it. The Standing Committee felt that in view of this expression of opinion it was right to change to a Saturday, and with the kind approval of the North Norfolk Branch secretary, the North Norfolk meeting arranged for January 9th in Norwich (when, by happy coincidence, Her Majesty the Queen Mother hopes to visit the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich), will be followed immediately by a general meeting to adopt formally the new rules as approved at the last annual general meeting, including Rule 8, 'that an annual meeting be held in Norwich on a Saturday to be determined by the Standing Committee.' If this is agreed to the Standing Committee will determine Saturday, May 8th, 1954, as the first annual general meeting under the new plan. The next meeting of the Standing Committee was fixed for April 10th, 1954, in St. Clement's Hall.

A final unofficial item was more high pressure and highly successful salesmanship of Christmas cards—absolutely thrown away at 6d. each, with envelope, all profits to St. Andrew's Bell Fund. Now book May 8th, when Norwich is at its best, with long evenings, rippling Broads, green trees, trilling canaries, and make this a bumper meeting! G. T.

A PROMISING START

An encouraging letter has been received from Mr. John Smith, of Lillingstone Lovell Buckinghamshire. Here there was recently installed a ring of five with hopes of a sixth bell in the near future. A year ago not one of the 12 young ringers at this church could ring and now most can plain hunt and do simple changes (one, in fact, has rung a quarter peal). This progress is in no small measure due to Mr. W. Yates and Mr. G. Holland, of Buckingham, who come out regularly to teach the band. 'They are a real inspiration to us all. They are always there and always ready to help in any way,' writes Mr. Smith.

OBITUARY

MR. A. C. MELHUISH

Mr. A. C. Melhuish, who died on November 6th at Victoria, British Columbia, had been an active ringer up to 1951 and would have continued to ring after this had it not been on account of doctor's orders preventing him from going up the 72 steps to the ringing chamber. Mr. Melhuish was a ringer for 64 years.

Before going to Canada, in 1905, he took part in 13 peals and was a member of the Bath and Wells Association; also a member of three companies in Bath, and rang at St. Andrew's, Christ Church, Twerton Parish Church and Bath Abbey. He had been a regular ringer at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, since the bells were dedicated in July, 1936, up to his retirement in 1951. He took an active part in the training of young ringers and keeping up the interest of others and improving the art of change ringing. His charming personality and keen sense of humour endeared him to all those who came into contact with him.

Since taking part in the dedication ringing in July, 1936, of the ring of eight bells in Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, he had rung on two Empire Broadcasts and taken part in many quarter peals.

Mr. Melhuish had been connected with the Cathedral Diocese in Victoria for 40 years, being in the choir, a verger and bellringer. On one occasion whilst Mr. Melhuish was verger, he was late in coming down from the belfry, and after hurrying into his robes to precede the Dean, he found to his surprise when he placed his verge staff in the chancel, he had been carrying the altar candle snuffer in his hand instead of the verge staff. Nobody appreciated the humour of his mistake more than himself.

As a tribute to his memory the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday, November 8th, and again for the funeral service on Monday, November 9th. The pallbearers were all ringers who, after the interment, rang a touch of Grandsire on handbells at the graveside. The ringers taking part were: Dr. Longridge, Margaret Izard, J. V. Donaldson, D. Boniface, A. Izard, C. Millard, E. W. Izzard, T. Turner.

MR. JOHN HAYES

With regret we record the passing of Mr. John Hayes, of Chester, on November 24th, at the age of 59 years. He was a well-known ringer of Chester Cathedral and St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, at which church he commenced ringing under Mr. Harry Dew, 42 years ago.

Of fine character and a very quiet nature, Mr. Hayes will be greatly missed. A first-class ringer and an excellent striker, he took part in 154 peals in a great variety of methods which included first peals of London and Bristol Surprise by the local ringers, also the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 17,280 changes, at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, the bells being rung muffled as the cortege entered and left the church, by all the members of the band.

MR. A. ROBERTS

The death of Mr. Alfred Roberts, of St Paul's Church, Stalybridge, at the age of 73 years, breaks another link in the chain of ringers who have served their church and parish for a very long number of years, in this case well over 50 years.

By his death the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost one of its best members: he was a very regular attender at all meetings of the Guild and never absent from duty at the church except in the case of illness. His passing is much regretted.

MR. G. W. PLAYLE

In the passing of George Playle at the age of 84, the Essex Association have lost a life honorary member, and Dagenham Parish Church a veteran ringer and friend. His death was not unexpected as he had been intermittently ill for some time.

One would hesitate to call him an active peal ringer but he was one of those people whose unfailing regularity and determination formed the very backbone of the ringing fraternity. His peals number only three or four, for he was keener to ring shorter lengths and, in fact, his record 720's is incredibly long.

George began ringing, so far as we can ascertain, at Laindon as far back as 1898, going to Dagenham in 1904. Not long after, he was elected steeplekeeper, a position he retained until his rheumatism made the precarious climb to the bells a little too much for him. He was not finished then, though, for he could still manage the stairs to the ringing room and continued to do so for many years. In 1949 he had his first major illness after which, much against his will, he gave up active ringing. He was often to be seen about the church before services, and when not there everyone knew he would be at home listening critically.

He was buried in the churchyard on Friday, November 27th, and although no representative of the ringers was able to be present at the funeral, all our thoughts were with him and his widow.

The following Sunday, November 29th, as a token of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following band: A. C. Chaplin 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, L. S. Woods 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, D. Salisbury 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, C. E. Wright 8. J. A.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting was held at Beaminster on December 5th. Members attended from the following towers.—Beaminster, Bridport, Evershot, Netherbury, Loders, Lyme Regis, Powerstock and Whitechurch Canonicorum. There were visitors from Stalbridge, Sherborne, Templecombe and Yetminster.

The bells of the Parish Church were ringing just after 3 p.m. to most methods which included Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major. Meanwhile some members paid visits to Netherbury and Stoke Abbott to ring the bells of these two towers.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master of the Guild, Canon C. C. Cox, who also gave the address. He did this at short notice as the Vicar of Beaminster, the Rev. J. S. Arthur, M.C., was called away to another engagement.

Tea was served in a nearby hall. This was of a very high standard and most ably administered by members of the Mothers' Union of Beaminster.

After signing the minutes of the last annual meeting, apologies were read from Canon Havelock-Davidson, Mr. Mills, both of Whitechurch, and Mr. Hayball, of Hawkchurch. All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their work during the past year. It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Lyme Regis, South Perrott, Powerstock and Litton Cheney if their restoration is completed. It was decided to try and hold by-meetings at Burton Bradstock, Loders and Bradpole and Thornecombe. Guild annual reports came up for discussion and the meeting agreed that as time was passing, reports for 1951, 1952 and 1953 be merged into one publication. The Branch secretary was asked to write and inform the general secretary of the meeting's decision.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur was elected a ringing member. The meeting then closed and members returned to the towers for further ringing.

The Mastership of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch, held at Wrington on December 5th. Following the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bernard Leigh), a substantial tea was provided by the ladies.

All retiring officers were re-elected, and it was resolved to support the nomination of the Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister, Vicar of Pilton, to the office of Master of the Association, as Preb. A. J. Hook would be resigning on Easter Monday.

A member raised the matter of holding the quarterly meetings at 8-bell towers, the 6-bell rings being kept for evening practices; this he thought was a discrimination against the smaller bands, who sometimes felt left out of it, as many could not ring the methods on eight bells. In support of this contention, he drew attention to the fact that only one six-bell church was represented at the annual meeting that day.

The Chairman said there was no discrimination, and the branch had, in fact, held quarterlies at Nailsea, Kingston Seymour and Clapton, all of which had but six bells. Six-bell bands were the backbone of the Association, but it was only by attending eight-bell ringing that the Minor and Doubles ringers could advance. It was up to anyone to propose any tower as the venue of a meeting, but in generally selecting the eight-bell rings they had been guided by the catering difficulties at the smaller centres.

After discussion, it was agreed that the branch would meet anywhere in its area, provided satisfactory local arrangements could be made for tea.

Subject to permission from the respective incumbents, it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting and service at Clevedon Parish Church, with the half-yearly corporate Communion at Portishead.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 19th, 1913

LONDON

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and The Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild.

On Saturday, December 13th, 1913, in 3 hours and 42 minutes

At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS,

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Charles Legg	Treble
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Thomas King	3
William J. Nudds	4
Richard N. Runham	5
William T. Powell	6
Maurice F. R. Hibbert	7
Frank Smith	8
James Hunt	9
Charles F. White	Tenor

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by James Hunt.

The above ringers are all in the employ of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, and the peal was rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the firm.

[The band thought this to have been the first of Caters by employees of a bell foundry, but Mr. John W. Taylor (jun.) wrote to say that on February 10th, 1888, he called a peal of Stedman Caters in which his father, brother, and seven of their employees took part.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—I would like to make the following observations on Mr. J. R. Worrall's article on the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

The function of Parliament is to legislate, whilst the function of the Central Council is much broader, and though it only meets once a year, the work of its various committees and members continues throughout the year. Most of the work resulting from legislation in Parliament is not carried out by elected representatives (Members of Parliament) but by paid officials (civil servants, etc.). It is well known that the use of analogies is often a misleading form of argument, and in this case the analogy between Parliament and the Central Council is unsuitable.

Mr. Worrall asks, 'What qualifications are required for an Association or Society to elect its own representative to the Central Council?' Readers may be assured that the Central Council looks into such qualifications very thoroughly before granting membership to any Association or Society which applies for affiliation to the Central Council. Whilst every application is dealt with on its merits, the applicant must furnish information regarding its activities, consttution, membership, sphere of operation, etc.

Representation on the Central Council of an Association or Society engaged in the work of recruiting and training ringers, and holding regular meetings and practices, can do no harm but much good.

Indeed, some of these non-territorial Associations have much to offer the Exercise, do very valuable work and have provided useful and efficient Council members.

The fact that all delegates to the Central Council do not speak does not mean that they do not express an opinion, since the act of voting is itself an expression of opinion.

There is no especial merit in reducing and limiting the Council to a small number and it cannot be said that the Council is unwieldy. Nor is the Council, as Mr. Worrall suggests, over eager to elect honorary members, but guards that privilege very jealously.

Stencilled copies of reports are circulated to members well in advance, and they can discuss these or consult the members of their Association before the Council meeting. The reports may be amended before being adopted by the Council, and, having regard to the space needed and cost of printing, it would not be practical to publish them in 'The Ringing World' before the Central Council meeting. If they were published first and then amended, confusion might be caused in the minds of readers. Notices of motion are, of course, published in 'The Ringing World' well in advance.

The Whitsun meetings are, indeed, happy social gatherings, the value of which need not be enlarged upon, but the Council meeting itself is conducted in a most efficient and dignified manner. It is in itself a valuable education to any ringer responsible for the organisation of business meetings.

Mr. Worrall's article is a valuable contribution to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' since only by discussion does truth prevail, and searching criticism keeps authority on its toes.

I echo his advice to ringers to take a great interest in the Central Council, to elect worthy representatives and then to abide loyally by its decisions.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Broom, Rotherham.

GRID BIAS

Dear Sir,—Campanology has many branches, and the scientific side in particular most certainly has its place. It is, therefore, only right and proper that articles and letters concerning new ideas and approaches, together with a scientific formula by which they may be depicted, should be printed in the ringing Press for the consideration of the Exercise at large, even though they may be beyond the limited intelligence of humbler exponents of the art such as myself.

Grid Analysis is a case in point. It has cropped up in one guise or another over the last two years or so (once, rather surprisingly, in an article intended for beginners!), and a few desultory letters were published showing that it had aroused some interest at any rate, thereby justifying its inclusion in 'The Ringing World.' Now, however, the subject matter seems to have degenerated into a wordy battle between two adversaries only, in a manner which reflects no great credit on either, and I respectfully suggest, sir, that the time has come to say, 'This correspondence must now cease.'

The protagonists can just as easily continue their erudite slanging of each other direct by post, thereby saving valuable space in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' which can be used for items of a greater interest to the general body of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

London, N.W.3.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major by E. C. Gobey, rung on April 18th last at Bulwell, is false and should be deleted from the records by the Peals Analysis Committee. The falseness, due to the tenors being parted in three courses to obtain Whittington's and Queen's, has been discovered by Mr. John Segar, my colleague on our peal committee.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN, Peal Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

720 IN 23 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since forwarding the 720 in 22 methods published on page 792 of 'The Ringing World,' I have discovered that it is possible to include 23 methods in one 720, the figures of which are enclosed.

This extent contains all the methods in the previous one with the exception of Ockley and Capel, which are omitted. In addition, three irregular Surprise methods are added, viz., Appleby, Redcar and Hatfield. These are Cambridge Surprise lead ends with Fotheringay, Skipton and Chepstow for the middle two sections.

I find it difficult, if not impossible, to exceed this number as the total absence of bobs provides maximum opportunity for splicing.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

23456 Skipton	64235 Redcar Surp.
	53462 Rostherne
56342 Fotheringay	24653 Norbury
42635 London Schol.	36524 Penistone
35264 Skipton	42356 Fotheringay
64523 Campanulla	
25346 Wilmslow	56234 Balmoral
63425 Appleby Surp.	34625 Sandal
52364 Bogedone	25463 Balmoral
43652 College Exer.	63542 Hemsworth
26543 Royston	45236 Knutsford
34256 Chepstow	62345 Hatfield Surp.
	54263 Rostherne
56423 Chepstow	32654 D. of Norfolk
23645 Kingstone	46532 York Minster
45362 Fotheringay	23456
62534 Gladstone	
35426 Knutsford	

14 Regular, 9 Irregular.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent in Dec. 4th issue re Hertfordshire Association and library, if he reads again your leading article of 'The Ringing World' of October 30th the hon. general secretary states: 'These books were placed, etc. . . . and became a library which has GROWN with the years.'

The number of generous donors who gave books for the library are too numerous to mention individually. Included are bound copies of 'Bell News' donated by John C. Mitchell. Each book has the donor's name on the front page and these are duly acknowledged as they are received.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. F. SAYER, Hon. Librarian.

P.S.—A detailed report of the gifts of these books from J. C. Mitchell appears in the 1926-7 annual report of the Hertfordshire Association.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of Mr. J. C. Mitchell in a recent 'Ringing World,' I would like to point out that the books now in the library were given in 1926. My husband accepted the living of St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1937. I fail to see why there should be any suggestion that they should be in my hands. None of the books were ever housed in the Vicarage during the war.—Yours truly,

URSULA FERGUSSON.

St. Albans.

MINUTE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence on that very interesting method, 'Great Big Bob,' may I submit that 'Reverse Great Big Bob' is even more interesting and is certainly more musical. The method is very similar to Great Big Bob and it differs only in the fact that the treble hunts down from lead to —4ths place and a treble bob single is used instead of the ordinary Cambridge single. The method certainly calls for greater rope-sight ability because it is very difficult to notice where one passes the treble.

We in our tower are now practising another recently discovered method called Minute Bob Major. In this the treble never goes above or below 1sts place, and the bells in 2-3 dodge until the treble separates them. The bells in 4–5 lie still until a call is made when they make 5ths and 4ths places respectively and lie still again until a further call is made. The bells in 6–7–8 ring continuous Stedman Slow Sixes.—Yours truly, F. C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone.

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GIFTS TO ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL, BELFRY

A very pleasing ceremony was enacted in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Sunday, December 6th (St. Nicholas' Day), during a break in the ringing for evensong. In the presence of the Rector of Liverpool (the Rev. R. Nelson) and his senior curate (the Rev. J. Carter) and the whole of the St. Nicholas' company, except one unavoidable absentee, a formal handing-over took place of a handsome oak table and bureau for use in the belfry.

These were the gifts of Mr. T. Larkey, a highly esteemed member of the band, and in a delightful speech he recalled his association with St. Nicholas' ringers extending over a period of 30 years, and in particular the present very happy phase which dated from the time when the band was re-formed at the time of the consecration of the new church (and bells) in October, 1952.

He spoke of the immense pleasure he had derived from ringing at St. Nicholas' during these past 14 months and concluded by asking the Rector to accept the two pieces of furniture and take them into the safe custody of the church.

The Rector, in replying, thanked Mr. Larkey most warmly for his handsome gift and jocularly remarked that the belfry now looked such a comfortable and cosy place that he seriously considered transferring his office there during the week. He would be able to work quietly and undisturbed and if he wanted to summon someone urgently he had only to ring one of the bells.

He also paid tribute to the assembled band, to the happy spirit which pervaded it and thanked the members for their loyal co-operation at all times since the church was opened.

The bureau has been placed in a corner of the ringing room while the table stands in the centre and, with its vase of flowers and visitors' book, the resulting effect is most pleasing.

P. W. C.

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

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FARNWORTH'S APPEAL

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, appeal on behalf of my Parochial Church Council to your readers for support? The Church of St. John, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs, is shortly to have its bells recast and rehung, also there is to be a new mechanism for the clock. With certain alterations to the tower this work will involve about £2,000, which is a large amount for the parish to raise. The struggling young band have worked very hard and are giving the new treble bell. Donations, no matter how small, would be gratefully acknowledged and should be sent to the Rev. Llew. P. Burnett, The Vicarage, Farnworth, Lancs.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH THORNLEY.

Farnworth, Lancs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held their last meeting of the year at Market Drayton on November 21st in conjunction with the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild.

Contrary to the usual experience here, the attendance is best described as moderate, there being only 23 for tea. The incidence of cup-ties and the late date probably accounted for this, as the number was considerably augmented after tea, and the London, Superlative, etc., with which the inhabitants are familiar, were heard.

A pleasing diversion was caused when two call change ringers from Norton-in-Hales and Hinstock asked for their usual fare. Mr. T. Price, of the local band, appeared in the role of conductor, and produced Queens, etc., in fine style. We were unable to ascertain where he acquired this accomplishment, as Surprise Major has been rung on Sundays for many years, and Tom does no conducting.

A short and informal service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Basil Stratton), who had just returned from the official welcome to the new Bishop. Some Shrewsbury ringers who had been engaged in a peal for the same purpose beat him by a short head, some remaining to ring for evensong at St. Mary's. All present enjoyed the welcome and appreciated his presence at tea.

As usual, Mr. F. Price and the local ringers had arranged a substantial meal, the charge for which was almost nominal. Ringing continued until a late hour, the convivial spirit, which is always evident here, causing a rush for last trains and buses.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Coronation Peal Board Dedicated at Wicken

A special meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Wicken on November 28th, and during the service a Coronation peal board was dedicated. The board, which is of oak, was made by Mr. E. J. Shakeshaft and written by Mr. Jerham.

The board records a peal of Wicken Surprise Major rung on July 12th in 2 hours 47 minutes. The ringers were P. J. Staniforth (cond.), E. W. Rawson, K. Roe, W. J. Root, F. C. Case, G. E. Green, G. W. Holland and W. Yates.

The many ringers present included Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. J. S. Carter.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Hoskin and the peal board was dedicated by the Rev. R. H. Tadman, R.D. The president of the Towcester Branch, the Rev. R. G. Richards, preached. The singing was led by a choir of 20 men, with Mr. Redvers Elkington, of Anstey, as choirmaster.

Ringing started at 2.30 and the day concluded with a social evening at the White Lion, where the Leicester handbell ringers contributed to a successful evening. Our correspondent adds, 'In fact, it was a day never to be forgotten by members of the Towcester Branch.'

SONNET

Inspired by a recent peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

The tower gently rocks. The hour hand crawls,
The pictures sway against the ancient walls.
To Cambridge Royal, the bells do subtly move,
Their voices muted by the floors above,
And as the minutes pass, the seconds race,
Full grimly stares our tenor-ringer's face.
At last, the final course! And like a song,
The bob declaims a chaste, exultant Wrong.
The bells run round at Home. When all are stood.
We eye yon lofty sally, stained with blood.
The peal is done: the changes rung, we know.
Though none of us but one has that to show.
So some can take their rest as well they might,
For steady stands the tower in the night. H. P.

FIGHT TO SAVE ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S, LEICESTER

The Church Commissioners announced on December 2nd that the scheme for the proposed demolition of the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and Christ Church, Leicester, is now in the course of being drafted by them.

This is the first reference, states the 'Leicester Mercury,' by the Commissioners to this plan, which was put forward by the Leicester Diocesan Reorganisation Committee some months ago.

While the congregation at St. John's is united on the strongest possible opposition to the scheme, there has been no official protest from the Christ Church officials.

The diocesan authorities claim that both churches are redundant. Their project is to demolish each church and to sell the sites to provide funds for fresh Church enterprises on the new housing estates.

The plan will involve new parish frontiers. St. John's Parish would disappear and be divided between Holy Trinity and St. Martin's Parish. Christ Church would be swallowed up by St. Matthew's—already enlarged by a part of the extinct St. Luke's Parish.

The announcement states that when the draft has been settled and approved by the Bishop of Leicester—who will be enthroned at Leicester Cathedral on January 23rd—the Diocesan Reorganisation Committee and the Commissioners themselves, copies of it will be sent to the parties specified, together with a notice stating a period of not less than six weeks during which written objections may be transmitted to the Commissioners.

Mr. S. Harrison, of 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, writes: 'Our Church Council secretary (St. John-the-Divine) has received similar information from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It will be seen now where the petitions and protests against the scheme will fit in, as the case is now before the Commissioners.

'Meanwhile the congregations are being maintained and improved. The Youth Organisation is in full swing. Our annual gift day showed an increase of £10 on last year's effort. This year's total was £160, so we are now financially sound once again. This evidence does not justify the term "redundant" being applied to St. John's.

'We are grateful to all ringers who have so kindly supported us by their petitions and protests. There are still a number of forms not yet returned. I should be grateful if these could be returned to me as soon as possible in order to prepare a formal protest to the Commissioners when instructed. We need all the help possible if a successful conclusion to this fight is to be effected.'

Mr. Walter Tomlinson's 100 Peals

We append, with our congratulations, the list of the first hundred peals of Mr. Walter Tomlinson, of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

Minor (22).—Three methods 2, four methods 1, five methods 3, six methods 2, seven methods 10, eight methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 3.

Triples (8).—Stedman 7, Erin 1.

Major (22).—Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 2, Yorkshire 2, London 6, Bristol 5, Cambridge 1, Rutland 1, Dublin 1, Runnymede 1, Pudsey 1, Watford 1.

Spliced Surprise Major (14).—Two methods 1, four methods 4, five methods 1, six methods 3, ten methods 2, sixteen methods 1, twenty-two methods 2.

Caters (5).—Stedman 3, Grandsire 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal (7).—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 3, Wembley 1, Pudsey 1.

Cinques (18).—Stedman 17, Erin 1.

Maximus (4).—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 2

HEDON RINGERS' CUP

AFTER the Beverley and District meeting at Hedon on November 14th the secretary made efforts to obtain a little knowledge about the history of the silver cup, in possession of the St. Augustine's band, from the East Riding Antiquarian Society. This cup has always been in the hands of the leader of the band and had never been on show to visiting historical or antiquarian societies and no record of it exists in any historical works or writings. The cup has been examined by silversmiths in Hull recently and by Mr. W. Foot Walker, secretary of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, an authority on old silver. Both regard it as an exceptionally fine piece of silver ware, and the knowledge of it an acquisition to East Riding records. The following notes were taken from Mr. Foot Walker's lecture to the Antiquarian Society on December 2nd, at which the secretary of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was a guest:—

'The ancient borough of Hedon in the East Riding of Yorkshire was the principal port on the River Humber in the 12th century.

'It received its first charter in the reign of Henry II., but had possessed its own mint in the reign of King Stephen.

'Of Hedon's four mediæval churches only the largest, St. Augustine's, survives. Dating from the early years of the 13th century, but with a magnificent Perpendicular bell tower completed in 1437, it is justly acclaimed the King of Holderness, whose undulating plains it has dominated for more than 500 years.

'The Hedon Corporation's collection of civic plate is one of the most valuable in the country and includes a silver mace made in the time of Henry V., as well as numerous cups, tankards and other table silver, the donations of successive Members of Parliament in the 17th and 18th centuries, when Hedon regularly returned two representatives to Westminster.

'By a curious contrast the silver plate in the possession of the church is of the simplest character. In spite of records of earlier gifts the oldest communion cup in use is no earlier than 1817 and is rightly described by the late T. M. Fallow and H. B. McCall in their work on "Yorkshire Church Plate," Yorkshire Archæological Society, 1912, as of not much interest. Had these authors been able to examine the remarkable silver cup which has been in the possession of successive Masters of the Company of Ringers from 1687, they would most certainly have given a very different verdict.

'The Hedon Ringers' Cup is a small silver vessel of the type known as a "tumbler," popular at the close of the 17th and commencement of the 18th centuries on account of the ease with which it could be carried in the pocket. The Hedon example is less than three inches in diameter and some two inches in depth; its base, as the name suggests, is convex, thereby exposing the hall-marks to exceptional wear.

'The principal feature of the cup is the engraved inscription about the rim; this has been deeply cut and is still perfectly clear. It reads: "This belongs to the Company of Ringers of St. Augustine Church in Hedon, 1687," followed by the representation of a bell. Long use has almost erased the three hall-marks, but fortunately two may be identified without question; they are alike and represent the three crowns per pale of the neighbouring town of Kingston-upon-Hull. The third mark, which the the maker's, is too much worn to read, but may be claimed with comparative certainty as that of Thomas Hebden, who is known to have been working in Hull from 1681 to 1690. Thomas Hebden not only made another tumbler two years later, which is still preserved in the Hull Trinity House, but he also in the same year, 1689, executed the beautiful Peg Tankard, which was the gift of Matthew Appleyard, M.P., to the Hedon Corporation.

'All three pieces carry three hall-marks, of which two are the Hull arms and the third, where legible, the maker's initials, T. H., with a mullet, or five-pointed star, below.

'Although we have no direct record of the name of the donor of the Hedon Ringers' Cup in 1687, there is much evidence that allows us to assume that the name of the benefactor was Charles Duncomb, goldsmith of the City of London, and one of the Members of Parliament for Hedon throughout the reign of James II. from 1685 to 1688.

'In his account of Hedon, given by George Poulson in "Holderness," Vol. 2, pages 174-5, 1841, we read:—

"Charles Duncomb, of the City of London, Esq., was made a free burgess, and chosen member of parliament for this corporation, in the year 1685. He gave to this corporation one large silver flaggon. He gave 4 new bells, and £50 in money to defray the charges in casting the old bell into two to to make six tunable bells for St. Augustine Church in Hedon."

'In view of the remarkably handsome benefactions of Charles Duncomb to the church bells of Hedon at the date inscribed on the silver cup, it is difficult to believe that any other person could have made this gift to the Hedon Company of ringers.'

JOINT MEETING AT BAGLAN

A joint meeting of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild with the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was held on Saturday, November 28th, at Baglan, Glam. This was the first occasion for these two branches to hold a joint meeting and was surprisingly successful, insomuch that 72 ringers attended.

Fine weather, pleasant surroundings and plenty of ringers all contributed to its success. A very pleasing feature was the very high percentage of young ringers, all eager to have a pull on this quite useful ring of six.

At 4 o'clock the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones, began, and in his address he told his listeners of the important part that bells and ringers were playing in the service of the Church.

Following the service ringers were invited to the Church Hall, where a most bountiful 'knife and fork' tea awaited them. For this a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and the ladies of the parish by Mr. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath.

During the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, an invitation to hold one joint meeting a year was extended to the Llandaff Branch by the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Having heard the views of one or two members on this, including that of our general secretary, Mr. Fred Hannington, the invitation was accepted by the Llandaff Branch.

The Master, Mr. D. J. Lewis, spoke on the old West Wales Association, which catered for ringers from Aberavon to Tenby. The present officers of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild—Mr. J. A. Hoare, hon. district secretary, and Mr. T. M. Roderick—were both re-elected. The next meeting of the Section will be held at Cadoxton, Neath.

Business meetings over, ringers soon found their way back to the tower, where the Ringing Master, Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Neath, saw to it that all classes of ringers were catered for. Chief among these were the youngsters. Later, with the bells of Aberavon made available to visitors, the overflow from Baglan made its way there to ring on this excellent ring of eight. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

R. E. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

'There's a good few up there,' was my pleasant heralding to Mereworth, where the Maidstone District held a meeting on November 21st. Through the portico of this very un-English church, up the open circular stairway to the ringing chamber, approached loft fashion, to a sea of faces, old and young and all ages betwixt. Greetings and handshakes, but enough the that, the bells are impatient. . . Bob Minor, rounds, Kent, Grandsire, Double Court, rounds, Cambridge . . . busily they swing until service time. Yarns in the sermon. The rich young gallant, possessor of fast sports cars and all material blessings who had embraced the risks of under-the-sea naval service. Why? Simply that even he could not afford a submarine. Come to that, we ringers could not afford our own bells. But if we could, would it be the same?

The answer was forthcoming amidst the jolly company in the Torrington Arms, where Mine Hosts ensured we feasted well. Then the unexpected. First to know that we had been the personal guests of the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Mayne) at tea, so he must have liked us. Second, strange activities, and the mysterious cargo on the bus was mysterious no longer—a portable screen and projector. A moment more and Frank Tomlin was entertaining us with his coloured slides of towers and churches near and far, challenging our detective instincts, reviving memories of summer coach tours, with a skip to Holland to see a tower being built round its bells.

Warmly we thanked the Vicar, and also Frank, who that very Monday was taking up a new appointment in Essex. Staplehurst and the District will miss him, yet we are glad to contribute to a healthy export trade.

So back to the belfry where additional faces took our numbers beyond the half-century mark. Busy bells again, Minor in all its variety, not omitting the special, London Scholars' Delight. An encouraging experience in every way, this last Maidstone District meeting of the year, not least to Harry Usborne, captain of the Mereworth tower, who is doing so much to build up his band, and succeeding.

Last meeting of the year did I say? I wonder.

E. S. J. H.

5,067 STEDMAN CATERS

By CHARLES W. ROBERTS

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Rung at Lincoln Cathedral on November 17th, 1953.

Christmas Greetings to all Ringers

The Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee send joyous Christmas greetings to all ringers, and best wishes for many happy hours in the belfries the world over during 1954.

To all bellringers and those who make 'The Ringing World' so friendly, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Jane Skee ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 3635

We, the members of the ASHFORD DISTRICT of the Kent County Association, send our greetings to all ringers from the District now serving with H.M. Forces and wish them a safe return to continue their ringing with us. 3563

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and ANN, Wadhurst, Sussex. 3642

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our ringing friends, especially Miss Pat Gilbert, of Hole Farm, Highampton. We shall remember absent friends at our Christmastide reunion party. — THE BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS. 3652

Hearty seasonal greetings to my many ringing friends, wherever they may be, and to 'The Ringing World,' good luck in 1954.—F. Hector BENNETT, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 3665

Mr. P. N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends, especially to fellow Cumberlands. 3647

Good health and happiness and lots of ringing in the New Year is the Christmas wish to all friends from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire. 3619

Sincere Christmas greetings and a Happy New Year to all our ringing friends at home.—Michael and Jean CAUSLEY, P.O. Box 543, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. 3654

Greetings to all ringing friends—old ones in Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, London and the Peterborough Diocese, and all those new ones made in 1953 on 'tower grabs' and in peals.—Patrick I. CHAPMAN, 8, Ash Road, Kettering. 3633

Wishing all ringing friends a Merry Christmas, especially those at Stratton (Cornwall), Royston (Herts), Derby, Wisbech and my own home tower at Kelvedon, Essex. — Winifred ELLIOTT. 3670

Mr. I. EMERY and Mr. P. J. SPICE, of Bromley, Kent, wish all their ringing friends, both far and near, a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year. 3621

Best wishes to all for 1954.—W. A. FARMER, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. 3664

Paul and Flo FIELD wish all their ringing friends a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and tender grateful thanks for good fellowship in 1953.—Buckland Newton, Dorset. 3645

To all my ringing friends, true and best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham, Berks. 3668

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS send sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all old friends. 3636

Christmas greetings and a Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—Sgt. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, 19, Married Quarters, C.A.D., Bramley, Hants. 3648

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends, near and far.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37 Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3633

To all ringing friends the season's greetings and all good wishes for 1954.—From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3641

Best wishes and greetings to all our ringing friends and those who have contributed the interesting articles in 'The Ringing World.'—Mr. and Mrs. LATHBURY and Miss N. SHORTER, Walton-on-Thames. 3658

To all our friends, wherever they may be, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—The ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, Society of Change Ringers. 3669

A Merry Christmas and happiness in the New Year to all our friends, especially to those in London, Surrey and Somerset.—From George and Hilda MASSEY and children. 3611

To all our ringing friends, Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3646

To all ringing friends, every good wish for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. James H. MUSSON and SON. 3657

To Friends: To our old friends; to the friends we made this year; to the friends we know we shall make next year (D.V.): Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE send good wishes for Christmas and 1954.—St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone: Southbourne 46005. 3631

A Christmas Greeting. To all friends an old wish but none the less sincere, a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144 Woodside Road, Guildford. 3604

St. Mary's, APSLEY END ringers send hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends. May good ringing prevail, with many happy and successful meetings. 3644

Season's greetings and best wishes to the Editor and the Editorial Committee, with many thanks for your hard work for the whole Exercise.—A READER. 3610

To ringing friends everywhere, best wishes for Christmas and 1954, with many happy hours of ringing and reading 'The Ringing World.'—Charles ROUSE, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 3653

Hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for 1954 to all ringing friends, old and new.—William SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 3656

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their ringing friends (and their widows) near and far. 3624

Heartiest Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year with plenty of good ringing to all ringers and friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol 3650

Christmas greetings, good luck, good health and happiness to all ringers, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Lower Durrian, Stithians, Truro. 3655

My very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my ringing friends at home and overseas.—Evelyn STEEL. 3651

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 3649

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the new and succeeding years. With thanks to all my ringing associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure; including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White; the Chester, Samuel Jones (84), Sam. junior, 'Dick' Langford; Shropshire, Ted Rodenhurst; The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Howard Howell, Fred Bennett; North Staffs; Norwich, Nolan Golden; Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Den Carlisle; Midland, Barney Key, Joe Cotton; Peterborough, Ron Noon; St. Martin's, Albert Walker, George Fearn; Worcester, Geof. Hemming; Lincoln, John 'A.' Freeman; North Wales, Fred Evans; Ashton-under-Lyne; Hereford, Wilf. Overton; Ted Walker, Dover; David 'C.' Vincent; Jack and Mrs. Armstrong, Australia; Sid and Mrs. Jones, Joe Burgess, Friezland.—W. Frank STENSON. 3550

With best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year to members of Swansea and Brecon Guild and friends everywhere.—Arthur HOARE, Swansea. 3626

Hearty good wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringing friends.—From Frederick WHITE, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 3643

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob): A. Hannington 1, J. Lovett 2, E. Morris 3, J. A. Hoarse 4, G. I. Lewis 5, A. J. Pitman 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, B. Williams 8. To mark the 88th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, doyen of ringing in South Wales.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Nov. 29th, 1,953 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. J. Cousins 4, M. Helps 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, G. J. Hawkins (composer and cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Reid 1, A. Sayer (first 'inside') 2, Miss Solly 3, H. T. Wilson 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, L. Everest 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hazelden 1, R. Divall 2, J. Medhurst 3, W. R. Manser 4, E. Jenner 5, L. J. Honess 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, P. Everest (first quarter) 8. After meeting short for a peal, the services of a local ringer were enlisted. Afterwards when the missing ringer arrived, 504 Stedman Triples was rung to enable J. Medhurst to ring his longest length in the method.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Zanelli (first quarter) 1, P. J. Woodgyer 2, G. Thrush (first 'inside') 3, D. Fowles 4, W. H. Coles (cond.) 5, D. Matthews (first quarter) 6. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Maurice Child Memorial Hall by the Rev. Canon Frederick Hood, D.D.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On December 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss S. Eason 1, Mrs. G. Pike 2, W. H. Poole 3, Miss R. Eason 4, G. H. Pike (cond.) 5, Dr. L. E. Wear 6, S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. Rung for the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pinney's son, and also as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. Wear on the birth of a son.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fruen 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, P. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, W. Mortimer 5, R. Neate 6. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Salisbury.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, P. R. Jemmett 3, F. Pack 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. Kenward 6, W. S. Palin (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Long (first quarter) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 720 each of Carlisle and London): B. Saunders (first quarter) 1, E. Lines 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, J. Steel 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung for the feast of St. Andrew.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Edgington 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, W. H. Plumridge 3, G. Hinton 4, A. Clutton 5, P. Baldwin 6, R. Coles 7, S. Taylor 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara M. Forster (first quarter) 1, Quenda A. Davies 2, Judith D. Shedel 3, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 4, J. F. Shedel 5. Rung for morning service—Ad gloriam Deo.

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BIRTH

LUNN.—At Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, on December 9th, 1953, to Leslie and Alice, a son, George Philip, and brother for Pat. 3640

ENGAGEMENTS

REED—COX. — The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed, of Ringwood, Hants, and Winifred, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Cox and the late Mr. J. Cox, of Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset. 3675

SCOTT—ISLES. — The engagement is announced between John Gilbert Mortimer, Priest, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, of Washabrook Mill, Kingsbridge, S. Devon, and Claire Alice, elder daughter of Col. and Mrs. G. V. Isles, of 465, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. 3630

WEST—DREWE—The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs. W. Linnett and the late Mr. W. W. West, Willowdene, Mill Lane, Danbury, near Chelmsford, Essex, and Yvonne Jean, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Drewe, 136, Burdett Road, London, E.3. 3622

MARRIAGE

GUY—ROE.—On December 7th, 1953, at St. Peter's Church, Sark, Anthony Robin Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Guy, of Beirut, Lebanon, to Mary Elizabeth Roe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roe, of La Cloture, Sark. 3663

DEATH

ROBERTS.—On December 9th, 1953, in hospital, Alfred Roberts, aged 73 years, of 93, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge, beloved husband of Olive Roberts and dear father of Elsie. Interred at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, December 12th, 1953. 3625

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, December 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's, Bow Road, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3568

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (North Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (West Midland Branch).—Joint meeting at Coton, near Nuneaton, Saturday, Dec. 19th. For times, etc., see Ladies' Guild announcement.—J. L. G. H. 3623

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's, Derby (8). Ringing from 3 p.m. 3612

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2.30-7.30 p.m. 3595

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam. 3605

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting at Bury to-morrow, Saturday, Dec. 19th.—J. Porter. 3671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Farnham Royal, Saturday, Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. Diaries should be available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3606

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Dec. 19th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3596

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. 3588

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3616

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tues., Dec. 29th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 2nd, general meeting, St. Mary's, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant 5 p.m. Business and officer nominations 5.45. All Saints', Fulham, ringing 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 6th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, Festival Church, Waterloo, and St. George's, Borough High Street. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 3662

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Annual meeting, Lindley (trolley bus 71), Saturday, Jan 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 3639

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Division. — Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names, please, to F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3659

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1954. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 28th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye (8) on Jan. 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 29th, to Mr. W. Curtis, 7, Church Street, Wye, Kent. 3660

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. per head) Names for tea, by December 30th, to Miss M. Cosgrove, 9, The Green, Westerham. 3637

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E Wright, 501, West Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham. 3667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Thrapston Branch. — Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), Jan. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea Tuesday previous, please. Service 4.15 p.m.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston. 3672

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Dec. 31st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. 3673

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business follows. Names, please.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3638

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, in conjunction with Selby and District Society. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, by Dec. 31st, to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting, please.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Combined annual meeting and social, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells open: Christ Church (10) 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12) 3 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Bells at St. Peter's (8) will be available from 5.45-6.45 p.m. for visitors. Hot-pot supper and social in the Beehive Restaurant at 7 p.m. Requests for tickets (price 5s.), not later than Jan. 2nd, 1954, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3628

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at St. Mary's, Gateshead. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, Jan. 2nd, to Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred Street, Gateshead 8. All ringers cordially invited. 3661

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 30th, 1954. Details later. 3632

QUARTER PEALS

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilson 1, J. Carpenter 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wilson 1, E. Oliver 2, J. Carpenter 3, R. Oliver 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. Rung for the Remembrance Sunday service.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Silvey (first in method) 1, E. D. Poole 2, M. Spracklen 3, Miss S. Hazelby (first in method on 'inside' bell) 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, R. E. Dean 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Softley 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, Miss M. A. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, Miss J. B. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea 6, C. N. Lea (cond.) 7, S. Hewitt 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Durham for Confirmation service.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, N. Mallett 4, A. Clements 5, L. W. Fisher 6, W. Ransom 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Piper 1, A. A. Price (cond.) 2, S. V. Bailey 3, J. Ridd 4, Beryl Cowlin 5, G. S. Piper 6, S. G. Smith 7, C. H. Hankinson 8. Rung as a farewell to John Ridd, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. W. Owen 5, D. J. King 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock on the occasion of his 81st birthday.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

THERE are many people in this country who would not be able to answer the question: What is Advent? In fact, as likely as not, they would not be sure whether it was animal, vegetable or mineral. It is, of course, the Church's name for the season immediately preceding Christmas, roughly speaking four weeks. There are four Sundays in Advent, the first being the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, and the last being the Sunday before Christmas. The Church exhorts us in Advent to prepare for Christmas in much the same way that Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is for this reason that in many churches we find there are no flowers during this season, and that the vestments are violet in colour.

What about Christmas, then? What is Christmas to a great majority of people? It is something like this. It is a popular festival which has suffered much from being secularised and commercialised. Weeks before Christmas the shops start decorating in a festive manner, and for children Father Christmas arrives at the big stores. We are warned that there are only so many shopping days to Christmas! We are exhorted to buy this, that and the other as Christmas gifts for our children, relations and friends! We buy Christmas cards and presents to send to our friends and relations, and then we worry in case we have forgotten someone to whom we ought to have sent and who may be hurt or offended. We hope that the recipients will like and enjoy our Christmas presents. The time shortens to a week, a few days, then Christmas Eve and that last minute rush; a hectic day with tempers often becoming rather frayed and short. In the evening our own decorations to put up, the Christmas tree to see to, friends dropping in for a chat and a drink or a party to go to. Then perhaps, to round it all off, to the Parish Church for the midnight service. A rush, but just in time. 'O come, all ye faithful. . . .' A large congregation, a moving, simple and impressive service. Home again, a cup of tea or a drink and so to bed—thank goodness there's no need to get up early in the morning. Or if there is no midnight service, then to bed late. Awake early in the morning because of the children and a general rush to get to church. Christmas dinner and jollifications for the rest of the day and so another Christmas Day passes—it is over, a sigh of relief. That, roughly, is what Christmas is for so many.

What should Christmas be? Not such a thoughtless rush. It is, of necessity, a rush indeed for many, but need we forget what we are celebrating? If we are going to a midnight service, then a time of quiet thought beforehand is vital, so that we may put our minds on holy things. If we are going to church early on Christmas Day, then we must try to be there in good time. This great festival is the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christmas indeed should be a time of rejoicing and of goodwill, but it is more than a pity to anticipate it to such a degree as is so generally done. If we start our festivities before Christmas Day, then, when the day comes, it all falls rather flat and the general feeling is one of disappointment, frustration and 'It's not like it used to be' frame of mind.

What has all this to do with ringers? Well, quite a lot. At Christmas, as at other times of rejoicing, most people expect and, indeed, would be most disappointed if there were no church bells ringing out their joyful message. Ringers have an obligation as well as a pleasure in this matter; an obligation to be certain that the ringing is the best of which they are capable and an example to set in remembering that they are ringing to call others to worship, and what greater joy than, having called those others to worship, they finish ringing and join in that act of worship themselves. Peace and goodwill are, or should be, the dominant thoughts and acts of Christmas time. What a golden opportunity for forgetting those little differences of opinion that may have occurred in the ringing chamber; what a chance to swallow our pride and return to the band.

On Christmas Day we commemorate the birth of Christ at Bethlehem; essentially a family event, and so it must be necessarily a family festival. We live in a world torn and wracked by the evil machinations of men. We may feel that there is little we can do which will affect the troubles of the world, but there may be much we can do to help to spread a feeling of peace and goodwill among our own families and friends. We may feel that there is little we can do to counteract the secularisation and commercialisation of Christmas; but who thought, after the Ascension of our Lord, that that little band of followers would ever convert the world? The very name Christians was given in derision to the followers of Christ. By our regularity at our bell-ringing and, even more so, by church attendance, we shall set an example which may well encourage all sorts of apparently unlikely people to stop and consider their own ways of life.

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Finally, may Christmas Day this year be kept, not only by large numbers of churchpeople worshipping together, but also be heralded by the joyful sound of bells ringing forth from towers in cities, towns, villages and hamlets throughout the land. Better by far to ring 'rounds' than not to ring at all because of the shortage of good change ringers. Better by far to ring only some of the bells, if a full band cannot be raised, than not to ring at all. By our very ringing at Christmas we shall show that not only do we rejoice at this great festival, but that we are determined to keep alive this great, ancient and essentially English art of church bell-ringing. M.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	†BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
ERNEST STITCH	3	GORDON HARRISON	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	†SAMUEL BIRCH	10
MAURICE G. TURNER	5	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	11
†W. GEORGE PAGE	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
A compliment to the ringer of the 4th upon attaining the age of 81 years.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. MASON	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	A. RONALD LING	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	10
EDWARD J. BEER	5	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	11
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 50th peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. LARGE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	*THOMAS HEMMING	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*NORMAN GOODMAN	9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	CYRIL TANSELL	10
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	11
GERALD C. HEMMING	6	REGINALD WOODYATT	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.
Annual peal for the Association.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	HAROLD MARCON	8
JOHN FREEMAN	3	HERBERT LOWMAN	9
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
RAYMOND F. SMITH	5	HAROLD WALKER	11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of 12 bells at the Cathedral, which took place on December 15th, 1928.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	JOHN HILL	9
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
ALFRED B. PECK	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	11
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	SAMPSON WALKLATE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5	†KENNETH TUNNICLIFF	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew, A. & M., patron saint of this church.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits B.X. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
THOMAS E. DAVIES	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	†THOMAS M. COX	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	PETER W. B. SEMMENS	8
JOHN D. ROCK	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
†JOHN C. POLLARD	5	E. PETER ROCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal and first peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the final restoration of the church and in commemoration of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II., in honour of which the bells were restored.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	†BRYAN S. COPE	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	††‡JOHN A. ACRES	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
†S. ANTHONY JESSON	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 400th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal this year.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Granta Variation. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	2	*PHILIP H. SPECK	7
*GEORGE H. CLIFT	3	*HAROLD TAYLOR	8
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	9
*†JACK BAILEY	5	*†ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Granta. † 100th peal together.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	DAVID A. CARPENTER	7
LEONARD TREVOR	3	PETER BORDER	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	9
*PERCY STONE	5	*GEORGE GARDNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal on ten bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

*S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	6
MRS. DORA EVANS	2	ERIC NAYLOR	7
ELIZABETH BROWN	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	8
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	5	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
E. DENIS POOLE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
*AUDREY L. J. SMALLBONE	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal.
Rung in conjunction with St. Peter's Christmas Sale.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	5
IVOR WHITING	2	WILLIAM J. DIXON	6
FREDERICK W. SODEN	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
BRIAN W. HALL	4	JOHN WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

THAME, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROBERT ARNOTT	*Treble*	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	5
*FREDERICK S. SMITH	2	HARRY C. JONES	6
HARRY W. BADGER	3	*BERNARD C. COLLINS	7
ERNEST G. GARRARD	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

CEDRIC MURPHY	*Treble*	BERYL PITTAWAY	5
NORMAN HAYES	2	BETTY M. FAITHFULL	6
MOLLY DENBY	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
CHARLES TAYLOR	4	*PETER SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. This is the first peal of Plain Bob Triples on the bells, and by all the band. 25th peal as conductor.
Especially arranged and rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Nicholas.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
*FRANK C. PRICE	2	*WILLIAM WENBAN	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Robin Guy, a member of the Allesley band, and Elizabeth Roe.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	†EDWARD J. WHITE	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
HAROLD E. HARRISON	4	LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Oxford Bob 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. G. Soar, of Ticknall, who was married on December 5th.

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	‡JOHN M. JELLEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal. † 250th peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'
An 85th birthday compliment to John E. Clarke; also rung on the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jelley, who were married at St. Thomas' Church on December 8th, 1923.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

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

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

MARK W. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
MAISIE VANTOM	2	WILFRED W. RING	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	*WILLIAM CURTISS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CHARLES HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*DEREK JONES	2	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
*DENNIS KNOX	3	*BRYAN PATTISON	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

BETTY BROWN	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	HAROLD MARCON	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise Major for the Guild, which was rung at this church on December 8th, 1928. The ringers of 2, 6 and 7 took part in the original peal.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JENNIFER M. STEPHENS	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
DILLYS I. HULBERT	2	*TREVOR T. LEWIS	6
†A. RYAN PRICE	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
PERCY JONES	4	JEAN POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Percy Jones, leader at this tower; also an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DIXON	5
†JEFFREY P. COOPER	2	ARTHUR C. WALSH	6
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	ALLAN WEAR	7
PERCY WHITAKER	4	WILLIAM DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM DIXON.
* 150th peal for Association. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. John Francis Wrangham Hardy.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH	6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	FREDK. C. GUNTON	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	7
CHARLES BAILEY	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	*FRANK LEWIS	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	C.S.M. PHIL H. TOCOCK	6
ROBERT E. TURNER	3	HAROLD REED	7
*EDWARD D. COLLEY	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS	5
*GEORGE F. CANTRILL	2	*E. S. JOHN HATCHER	6
*JOHN L. MORRIS	3	*JOHN R. COOPER	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	*FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	†PETER J. RYE	5
FREDERICK A. RYE	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal in two Minor methods away from the treble. † First peal in two Minor methods. The fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the district to do his National Service in the R.A.F.; also to P. J. Rye, who is returning to Germany.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	4
ARTHUR JOPP	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	5
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal on six bells.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	*MISS E. OVEREND	4
*ERNEST BRAY	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
DAVID HOARE	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ERIC FLINTHAM	*Treble*	FRED BISHOP	4
RHODA BROWN	2	JOHN R. YOUNG	5
†ARTHUR YOUNG	3	†ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RHODA BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal together. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

A farewell peal for the Rev. S. E. Allso, who is leaving for the parish of All Saints, East Finchley.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

ALAN ELSMORE	*Treble*	*DEREK K. KNOWLES	4
*ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	†KENNETH W. KNOWLES	5
*DEREK J. TRANTER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise.

MONKS-ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 6, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	JOHN S. WYBREW	4
ALAN G. FEVER	2	KENNETH G. BROWN	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.



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PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

*CLIVE PROSSER	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	SYDNEY BOWYER	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	*MAURICE WALTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

BRIAN CUTHBERT	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 8, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

A. CHARLES MORRIS	*Treble*	*THOMAS GWILT	4
*RICHARD G. MORRIS	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
ERIC E. WIMLETT	3	REUBEN HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

SIDNEY HALL	*Treble*	GEORGE WEBB	3
WILLIAM A. YATES	2	*ALBERT H. HINTON	4
GEORGE ATKINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE ATKINS.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the homecoming of Albert H. Hinton from the Forces.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

GEORGE OLIVER	*Treble*	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	4
COLIN J. CHAMPION	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of P.O. Martin Jackson, R.A.F., a member of the local band, who was killed whilst flying on November 19th.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
*MARGARET E. BROWN	2	GEORGE OLIVER	5
COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the above Association.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of April Day and All Saints, eight extents of Bob Doubles and ten extents and six 240's of Grandsire Doubles.
Tenor 8 cwt.

L. MAYNARD	*Treble*	†R. HARRIS	4
A. E. WEBB	2	S. A. HAYZELDEN	5
*W. HARRIS	3	*S. H. HAYZELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. A. HAYZELDEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in four methods by local band.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Roy Hayzelden, son of conductor, on November 21st.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Grandsire, three of April Day, and 11 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. T. J. MARRIOTT	*Treble*	MRS. S. H. JONES	4
AUDREY S. NOBLE	2	PETER MARRIOTT	5
T. J. MARRIOTT	3	RHODA HEMMINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER MARRIOTT.

First peal in nine methods by all the band. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Walter G. Soar (tower captain) and Winifred Hodgkinson.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	*Treble*	C. FRANK J. ARNOLD	4
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
W. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

50th peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*IAN G. PIDOUX	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		DEREK G. GOODMAN	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 8, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Reverse and Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*MALCOLM KING	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		†JOHN KING	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal in more than one method. † First handbell peal in more than one method for the Guild.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Roe and Mr. Robin Guy.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT 26, BRABAZON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	1—2	BERT GOGLE	5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Bob Triples: S. Bonnett 1, R. Castledine (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, L. Hughes 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Imogen Darell-Waters (first quarter of Major) 3, J. Harrison 4, D. Lamb 5, R. Buckland 6, W. Edwards 7, A. Bridges 8. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Imogen Darell-Waters (first quarter of Triples) 3, J. Harrison 4, R. Buckland 5, W. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung for the Confirmation service.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Cleaver 2, Mrs. C. W. Woolley 3, T. Clark 4, P. Parslow 5, W. Wenban 6, J. Rootes 7, J. Cleaver 8. Rung for Evensong.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss E. Pearson 1, W. Wall, sen., 2, W. Wall, jun., 3, Miss B. Fairer 4, V. Forshaw 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8. Rung for Confirmation services.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 480 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roussell 1, Kathleen Hibbert 2, Patricia Hibbert 3 (all aged 11 years), C. J. Hibbert 4, W. Hibbert 5, R. Wells 6; and 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Roussell 1, June East 2, Eileen Wilson 3, E. Sneller 4, Joan White 5, C. J. Hibbert 6, W. Hibbert (cond.) 7, R. Wells 8.

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

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Miss P. Gray 1, R. Freeman 2, E. Gilbert 3, P. Inskip 4, W. Izzard 5, H. Gilbert 6, L. Turner 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. G. Bonfield, organist at the church for 52 years.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,953 Stedman Caters (a date touch): T. Grice 1, L. Mannering 2, F. Hogan 3, F. Macey 4, G. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10.

QUARTER PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. E. Sone 1, Jill Haffenden (first in method 'inside') 2, P. Carter 3, Betty M. Vidler 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 8.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hancock 1, W. G. Turner 2, J. Greenwood 3, F. Jagger 4, C. F. Sutcliffe 5, G. Turner 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, L. Healy 8. A farewell to the Rev. John F. Walker prior to being inducted Vicar of Gawthorpe.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Juliet Merrill (16) 1, Ivy Werrett (12, first 'inside') 2, Pamela Willes (16) 3, R. M. Dixon (14) 4, Angela Willes (16) 5, J. F. Collings (16) 6, M. A. Collings (17, cond.) 7, Jean Sanderson (16) cover-bell. Average age of band 15 years 9 months. Believed to be the first quarter in Hertfordshire by local Sunday service band under 17 years of age. Rung for Advent Sunday and Confirmation service at St. Thomas' Church.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gorringe 1, W. N. Genna (cond.) 2, Miss S. Clayton (first of Triples) 3, D. Burton 4, H. Punt 5, R. W. Wilkinson 6, E. W. Thurlow 7, H. Stratford 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pidwell on their golden wedding anniversary, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Stratford on their silver wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Punt on the birth of a son.

POPLAR, E.—At All Saints' Church on Advent Sunday, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, C. R. Smith 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, G. Bryant 6, C. W. Ottley 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock 9, F. W. Blewer 10. Rung for Evensong. First quarter peal on the bells since the rededication (after extensive bomb damage) by the Lord Bishop of London on October 23rd, 1953. A quarter peal came to grief on that night owing to the tenor clapper breaking.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Wratten 1, H. Harper 2, D. Burnett 3, Patricia D. Prowse 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. H. Eplett 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, C. K. Brewer 8.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Dec. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Rawlings 5, R. Charge 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. H. Ford, wife of the tower warden and a great friend of the ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Ford most kindly entertained the ringers and a few of their friends after divine service.

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

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, R. S. Payne 3, R. J. Darch 4, C. J. Gibson 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Also by the same company, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clements and 540 Plain Bob), conducted by J. W. Blythe. First 720 St. Clement's by all except the conductor.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. G. Brown (cond.) 1, R. E. Lester 2, A. G. Fever 3, G. E. Catton 4, J. Wybrew 5, D. Brand 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Devenish (first of Triples) 1, J. Tomsett 2, J. Chapman 3, H. Cox 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, P. Devenish 6, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, J. Warner 5, D. Portway 6, C. Burton 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2 and 3. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss W. Mellin 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, B. Rice 3, J. Warner 4, E. W. Bright 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the festival of St. Nicolas, before and after evening service.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Beard 2, A. Grove, sen., 3, T. Culver 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung for morning service and good wishes to A. Grove, jun., on his departure for National Service; also a birthday compliment to J. Crickmore, now in Switzerland. Both are members of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Forty years ago, on Dec. 19th, 1913, Mr. Fredk. J. Bailey and his father (now 82) rang together in the son's first peal at Whitchurch, Glamorgan. They still ring together regularly for Sunday services at the same tower.

Congratulations to Mrs. H. J. Poole, of Leicester, who rang her 400th peal on December 10th.

Service ringers at Hughenden rang a non-conducted quarter-peal of Grandsire on Dec. 13th. This was the first time a silent quarter peal has been attempted at this church.

The Editor acknowledges with sincere gratitude a handsome calendar from his ringing friends at Horbury, Yorkshire, with a photograph of Whitby Harbour.

Mr. Frank Absalom, Ringing Master of the South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is in hospital. The band which rang in the peal at Thame on December 5th wish him a speedy recovery. This is the second peal at Thame this year that Mr. Absalom has had to forgo through illness.

May we remind our peal ringing readers that this is the last issue in 1953. The Editor would like to receive personal records of those who rang 40 or more peals during 1953. Please give the following details: Name, town, totals of peals on tower bells and peals on handbells, and the respective number of peals conducted.

The work of recasting the present ring of eight bells and providing a new steel frame at St. John's Church, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs, has been given to the Loughborough foundry. The contract for the new clock movement and repairs to a ringing machine has been granted to William Potts, of Leeds. Work is to commence early in the New Year.

December 5th was an important day in ringing history in the North of England when the first peal on the bells of Stockton-on-Tees Parish Church was rung. The ringers would like to record their appreciation of the act of the Vicar of Stockton in entertaining them to dinner after the peal. Afterwards one of the band travelled 140 miles home in his 1926 Bentley—complete with deerstalker hat. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would certainly have found fresh inspiration had he been present. 'Elementary, my dear Watson,' remarked the conductor.

Meeting short for practice at Cannock on December 10th, it was decided to ring a quarter peal of Doubles. By coincidence it was found that every ringer's surname started with 'B.'

St. Mary's Cathedral band, Sydney, wish to extend Christmas greetings to all ringers at home, and especially to all old friends of Australian ringing.

The peal of 5,000 Stedman Caters by W. T. Elson, which was published in our issue of December 11th, was first rung on June 27th at All Saints' Church, Isleworth, under the auspices of the London County Association. The peal was conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

Writing from Sydney, N.S.W., Miss Joan Hills informs us that she and Miss Margaret Winter are coming home next year. They wonder whether there are any more young ringers who have an ambition to ring in 'foreign parts,' and would like to come out and join forces with a really grand crowd of lads. They can both, from personal experience, assure any would-be travellers of the welcome which awaits them in any of the Australian towers.

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Those of you who find 'Kewsett' rather too difficult after Christmas dinner may like to try something easier. At least, some people may find them easier; one ringer on whom I tried them confessed that he could answer one only, and that was because he had verified the answer for me. But I feel that half marks is the lowest at which anyone should feel even moderately satisfied! Here, then, are the questions:

E. A. B.

QUESTIONS

SECTION I.—RINGERS.

1. What ringers have (a) rung, (b) conducted 1,000 or more peals?

2. Who was the first to ring 100 peals, and when was this accomplished?

3. Who 'had taken much delight in ringing, but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it. . . .'?

4. What four brothers rang handbells peals of:
   (a) Superlative.
   (b) London Surprise Major?

5. Who first rang over 100 peals in a year, and when?

SECTION II.—COMPOSERS AND COMPOSITIONS.

6. When and by whom was the liability to internal falseness of Treble Bob methods discovered?

7.
   (a) By whom was the first peal of Superlative with reversed course-ends obtained?
   (b) When and where was it first rung?

8. Who (in modern spelling) found Caters and Cinques 'in such a rude and chaos-like state, as may be easier conceived than described, but . . . threw them into the harmonious tittums, where they still continue, and most likely ever will remain'?

9. What composer was described as 'that arch-pirate' (J. A. Trollope) and 'unfortunate in the similarity of all his compositions in Grandsire Triples to those of well-known composers' (J. W. Snowdon)?

10. By whom were the longest peals of Kent or Oxford Treble Bob composed (a) with the tenors together, (b) of any kind (excluding Spliced), and what are their lengths?

SECTION III.—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS.

11. What have been the longest (a) successful, (b) unsuccessful single-handed attempts for a peal?

12. What is the longest false peal to have been rung?

13. The heaviest tenor rung single-handed to peals of Maximus is at St. Paul's Cathedral. By whom has this been performed and what where the methods?

14. What was the first handbell peal (with the bells 'retained in hand')?

15. What were the first
   (a) tower-bell
   (b) handbell
peals rung out of the British Isles?

16. What was the first Surprise peal on handbells and who was the conductor?

17. Where and when was the first known muffled peal?

18. When and by whom was the first 'name' peal?

19. What and when was the first peal by clergymen?

20. When were the first peals of:
   (a) Surprise Royal.
   (b) Surprise Maximus, and what were the methods?

The Editor offers prizes of book tokens for the most complete set of answers received by January 11th. Please address your envelope: 'Twenty Questions,' 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Mitcham's Restored Ring

The restored ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.) was open after a period of 10 years to members of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association on November 28th. The meeting was extremely popular, as 19 towers in the district were represented. Ringing was under the direction of the Master (Mr. F. E. Collins).

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Thorold) conducted the service, and gave an address. This was followed by tea and a business meeting in the Fortescue Schools. The meal was excellently prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Howard.

The following nominations for district officers were received: Master, F. E. Collins; hon. secretary, W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, H. Pitstow; hon. auditor, Mr. Layton; committee, R. Lathbury, A. J. Adams, E. J. Lindley, C. Parks, G. Peters.

A collection for the bell fund amounted to 28s. 6d. Mr. Collins closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to its success. Further ringing was held at Christ Church.

A LINCOLN ANNIVERSARY

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on December 12th marked the 25th anniversary of the dedication and opening of the ring of twelve bells which took place on December 15th, 1928. The band was made up of present and past members of the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers.

The band in this peal and also that at Washingborough on Dec. 1st wish to associate with them the name of Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who arranged both peals and, prior to his going into hospital, had intended to take part in them.

Mr. Freeman conducted the first peal of London Surprise by the Lincoln Guild, and has been Master of the Lincoln Cathedral Company for 24 of the 25 years during which the twelve bells have been installed.

A THOUGHT FOR 1954

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DEDICATION

FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT

The bells rang out joyously from the belfry of All Saints' Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, when a service of thanksgiving for their restoration was held on December 5th.

The address was given by the Archdeacon of the Island (the Ven. A. Cory), the lesson was read by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Upton), and Mr. Ives was at the organ. The Canon described bell ringing as an English art, and urged its true connection with worship.

The service was followed by tea in the Red Lion Inn, which was attended by the vice-president of the Isle of Wight Bell Ringers' Guild (Dr. Williamson). Mr. P. Cannon represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the work of restoring the bells. There were 28 bellringers present, representing Ryde, Newport, Carisbrooke, Godshill, Arreton and Dorking.

The ringing was continued in the evening, a feature being a quarter peal in honour of the Rector (the Rev. R. P. Dodd, M.C., R.D.) being appointed an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral. The programme consisted of touches, including Double Court, Stedman Bob Minor, All Saints Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge, rung by the visitors and local ringers.

A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following: F. A. Green 1, C. Dennis (conductor) 2, H. Long (first quarter peal) 3, L. Bailey 4, J. Check 5, C. A. Saunders 6. All partaking in ringing expressed appreciation of the ease of ringing and the fine tone of the bells.

SOLIHULL PARISH CHURCH

Spire Restoration Completed

Repairs to the spire of the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull, are now completed. A year or two ago the stone work was found to be badly cracked, and although it was not considered necessary to forbid the ringing of the bells, the length of time for which they could be rung was somewhat limited. Closer examination of the spire revealed that the decay was greater than had been supposed, and the resultant work entailed taking down and rebuilding some 30 feet of spire and the rebuilding of the four pinnacles. In the process of the work the weather vane was repaired and regilded. It is interesting to note that the last spire work was carried out in the 1911 Coronation period, the photographs of which show the tower at that time clothed in scaffolding.

On December 12th a Service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the present restoration was attended by a very large congregation, which included the Chairman of the Urban District Council, the Education Officer, and the civic rulers of the town. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Reverend J. L. Wilson, who was thus visiting Solihull for the first time.

After the service a band chosen from St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rang an excellent peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by Albert Walker, who was celebrating on this day the 55th anniversary of his wedding. The peal was arranged and rung at the special request of the Rector and churchwardens as a part of the thanksgiving for the successful conclusion of the work on the church. The Rector, the Rev. H. Hartley, visited the belfry after the peal to thank the band and to congratulate them on the excellence of the striking.

E. C. S.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED ROBERTS

We regret to have to record the passing on Dec. 9th, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Alfred Roberts, a member of the St. Paul's, Stalybridge, Cheshire, band. He had served his church faithfully as a ringer for 53 years, and his place will be hard to fill. Up to February this year he was rarely absent from service ringing and practice, and was a regular attender at the meetings of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild, and his pleasant and unassuming personality will be sadly missed.

He was carried to his last rest on December 12th by members of the local band, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Basil Hamer). After the committal a course of the method he loved so well, Grandsire Triples, was rung 'in hand' by Tom Wilde, Mrs. C. K. Lewis, C. Kenneth Lewis and A. R. Elkins.

Mr. Roberts' peal total was small compared with present day standards, but it was spread out over 42 years. His first peal was rung in January, 1911, at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, conducted by Ben Thorpe, and Mr. T. Wilde took part in it. His last peal was rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' service ringing at St. Paul's by himself and his friend, Mr. Charles Wood, and also as a farewell to Canon B. B. Slater, who retired after 25 years' service as Vicar. It is worth recording that his tower has always been a good supporter of the Chester Guild, and has had a good supply of ringers. We shall never know how much this was due to Alf. Roberts, who, in his own quiet way, went about securing the future ringing of his tower. C. K. L.

NORTH STONEHAM'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The ringers of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, Hants, took a prominent part in the patronal festival. On December 5th a peal of Bob Triples was rung. It had been hoped that this would be rung by the local band, but at the last minute there was an absentee, and Beryl Pittaway, who is only 14, stood in and rang her first peal of Bob Triples.

The ringers' supper and annual meeting followed, attended by 17 persons, including the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Shail), the curate and a churchwarden. Four members of the band were unable to be present. A pleasant evening was spent.

Evensong on December 6th was attended by the Mayor and Aldermen of Eastleigh, in which borough St. Nicholas' Church stands. During his sermon the Rector gave a comprehensive survey of the history of the church, and announced the opening of a fund to raise £200 to repair the one-handed clock in the church, which is thought to be unique in the Diocese.

The festival social on December 11th was run by three ringers, and the proceeds, amounting to about £3 5s., are to go to the Bell Restoration Fund. All the social songs were sung by Anita Norris, another ringer.

The final and, perhaps, crowning event in the festival week was a play, called 'The First Santa Claus,' which was performed by children of the Sunday School, with the curate, Rev. S. C. Wincott, as Bishop Nicholas of Myra (and Santa Claus), and produced by Mrs. A. M. Reed, another ringer. This took place after Evensong on Sunday, December 13th, before a packed church.

CHURCH BELLS — AS HEARD BY THE POETS

BY J. M. STEPHENS

Article upon article has been written on the music of the bells, but how often do we stop to consider the poetry of the bells? Just as the lover of bells obtains great enjoyment on hearing a well-struck touch or peal, so can he gain satisfaction from reading good poetry. Bell poetry falls into three main categories. There is first the trivial rhyming couplet that so often adorns a belfry wall; secondly, the somewhat amateurish effort of the local poet who does, however, know his subject; and thirdly, the highly inspired work of recognised poets, and it is this class that forms the basis of this article. The novice bellringer is told that he will never finish learning the Art, and this statement might easily be extended to the searcher for poetry connected with the Exercise. The serious collector will continually meet with new gems, and so for this reason the extracts that follow are in no way to be taken as exhaustive.

Bells have manifold uses, and we find that the bells sound different according to the occasion. Thus Milton, in 'L'Allegro,' writes:

'When the merry bells ring round.'

Macaulay, in 'The Armada':

'Right sharp and quick the bells all night rang out from Bristol towers,' while Poe, in his poem 'The Bells,' compares in onomatopoeic fashion the sound of wedding bells, alarum bells and funeral bells.

Frequently our interest is heightened by the poet's mention of a specific church in city, town or village, and we are enabled to compare our present-day opinion of a particular ring with that of the poet. Oxford is perhaps better favoured in this respect than any other place, but this is hardly surprising in view of its multitudinous spires and pinnacles. Richard, Bishop Corbet, in the early part of the seventeenth century, tells us of the recasting of Great Tom of Christ Church in the words:

'. . . . for to-day
Is young Tom's resurrection from the clay.'

In the same poem we have passing references to other great bells.

'. . . . the base vast thundering Clock of Westminster,
Grave Tom of Lincoln and huge Excester.'

Another poet, James Hurdis (1763-1801), in 'The Curate,' reminiscences on his undergraduate days, and he relates how, standing on the banks of the Isis, he has heard

'. . . . the merry Christ Church bells rejoice.'

We read, too, of

'Distinguished Magdalen . . . to hear thy silvery Wolsey tones so sweet,' and 'Wykeham's peal along the meadow ran.'

The nineteenth century gives us

'Towering city and branching between towers;
Cuckoo-echoing, bell-swarmed, lark-charmèd

. . . . .

written by G. M. Hopkins, and Lionel Johnson's 'Oxford,' which recalls

'. . . . the chime of full, sad bells.'

This affinity for Oxford does not remain with the lesser poets. William Cowper, writing of the Oxford of 1789, gives us the gem

'Nor less thy varying bells, which hardly sound
In pensive chime, or ring in lively round,
Or toll in the slow Curfew's solemn roar.'

Cowper does not confine his remarks to Oxford bells, however. In his poem 'The Task' he gives the reader a picture of the River Ouse at Olney. Here the river winds its way through the luscious water-meadows, past the elms, and by the Church with its distinctive steps. The poet phrases it thus:

'. . . . square tow'r,
Tall spire, from which the sound of cheerful bells
Just undulates upon the listening ear.'

Travelling now to the uplands of south-east Cambridgeshire we find the small village of Balsham is honoured with a complete poem of twelve lines in praise of its bells.

'Sweet waft their rounds those tuneful brothers five,'

writes Kenrick Prescot in 1770, and continues

'At eve the swains stir up the pleasing sounds.'

Another complete bell poem is 'Bredon Hill,' from 'A Shropshire Lad,' by A. E. Housman.

'In summer-time on Bredon
The bells they sound so clear . . .'

From this poem we see that Housman was much attracted by the sound of church bells, and further reading shows us that he could differentiate between good and bad striking: 'When the bells justle in the tower' (Additional Poems IX.) and 'The bells rang, ringing no tune' (New Year's Eve).

Of the contemporary poets we must look to that king of 'church-crawlers,' John Betjeman.

'Lord's Day bells from Bingham's Melcome,
Iwerne Minster,
Shroton, Plush . . . mellow in the evening hush.'

and

'The pealing out across the estuary
The Padstow bells rang up for practice-night

. . . .'

are two of such passages that abound in his poems. One more, however, must be quoted.

'Ringers in an oil-lit belfry . . .
Smoothly practising a plain course . . . .'

and later in the same poem

'And an undersong . . .
. . . was the mathematical pattern of a plain course on the bells.'

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But, good as this is, the zenith of bell poetry is surely given to us by Robert Bridges, who, just forty years ago, wrote his poem 'Noel: Christmas Eve, 1913.' In the opening lines he relates of his night walk while

'Distant music reached me
peals of bells aringing:
The constellation ran. . . .'

The greatest moment for ringers is the vivid description in the third verse. We cannot read these lines without immediately being transported to the ringing chamber and taking part in the act of praise of 'our country folk.'

'With arms lifted to clutch the rattling ropes that race
Into the dark above and the mad romping din.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUFFLED RINGING IN 1817

Dear Sir,—As no one else has answered Mr Cloke's inquiry as to when half-muffled ringing was first practised, I thought I would send along what I believe is the first mention of muffled ringing of any kind. I have been taking all the ringing journals since about 1888 and have no recollection of muffled ringing being mentioned prior to this at Bromley in 1817. The peal tablet was lost in the blitz of April 16th, 1941, with most of our other possessions, but, fortunately, between the wars, a 'History of Bromley' was written and we lent the author the tablet to have an engraving made of it, and it can now be seen in the public library. A brief description of the tablet is also in Morris's 'History of Change Ringing.' Yours, etc.,

ISAAC EMERY.

Bromley.

The peal board read as follows:—

RANG AT ST. PETER'S, BROMLEY

On the 15th of January, 1817, by the Society of Bromley Youths, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, which is 5,040 Changes with the bells muffled, in Commemoiration of Wm. Chapman deceased, being a Ringer in the Parish of Bromley 45 years and rang upwards of 60 peals, this Dumb Peal was completed in 3 hours and 6 mines.

Thos Giles	1st	Wm. King	5th
Rd. Chapman	2nd	Jno. Allen	6th
Wm. Sanger	3rd	Wm. Fuller	7th
Ge. Stone	4th	Jno. Green	8th

Being the first Dumb Peal in this Kind ever Rung in this Kingdom and Conducted by J. Allen. C. T. G.

THE DEANERY CHURCH, BOCKING

Dear Sir,—Many ringers have had the pleasure of ringing on the fine octave at the Deanery Church, Bocking. These bells have for the past 22 years been available at any time, Holy Week excepted. The parish has spent a great deal of money on restoration and repairs since the war, and we had thought our troubles were at an end, but a few weeks ago masonry began to fall from the pinnacles at the top of the tower, and a crack was found. Ringing has been restricted, and we may have to stop ringing altogether. This would be tragic, as for the first time since the 1914 war we have a change ringing band capable to ringing the eight bells.

A start has been made to raise the money needed for repairs, and a bazaar, held last Saturday, contributed £250 to the fund. The churchwardens asked me if ringers would help. I replied that my knowledge of the brotherhood of ringers left no doubt in my mind that they would, and splendidly. All donations sent to me will be gratefully acknowledged. We pray that God will grant to us at Bocking speedy repairs to our tower.—Yours, etc.,

RONALD SUCKLING.

27, Coldnailhurst Avenue,
Braintree, Essex.

GRID ANALYSIS

Dear Sir, — Recent correspondence in your columns between very learned gentlemen is, we suggest, getting beyond the interest and intelligence of 99.9 per cent. of the ringing fraternity.

Could not those specialists in Grid Analysis carry on their discussion by post, or through the medium of the Third Programme?—Yours sincerely,

C. E. JEFFRIES,
C. H. HARDING,
B. F. SIMS,
M. J. LOCKEY.

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—I was surprised and a bit misled by my namesake's letter. He seems concerned about the *few* who would be unable to attend the annual meeting on a Saturday. Surely whatever occupation a person may have, he can be freed for *once* a year. Mr. Mills admits that many now go to football, etc., and don't attend the meeting. Isn't this why it's high time it should be held on a Saturday. We are now living in a world of sport, and who wants to be confined to ringing, etc., all day on a Bank Holiday when so many other attractions are available to one's self, wife and family?

As regards the suggested 1s. 6d. rise in subscription, if some 20 members of Bures and district are too mean to pay 4s. a year to keep the flag flying, maybe their Christianity will still keep them ringing their well-struck courses for God's services.

One final word: Mr. Mills mentions 'First peals,' etc., should be printed only. No, sir, we don't want this, but a better and bigger report as in the past. I hope the few who want the peal levy realise that it must make a lot of work for our worthy secretary, as well as for the conductors.—Yours sincerely,

L. G. BRETT.

RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—As a result of the articles which you were kind enough to publish in full, greater interest in the Herts Association is being taken throughout the county, and I have received many letters giving further information, also gifts of books for the library and orders for the proposed reprint in booklet form!

The letter published recently is very misleading, and has been answered by Mrs. A. M. Fergusson, who, as librarian, gave your correspondent the information he required from the volumes of 'The Bell News,' which have been in the library at St. Peter's, St. Albans, since 1926-27, when he donated them. The late Mr. G. W. Cartmel gave full acknowledgment at the time.

In fairness to our present librarian (Mr. C. F. Saver), may I state that he has also carried out his duties in a thorough manner, including the preservation and repair of many of the books, and that, with the help of a sub-committee, all the books have been checked, and a new list will shortly be circulated to all affiliated towers. It has also been found that the Association possesses *two* copies of the 1677 'Campanalogia,' by Fabian Stedman, although it was stated in 1946 and in subsequent years that the book of this title was missing.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST,
Gen. Hon. Sec., Herts County Association.

St. Albans.

UMPIRES FOR STEDMAN SEXTUPLES

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Stedman Sextuples rung at Leicester on November 29th, I regret very much indeed that the umpires' names were omitted from the peal report. My apology is due to each of them, and I sincerely tender same. The persons concerned were Joseph S. Carter, of Wigston Magna, and Ernest Morris, of Leicester, the bells being checked throughout the peal.

Apart from being associated with the event, quite a few would suggest there is little satisfaction in umpiring a handbell peal, and I feel very sorry indeed that full credit should not have been included with the report. On behalf of all the band, I would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express to each of them our full appreciation and grateful thanks.—Yours truly,

Leicester. HAROLD POOLE.

MATHEMATICAL APPROACH TO EXTENDED GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir, — Having perused the letters of Messrs. Moreton and Twyman with interest, I felt a slight regret that neither had considered adapting the well known thesis of Herr Taubenhaus, which will give still more comprehensive results, viz.:—

$$\text{Coefficient of Performance} = \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2}$$

where T_1 is the higher absolute temperature and T_2 the lower.

Now, by substituting known values and embodying the result in Herr Taubenhaus' equation we have

$$\text{Coefficient of Performance} = \text{Nix}_{oo} \times o \times \frac{\phi}{124.I_{oo}} + \phi \, \text{Log}_e \, r..$$

where o is the object of the attempt and ϕ an abstract function.

It will now be found that by introducing Mr. Twyman's equation with the foregoing and again substituting known values we have the means of determining the combined age of the band, their Ph value and RPM., together with the acidity of the tea or beer they may reasonably be expected to consume after the performance.

The above is, of course, capable of a little more elaboration and may be adapted to all individual needs by the use of extended functions and similar devices, but I thought the general idea might be acceptable. Its resources appear to be limitless.—Yours helpfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

N.B.—Herr Taubenhaus was also a very well known international chess player.

AMERICANS' INTEREST IN CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Having read the first paragraph on page 788, in 'The Ringing World' of the 4th inst., re the statement made by the Rev. C. G. Pearson, who preached at a Guildford district meeting, I am prompted to send you a copy of a letter written to our Vicar on Aug. 29th, 1947.

'One Sunday evening during the war I went to unlock the belfry door when two American soldiers asked me what time Matins were held. I told them the service began at 6.30, and as it was about 5.45 p.m., I asked them if they would like to come up to the belfry and wait. They were delighted to do so and, when we were almost ready, they almost begged us to let them give us a hand with the ringing, but admitted they had no previous experience.' — Yours faithfully,

J. B. WOODLEY.

Basingstoke.

NOTE.—The letter was written by Mr. George Williams, of Charleston, South Carolina, who wrote about his visit to a church while stationed at Barton Stacey with the 95th Division. He was invited into the ringing chamber, and saw the ringers at work. He adds:

'I can still remember that experience: the sight of the recorded peals on the walls and the ringers moving up and down and the sallies leaping and falling, the smell of the old wood and stone, the sound of muffled changes assailing our ears, and the feel of that hard bench are all vivid to me.'

Readers will remember Mr. George Williams wrote to 'The Ringing World' telling how, in his own church at St. Michael's, Charleston, he played Grandsire Triples on the carillon there. —Editor.

LETTERS—Continued

CALLING INTO ROUNDS

Dear Sir,—The leading article on 'Calling into Rounds' in your issue of December 11th by E. C. S. was very interesting to me.

Snowdon's Treatise on Grandsire contains a quick and easy way of calling Triples into rounds.

With Stedman Triples the following is a good way of bringing the bells home: After getting 4-6 behind and the 7th in 4-5 up coming out quick, then:

If 5th is in treble's place call bob at 3.

If 5th is in 2nds place call bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13.

If 5th is in 3rds place call bobs at 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13.

Should the bells now be out of course call a single at either 5 or 10, another way call bobs at 6, 7, 12, which produce rounds at handstroke.

In my estimation it is a great pity that Dr. Carpenter's list of going off and homing courses of Stedman Caters was omitted from the second edition of Snowdon's 'Stedman.' These were very useful for short service touches, also a guide for calling into rounds.

May I suggest that the Central Council publish these in pamphlet form to be included in their list of publications?

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir, — With reference to Mr. M. G. Morton's letter published in your issue of December 11th, 1953, I would like to advance the opposite point of view, and to uphold the things which he finds amusing and seeks to decry.

A general survey of the notes which appear at the foot of peals would not lead one to suppose that there had been any problem involved, and I venture to suggest that no thought or discussion is needed in the vast majority of cases, and that the conductor, before ever the peal starts, knows what footnotes will appear if the peal is successful.

As a conductor who takes some trouble to integrate his peals with the life and worship of the Church, I would like to observe that I have been much encouraged to see the growth of footnotes of this description in recent years. Every good churchman knows his saints' days; he does not have to take 'infinite trouble to wade through the Kalendar.' Of course, all ringers derive pleasure from their peals, but is that pleasure not enhanced and shared if the object of the peal is to join in the worship of the Church by the observance of a saint's day? The incumbent is on the side of the ringers right from the start, and if the conductor sends him an account of the peal afterwards it will usually be published in the parish magazine. Some incumbents will even give notice of the attempt to their congregations. The whole parish then understands and shares in the pleasure of the ringing.

Let us then have our footnotes which show that the peal has been arranged for a purpose. Let us also remember that we are members of the Church of Christ, and that our bells send forth the Christian message. If our personal motives can be subordinated to the spiritual life of the Church, of which we are a part, then we have secured a far greater reward. I see in this theme a great opportunity for ringers generally to draw closer to the Church, and I look forward to reading more and more footnotes to peals indicative of the fact that the bells are being put to their proper use, namely, the worship of God.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

THE BELLS OF HORSELL, SURREY

About a mile from busy Woking is the smaller and quieter Horsell. When the railway people issued their first time table Woking Station was named 'Horsell for Woking'! The embattled tower of St. Mary's Church dates from about the close of the 14th century, and contains a ring of six bells, tenor diameter 39 inches, or about 10 cwt. In 1552, when the Royal Inventory was taken, Horsell had 'iij belles in the staple,' and at a later date the number was increased to four.

On October 23rd, 1741, the four old bells were taken down and recast into the present ring of six by Robert Catlin, a founder who had, about two years earlier, succeeded to the business of Samuel Knight at the Holborn foundry, London. The first time they were rung was on October 23rd, 1741, and the inscription on the 5th tells us that 'Robert Catlin cast and hung us all A.D. 1741.'

Catlin cast a considerable number of bells for Surrey between 1740 and 1751, but Horsell retains the only complete six by him in the county.

The way to the ringing chamber is by way of a ladder fastened to a wall in the base of the tower, then you pass through a trap door, which is usually closed during ringing.

The first peal on the bells was rung on December 11th, 1909, consisting of Minor in four methods, booked to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who operated a considerable part of Surrey prior to 1927. The writer rang the tenor to this peal, and was somewhat startled shortly afterwards to find that the Horsell Guild claimed peals in 1888/9, at least that is what a Surrey paper states in January, 1889. The account reads: 'The Horsell Guild of Church Bell Ringers rang out the old and rang in the new year in three merry peals on New Year's Eve. They completed peals of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, and to usher in the New Year they rang a peal of Stedman's Bob Doubles.' There is no record of these peals in the tower and, in view of the fact that Triples cannot be rung on six bells, the account cannot be taken too seriously, for in those days there was no Central Council, and our Guilds and Associations had not been established many years.

In 1911, when 'The Ringing World' was founded a mile away from Horsell, it was considered right and proper that a peal of Minor should be rung on the nearest ring of bells, and a successful peal was rung on May 20th. Horsell bells, cast as a complete six in 1741, still call the faithful to worship and remind listeners of higher things.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHRISTMAS POSTS

Although the postal copies of the last issue of 'The Ringing World' were delivered to Guildford Post Office at the usual time the unprecedented rush of the Christmas post resulted in a serious hold-up. We apologise to our readers who have been inconvenienced, and assure them that the circumstances were outside our control.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE AT HERSHAM

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Surprise rung at Hersham, Surrey, on Nov. 25th, 1953, records that it was the first in the method on the bells. May I point out a peal in this method was rung in the tower on July 30th, 1938, conducted by the undersigned, and was then recorded as being the first peal in the method on the bells.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

MR. T. E. SONE'S 500 PEALS

With a peal at Quex Park, Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, rang his 500th peal. These have been rung with 468 ringers in 124 towers for 20 Associations. He has conducted 217 different (136 one-part) compositions by 64 composers. His peals are as follows:

Doubles, Grandsire 2 (conducted 2).

Minor, in two, three and four methods 6 (1), in seven methods 2 (1), Cambridge 3 (1).

Triples, Grandsire 61 (45 Holt's Original five times round 'circle' and 1 non-conducted), Stedman 13 (2), Spliced Grandsire and Bob Major 1 (1).

Major, Plain Bob 23 (10), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Spliced Canterbury and Plain Bob, every lead, 1 (1), St. Clement's College 1, Double Norwich 89 (63), Dartford Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 97 (84), Oxford Treble Bob 11 (11), Spliced Oxford and Kent 1 (1), Ilkeston Treble Bob 1, Worcester Treble Bob 1 (1), Liversedge Treble Bob 1 (1), Cam Treble Bob 1, Double Oxford 1.

Major Surprise, Superlative 41 (22), Cambridge 35 (13), New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 2, Painswick 3, Ashtead 8 (5), Yorkshire 24 (8), Rotherfield 1, Rutland 3, Lincolnshire 2, Aldenham 1, Ipswich 1, Apsley 2 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Bristol 1, London 1, Spliced Cambridge Surprise and Yorkshire 2.

Caters, Grandsire 11 (11), Erin 1 (1), Stedman 6 (1), Double Norwich 1 (1).

Royal, Plain Bob 8 (5), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 18 (16), Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinques, Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Maximus, Kent Treble Bob 3 (2), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total: 500 (31).

This list does not include two found to be false compositions.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 26th, 1913

THE BOSTON GUILD

RINGING ACKNOWLEDGED BY U.S.A. PRESIDENT

The most recent activities of the Boston (U.S.A.) Guild are chronicled by Dr. A. H. Nichols, who writes: The past week has been one of unusual activity for Boston ringers, they having rung by invitation at four different towers, while their performances have received noteworthy recognition.

On Sunday, November 23rd, they met at the Perkins Institute, Watertown, to ring at the hour of morning service. . . .

At the request of His Honour the Mayor of Boston, Christ Church bells were pealed for one hour on November 25th in celebration of the marriage of the younger daughter of President Wilson at Washington. On the following day the President acknowledged by telegram this thoughtful compliment.

On Wednesday evening, November 26th, the ringers went to Hingham to ring for a conjoint service of different parishes on the eve of Thanksgiving (Day). . . .

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, was spent at Groton School. . . . The ringers were welcomed by Messrs. Sturgis and Abbott, of the school staff, who later manned the treble and tenor ropes in various touches. . . . In the afternoon an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by P. J. Allfrey. The striking was admirable for an hour and ten minutes (in which time 1,700 changes were rung), when a slip resulted from failure to hear a bob call. . . . The enjoyable day was brought to a close by a well-struck course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in which the heavy-going tenor was rung by Richard Newton. . . .

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 802)

The foregoing is a good example of the code of Rules followed by many local companies before the advent of Guilds and Associations as we now know them. They follow in spirit the older rules which as we have already seen were in 'verse,' of which the next is a good specimen. It is dated 1774 and posted up at St. Keyne, Cornwall:—

'Aloud let silence first proclaimed be.
And by consent let's make it our decree,
And fix such laws in our Society,
Which, being observed, will keep sobriety.
Who swears or curses in an angry mood,
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood,
Who wears a hat or spur, o'erturns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
He shall pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious at another time.
And if the Sexton's fault it chance to be,
We'll lay on him a double penalty.
A blessing let us crave on church and King,
And peacefully let us begin to ring.'

The poor Sexton has to pay double! In the next I quote, however, he is better looked after!!

These lines are from Redbourn:—

'All that intend to take these ropes in hand,
To ring, mark well these lines and understand,

Which if with care you read will plainly see
What fines and forfeits are the Sexton's fee:—
He that doth break a stay, or turn a bell,
The forfeit is a groat, it's known full well;
And carelessly to ring with spur or hat,
The forfeit is a groat—beware of that:
And they that fight or quarrel, swear or curse,
Must pay two pots, turn out, or else do worse;

And for unlocking of the steeple door,
And for sweeping of the belfry floor,
And to buy oil you know is very dear,
And for your own attendance given here,
If you will well observe such rules as these
You're welcome for to ring here when you please.

Pray remember the Sexton, Jos. Brown.
May, 1764.'

The following version is at Leigh, Staffs:—

'If that to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you overthrow,
Fourpence is due before you go;
And if you ring in spur or hat,
Two pots of ale are due for that;
And for a pledge to make it sure,
Your hat shall be the forfeiture.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Therefore the clerk must have his due.'

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.

'Rules of this Tower

If you come here to ring a bell,
With hand and ear you must ring well;
Should you your bell overthrow,
Twelve pence you pay before you go.
If we for you the changes ring,
You must to us one shilling bring:
And sixpence too, without demur,
If you appear in hat and spur;
And if above you choose to go,
You sixpence pay or stay below.'

Beautifully neat work is shown in a code of thirteen rules, framed and hanging in a prominent part of the chamber. It is the work of Mr. Nicholas Newby, illuminator, Dalton. Conspicuous are the words:—

'Ring out the false,
Ring in the true.
Who rings a bell, let him look well
To hand and head and heart;
The hand for work, the head for wit,
The heart for worship's part.

'I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the House of the Lord.' (Psalm cxxii. verse 1.)

'A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.' (Psalm lxxxiv. verse 10.)

Below the code of rules are given the names of the patrons:—Rev. James M. Morgan, Edward Wadham, Esq., September, 1886. President—Rev. S A. Adams; Vice-president and conductor, Thomas Watson; Treasurer, T. R. Jackson; Secretary, James Spencer.

At Thurleigh, Beds, are the following rules:—

'Rules for Ringers

If to ring you do come Here
You must ring well with Hand and Ear
And if a Bell you chance to Throw
Sixpence to Pay before you go—
And if you ring in Spurs or Hat
Twelve-pence in all to pay for that.'

Fishwick, writing in 1878, states that 'not long ago' the following lines were painted on the plaster on the ground floor of the tower at Garstang, Lancs. They were partly obliterated when noted, but probably the missing words are supplied:—

'[Whoever] a Bell doth overthrowe
[Shall pay] two groate before he goe
[And he that] ringd with his hatte on
[Shall pay] two groate then he be gone
[And he that] ringd with Spur or heele
that penalty shall feele
[And he that] dare an oathe sweare
[For that shall pay] two quartes of beare.
[These laws are] ould, they are not newe
[But the old] clark must have his dewe.
S. R. B. M. J. Ringers.'

At St. Chad's, Rochdale, Lancs, the following undated rules are painted in 'lower case' letters on a board in the ringing chamber:—

'You Gentlemen that ringers are,
Please read these Rules and take great care.
No bell o'erturn for if you do
Sixpence you pay before you go.
If you brawl, sware, ill words express,
Your forfeit then shall be no less;
Who offends by tongue or Fingers
Must forfeit pay to the Ringers.
Then meet in love and part in peace,
It will your comfort much increase:
Observing Time, Your Peals to Ring,
And humbly pray for George our King.'

AT BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HERTS.

In the Church of St. Peter, Bishop's Waltham.—A.D. 1766:—

'Ye ringers all that use this Belfry
Your hats throw off, your gloves lay by,
The Steward's fees you can't deny.
And if a bell you overthrow,
You shall pay twopence e'er you go.
And if you shall a wager lay.
Or such a thing presume to say,
You shall for that a penny pay.
And if you take God's name in vain,
You shall pay sixpence for your pain,
And when you come the bells to ring,
Drink soberly, God save the King.'

Affixed to the wall of the tower of St. Mary's, Lancaster, is the following verse:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must ring with hand and ear
And when your bell you overthrow,
Your shilling pay before you go;
Your fourpence pay besides all that,
Whoe'er appear in spur or hat;
And if above you wish to go,
Your twopence pay or stay below.'

These rules are in the belfry at St. Nicholas', Haxey, Lincs:—

'All you that here intend to ring,
Mind well before you do begin,
If you ring in Great Coat, Spurs or Hat.
Sixpence you pay straightdown for that
If you break stay or quarrel breed
Twelvepence you pay right down with speed
If you be Fair and do no Wrong
Then unto us you shall belong.
Mr. John Knowlson } Churchwardens
Mr. John Curtis } in ye year 1785
Jas. Morris, Script.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES 'MODERN OBJECTS'

Since the formation of recognised change-ringing societies and guilds during the last century, the old order has changed for the good and betterment of ringers, and where these societies hold sway they (the ringers) are recognised as true church workers. Belfries are kept clean and tidy, bell chambers free from litter of birds and other refuse, bell bearings and fittings cared for. There is, however, much yet to be done as one still finds in the isolated country towers much apathy towards the 'West End' of the church and often the base of towers form the dumping ground for all the litter that would not be tolerated in any other part of the church. For nearly a quarter of a century the writer was secretary of the Midland Counties Association and the following 'objects' were issued with much good resulting:—

'The chief object of this Association is the promotion of Belfry Reform, and it directs its attention among other points to the following:—

1.—The observation of good and peaceful behaviour in the Belfries of our Churches; it being remembered that they are an integral part of the Church, and therefore consecrated to the service of **God**, while the bells and ringers are intended to be exercised, equally with the organ and choir, for His glory and worship.

2.—To refrain as far as possible from using the bells on the Lord's Day, except for the services of the Church.

3.—To obtain full recognition of the ringer's office as essentially a branch of the Church's work, that they and their services (which demand much time, skill and mental labour) may be placed upon a true and acknowledged basis.

4.—To cultivate the art of change-ringing by frequent meetings in various centres for friendly peal ringing; and to provide at a reasonable cost, instructors for those who require them.

As a means of securing the above objects, the Association provides a medium for bringing into closer relationship, one with another, the Clergy, Churchwardens, and others interested in the objects for which the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers has been established; and it is earnestly trusted that all such will hasten to join its ranks, and increase its influence.'

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Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—Michael and Jean Causley 7s.

Peals.—Packwood, 2s. 6d.; Alderton, 2s. 6d.; Burnham, 5s.; Thatcham, 5s.; Peterchurch, 2s. 6d.; Trowbridge, 5s.; Gloucester, 2s.; Lincoln, £1; Bishampton, 3s.; Guiseley, 4s.; Nottingham, 5s.

Quarter Peals.—Wimbledon, 2s. 6d.; Croydon, 5s.; Hallow, 4s.; Hemyock, 2s.; Gloucester, 2s.; Upper Clapton, E., 2s.; Freshwater, 2s. 6d.; Hughenden, 3s.; Mangotsfield, 2s.; Aldershot, 4s.; Cattistock, 4s.; Eastbourne, 4s.; Haslemere, 2s.; Bathampton, 3s.; Stonehouse, 2s. 6d.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, at St. Michael's Church: D. Macpherson (first quarter) 1, W. H. Viggers 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, D. H. B. Williamson 4, G. K. Williamson 5, E. J. Bragg 6, Miss S. J. Corke (cond.) 7, W. Denyer 8. Rung for the Confirmation service.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Brown 1, Beryl Reynolds 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, D. H. Paine (first 'inside') 4, S. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung for Confirmation service, at which Pamela Law, one of the young ringers, was confirmed.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Lola Callow 1, D. A. Carpenter 2, P. K. Williamson 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, H. C. Summers 5, P. Stone 6, C. S. Aylett 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Banks 1, Miss A. West 2, Miss S. K. M. Knight 3, G. Verrill 4, R. Beale 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. A. Jurd, former member of the local band, interred the previous day.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Mathews (first quarter) 1, Moira I. Hemer (first quarter 'inside') 2, Joyce S. Coward 3, Brenda L. J. Foley 4, S. A. Read (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. Naylor 6. Rung prior to the Confirmation service

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Atwell 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, G. Gaylard 3, P. H. Hull (cond.) 4, C. Savage 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. M. Smith 7, E. Lambert 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Shepherd 1, B. Bladen 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, Miss D. Lewis 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, J. Vincent 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Casey.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Dec. 10th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Hancock (first quarter) 1, F. Leaker 2, D. Smith 3, G. Briggs 4, A. Tyler 5, R. Hooper (cond.) 6, A. Hilliar 7, I. Trueman 8, F. Hansford 9, F. Mogford 10. Rung for the Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 13th, at St. Ambrose, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, F. J. Sampson 2, F. Skidmore 3, G. M. Nichols (first 'inside') 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, A. C. Baker 6, J. F. Pedlar 7, V. E. Lucas 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. H. Davies (first of Major) 1, P. G. Hartley 2, D. L. Mills (cond.) 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, L. D. Mills 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss W. M. Cox 2, W. Mogg (first quarter) 3, H. I. Pitman 4, C. Ridout 5, D. R. Reed (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. D. G. B. Bingham, sometime churchwarden.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Borley 1, A. C. Barker 2, P. J. Barker (first as cond.) 3, H. Butler (first quarter) 4, W. Benton 5, E. Borley 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Prescott 1, A. C. Gambrill 2, W. Terry 3, W. C. E. Goldup 4, W. Payne 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6, T. Martin tenor covering. Rung for the festival of St. Nicholas.

CARDIFF.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: L. Muller 1, T. Yeomans 2, W. Heath 3, F. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, T. Lewis (first quarter) 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. Barker 10.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, W. H. M. Smith 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, G. Gaylard 4, C. Savage 5, S. G. Atwell 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, E. Lambert 8. First quarter peal rung on the new bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, at the Church of St. John, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. Davies 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, Miss P. M. Steere 4, E. W. Razzell 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, R. G. Abbott 8, W. F. Oatway 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10. First quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Bird (first quarter, aged 16) 1, G. Marchant (first 'inside') 2, W. Selley 3, C. Marchant 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. Rung as an encouragement to the young band at this tower.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Baldock (first quarter) 1, F. Beeney (first of Triples) 2, G. Beeney 3, L. J. Baldock 4, H. Reynolds 5, J. Boyes 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Read, moving to another parish.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss B. Harris 3, Mrs. F. Threlfall 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, J. Phillips 8, H. Belcher 9, J. Chilcott (cond.) 10.

GLOUCESTER.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Newman 1, T. Newman 2, W. Jones 3, W. Cox 4, H. Daniels 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Lerner 8. Rung on the occasion of Col. Carne, V.C., receiving the Freedom of the City.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: P. G. Hartley 1, A. W. Cansdale (first in method) 2, T. Hume 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Collins 1, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 2, P. Blissett 3, J. Gwilliam 4, F. Griffiths 5, W. Lewis 6, F. C. Pugh 7, P. Bullock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. G. Green, late captain of the Hallow band, interred this day.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stevenson 1, Judith Unwin 2, Mary Cox 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, C. N. Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): B. Burston 1, R. Shire 2, C. J. Stevens 3, A. H. Reed 4, H. Churchill 5, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, T. W. Kimber 4, J. Brooks 5, Betty Bird (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Hilda (Cissie) Naish, for many years a ringer in this tower, interred earlier in the day at Clutton.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Cooper 1, A. Rolfe 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, K. Brown 5, J. Kerry 6, W. Stannard 7, J. Banks (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Biggs 1, Miss D. Coker 2, R. Biggs 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8. This was rung non-conducted. Mr. N. Cornwall was umpire.

HUNTON, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. F. Noakes (first in method) 1, Miss M. Tapley 2, V. Davoren (first 'inside') 3, Miss F. M. Burbridge 4, F. Meek (first in method 'inside') 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, P.C. W. S. Wayman 2, R. E. Scudamore 3, M. Jefferies 4, P.C. W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scudamore, and grand-daughter to the ringer of the 3rd.

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NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Bartlett (first quarter) 1, A. R. Sherlock (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Hall 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. A. Spencer (cond.) 7, P. L. Baycock 8. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. L. Baycock 1, A. R. Sherlock 2, Anne E. Salter 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, G. A. Spencer 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. Lofty 8. A farewell to the ringer of the second on his departure for service overseas.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cotterell 1, Miss N. Swann 2, S. Webb 3, E. W. Colley 4, J. K. Morley 5, R. W. Rex 6, R. E. Turner (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss R. Relph, a local ringer, to Mr. Roy Hewlett.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,340 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Jones 1, H. Powell 2, Mollie Tilbury 3, W. T. Poston 4, Josephine Green 5, J. J. Webb 6, A. T. Poulton 7, R. T. Jones (cond.) 8.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Court Bob Triples): J. Sheehy 1, Joan Hills (first in the method 'inside') 2, Margaret Winter 3, G. Logan 4, E. Fowell 5, J. Cummins 6, T. Goodyer (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Curran 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 4. An engagement compliment to Betty Sloan and Ian Lipscombe, Pat Ullyatt and Jim Giddens, all ringers at St. Jude's, Randwick; also to Phyllis Tapscott, of St. Paul's, Maryborough, Queensland.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, T. Price (cond.) 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, D. Priday 4, B. Cottle 5, H. Mathews 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. For evening service.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales (first in method) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung as a 'welcome home' to John Lintott, who has just been demobbed from the R.A.F.

WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, P. Bate 3, H. Newman (cond.) 4, J. Creigh (first quarter) 5, R. Burgess 6.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stevens (first of Triples) 1, F. Symonds 2, F. Stedman 3, F. Crudge 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Rose 6, W. J. Chapman 7, J. Hart 8. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Edmund of Canterbury, Weymouth, by the Bishop of Salisbury.

TO T. R., OF WOLVERHAMPTON

BY AN ADMIRER

T. R., of Wolverhampton,
Must be non compos mentis.
Not only cycles long, wet miles
To prove he's no apprentice,
But shows his skill at handling
Two bells to make up 'eight,'
For which his fellow ringers
Must him congratulate.

His love of tower-snatching
Has given him quite a name!
Would Eric, Harry, Sam or Alan
Like to do the same?
When bells go wrong, who climbs aloft
To see if he can right-'em?
The one who's climbed 700 towers
And so ad infinitum.

When one works out the number
Of steps he must have climbed,
The patient (!) hours explaining
How bells are rung or chimed,
The ropes he's spliced, the bells he's oiled,
Stays mended (not a few).
You'd think that such a genius
Was nearing 92.

And yet he's still a youngster!
What will his record be
When Peter opens Heaven's gate, saying
'Come, ring a peal with me'?

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Christmas greetings to my ringing friends everywhere. Happy New Year and good ringing. Shall be thinking of you, not least when the sleighbells sound. — Julia M. Preston, Institut Montesano, Gstaad, Switzerland. 3652

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting. Hall unavailable February 6th, meeting postponed till February 13th.—F. V. G. 3697

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tues., Dec. 29th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 2nd, general meeting, St. Mary's, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant 5 p.m. Business and officer nominations 5.45. All Saints', Fulham, ringing 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 6th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, Festival Church, Waterloo, and St. George's, Borough High Street. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 3662

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Annual meeting, Lindley (trolley bus 71), Saturday, Jan 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 3639

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Evening practice at Doncaster (8), January 2nd, at 6.30 p.m.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 3689

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Annual meeting, Ely, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3695

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Division. — Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names, please, to F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3659

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury Abbey on January 2nd. Arrangements as previously announced.—J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Branch Sec. 3694

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.— N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1954. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 28th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye (8) on Jan. 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 29th, to Mr. W. Curtis, 7, Church Street, Wye, Kent. 3660

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. per head) Names for tea, by December 30th, to Miss M. Cosgrove, 9, The Green, Westerham. 3637

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, West Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham. 3667

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Whalley, January 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3698

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheadle R.C., Saturday, January 2nd. Own arrangements for tea. Cafes nearby. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3684

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on January 2nd, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3677

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Annual meeting at Ravensthorpe, January 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Payne, The Chequers, Ravensthorpe, before December 30th, please.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 3693

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Annual meeting, January 2nd, at Devizes. Three towers available from 3 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3690

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Dec. 31st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. 3673

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting, 6 o'clock, Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on January 2nd. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. 3688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), January 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, by December 30th.—G. T. Jennings. 3681

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business follows. Names, please.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3638

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, in conjunction with Selby and District Society. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, by Dec. 31st, to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting, please.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath Abbey on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea *essential* to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Road, Weston, Bath. 3627

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Frome, January 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss Overend, 49, Alexander Road, Frome, Som. 3692

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Combined annual meeting and social, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells open: Christ Church (10) 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12) 3 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Bells at St. Peter's (8) will be available from 5.45-6.45 p.m. for visitors. Hot-pot supper and social in the Beehive Restaurant at 7 p.m. Requests for tickets (price 5s.), not later than Jan. 2nd, 1954, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3628

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — Buckerell, January 9th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, by January 4th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 3629

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at St. Mary's, Gateshead. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, Jan. 2nd, to Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred Street, Gateshead 8. All ringers cordially invited. 3661

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

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— North Norfolk Branch. — The annual meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, January 9th. Ringing: Bells of St. Miles' and St. George's from 2 p.m. Service, St. Miles' 4.15 Tea, St. Miles' Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Peter's, Mancroft, 7 to 9 p.m. Names or numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, January 5th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. Please note.—To be followed by a general meeting to adopt new rules approved at last annual general meeting. — A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 3687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly, Adderbury (8), January 9th. Service 4 p.m. Subscriptions due. Notify January 5th for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 3679

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

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, January 9th. Guild service 4 p.m. Important: Names for tea to me by Saturday, January 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 3683

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

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

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jean Chown 1, B. C. Webb 2, K. Todd (first 'inside') 3, J. Chown 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, R. C. Lane 6, T. A. Griffin 7, B. C. Webb, sen., 8. Rung for Confirmation service. Also as a farewell to B. C. Webb on entering H.M. Forces.

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